

# Community Council of Shropshire



**Report for  
Moreton Say Parish Plan Steering Group**

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**MORETON SAY QUALITATIVE QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS**

## PARISH ENVIRONMENT

**Question 5:** What future development would best serve the Parish of Moreton Say? *Any other ideas*

- 2: Muller expansion should be contained - please don't let Muller get any closer to Longford
- 9: There is ample development of all kinds in less than 1 mile away.
- 23: No major development appropriate but conversion of redundant buildings or in-fill development of small plots within currently built up areas with individual houses would be acceptable provided design in-keeping with character of villages.
- 33: Yes, the parish needs to come alive, bring people into the area. One way of doing this is to build new homes.
- 44: Any building should be aimed at people born in the parish so that they can remain in their birth place if they wish. However, with all the building of new homes in Market Drayton building needs to be balanced by what the infrastructure can cope with. Also, there needs to be a trade-off with developers over providing improved facilities eg re-furbish Village Hall.

**Question 6:** Do you feel sufficiently well informed about planning and development within the Parish? *Any Comments*

- 1: Details of Planning Apps and minutes of Parish Council meetings should be displayed in Longford, Longslow etc.
- 2: It would be a good idea if people other than Parish Councillors knew what was going on and what the outcome of planning applications was.
- 5: No info!
- 9: Development & planning seems to be planned at a county or regional level with little regard for local views.
- 13: More publicity re outcomes of Parish Council meetings.  
More access to local councillor

- 25: Only if we visit the North Shropshire District Council website
- 27: We don't get the local papers, so we are not aware of planning and development in the parish. D? partners are putting static homes & sheds along the drive to Styche Hall/ Styche Cottage without consultation with neighbours.
- 31: ?
- 41: Perhaps website based news or emailed news
- 42: Perhaps an email newsletter?
- 44: NSDC seem to operate different rules for some situations. Would like to know how much influence Parish Councils have over NSDC decisions.
- 45: Usually only by word of mouth

**Question 7:** Are any of the following a problem within the Parish? *Any other comments*

- 5: Don't want it any worse! Slight problem! Encroaching
- 13: Poor ditch maintenance
- 16: Street light outside does not work. Outside Westwood House Bletchley
- 23: Lots of youths smoking & taking dubious substances leave a lot of disgusting litter in field gateways!
- 25: All pretty good by todays standards
- 27: Periodical fly-tipping along the road from Styche to Market Drayton
- 34: Mud - soil
- 40: A41 motorbikes. Fly-tipping up Longford Rd
- 41: noise, light, odours = Muller
- 42: Firework night - recent new residents don't understand the number of animals and combustables we have in the area.
- 43: Mullers. Excess mud left by farmers on roads.
- 44: The A41 is extremely noisy - visitors cannot sleep & you have difficulty in garden having a conversation

**Question 8:** Does the tidiness of the Parish need to be improved?  
*Any ideas*

- 1: We get on well with all our neighbours, black white and pink.
- 4: People who are disabled (as I am) need help with their gardens eg untidy gardens let the area down.
- 10: More attention to mud on road would be appreciated. Mud is inevitable but needs to be cleaned up after activity.
- 11: Farmers to keep on top of cleaning roads when used.
- 13: As above
- 20: Litter to be removed more often.
- 24: Clear up plastic agricultural waste
- 27: Less mud/muck on the road caused by tractors
- 30: Dead trees - branches removed. Tractors too big for roads these days.
- 34: Council verges - litter around school
- 41: Occasional fly-tipping. Roadside litter
- 42: Add some daffodil bulbs that will multiply
- 44: Roadsides & surfaces need to be clear of mud & water. More drainage required in some areas.
- 48: Stop rubbish being thrown out of cars.

#### ROAD SAFETY

**Question 12:** Any other comments on Road Safety?

- 1: School runs ought to be organised by Bernie Lidiston.
- 2: Mud on roads is a serious hazard - farmers should be encouraged to clean up. Major problem is speeding school traffic. We urgently need a speed limit.
- 6: Parking around Moreton Say a problem, including Church not just school and village hall.
- 9: Persons who bring children from the town to Moreton Say school should be reminded to start out a little earlier and slow down along the narrow lanes.
- 12: Better signs on A41 to deter long vehicles from turning up and getting stuck on Bletchley Rd

- 23: Boy racer in red car & illegal exhaust needs sorting out! Placing of national speed limit sign from Longford . Turning before the Brookfields is complete insanity - young children often playing in road on the bend. Should be 30 to other side of Longford. Parking by entrance to graveyard (by war memorial) is extremely dangerous - proper layby needed or stopped altogether as good parking by pool.
- 27: The roads are narrow and some drivers drive fast and in the middle of the road. Better maintenance of the edge of the road, filling potholes, trimming hedges, would help.
- 30: Q11 but who would enforce it?
- 33: Yes, mud left on the road by tractors. Smythmoor is supposed to be a bridle path, why is it left to the residents of that area to maintain it??
- 34: Gullies for emergency drainage which cause problems for cars when passing each other. School children not being aware of traffic in village
- 35: Parents on the school run to MS CofE school drive too fast along the lanes, in particular, and make walking between MS & Longford hazardous at dropping off & picking up times.
- 40: A41 turn off down Drumble very dangerous - white lines for turning right. Flashing speed warning better than sleeping policemen.
- 42: Fix the bad bend at Bletchley - remove the ?? , put in a mirror?
- 43: No
- 44: Speed limits etc NEED ENFORCING otherwise pointless to have them. Speed on A41 dual carriageway too high (70mph). This creates problems for those wishing to turn in & out of Moreton Say turning causes accidents. In narrow country lanes speed needs to be lower than permitted levels.
- 45: Only really needed in the villages (Moreton Say).
- 49: There needs to be a proper turning from the A41 to the Drumble like Chapel Lane - It is very dangerous. Drumble Rd should be straightened at the top. Lots of small crashes.

## FOOTPATHS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

**Question 13:** Please tick the statements you agree with. *Any other comments*

- 2: It would be useful to have a map available showing all footpaths & rights of way in Parish.
- 5: Only used around churchyard & Millenium Pond. Where are they?
- 11: Do not use so answers only based on knowledge from roadside.
- 14: How about a parish footpath map?
- 23: Signing greatly improved by recent SCC initiative which I gather (sadly) is to stop. Half of path across Longfield House land to Smythmoor has been re-opened and is excellent but sadly stops when reaches Moorfield Farm - have been in touch with SCC about it but nothing has happened.
- 27: Some bridleways and footpaths are not mentioned by farmers and are hard to find - there are often bulls in fields that are crossed by a footpath.
- 34: Public abuse them
- 35: A parish map of footpaths would be useful.
- 42: Perhaps a parish map of footpaths & rights of way - with some recommended walks.
- 44: New signs have appeared but is any maintenance carried out on them?

## TRANSPORT

**Question 14:** Please tick the statements you agree with. *Any other comments*

- 4: I would use a bus were there one available!
- 5: With no transport going to the villages have felt ... cut off from getting to know them and the people living there, over the 30 years.

- 6: There is no public transport. Transport to school is provided.
- 7: I use school transport
- 25: Do not use PT other than trains
- 33: There is no public transport from Moreton Say, Smythmoor/Longford
- 34: Not applicable
- 38: No public transport
- 40: I use a car
- 44: Public transport takes far too much time even for a short journey and in some cases you would need transport to reach a stopping point.

## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

**Question 15:** Please tick the areas you think are/ or would be the most important for the Parish and which you would support. *Any other ideas?*

- 5: Summer events on the Millenium Pond area. Bring your own picnic! and afternoon tea
- 9: Inclusive events held WITHIN the parish that all can attend.
- 34: History group re the village - formation of buildings & why
- 44: Moreton Say Parish can use clubs within Benefice - eg Calverhall over 50s & WI for such activities. Would perhaps be better to support existing organisations by providing transport to meeting places if required.

## YOUNG PERSONS ACTIVITIES

**Question 16:** Please tick the areas you think are/ or would be the most important for the Parish and which you would support. *Any other ideas?*

- 5: Everyone is important to keep kids off the streets. My children are now grown up! Wish they could have done these when they were at school in Market Drayton.
- 12: Walking club? Cycling club? coffee at home

- 35: (re guides & scouts) - in the future, when children have grown up a bit
- 44: Again Benefice has some youth activities & Amica Centre. Should perhaps think of joining in to these rather than try to 'go it alone'.

#### ADULT ACTIVITIES

**Question 17:** Please tick the areas you think are/ or would be the most important for the Parish and which you would support. *Any other ideas?*

- 2: Book club
- 4: Photographic club
- 5: www.permaculture.org.uk - Forest Garden & people care. Tel: 0845 4581805. Email: office@permaculture.org.uk
- 9: The parish is not large enough to support all of these activities.
- 34: Chess. Walking Group.

#### SPORTING ACTIVITIES

**Question 18:** Please tick the areas you think are/ or would be the most important for the Parish and which you would support. *Any other ideas?*

- 2: Tennis court is a wasted resource, who's in charge?
- 6: Trampolining. Gymnastics.
- 7: Gymnastics
- 9: What about a group walking the paths of the parish clearing them and repairing where needed.
- 14: Swimming
- 19: Rugby
- 21: Local riding club
- 34: Fishing
- 38: Fishing
- 41: Netball team
- 43: Netball

#### EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

**Question 19:** Please tick the areas you think are/ or would be the most important for the Parish and which you would support. *Any other ideas?*

- 9: The parish is too small to sustain this type of activity.
- 40: ECDL computer class

#### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

**Question 20:** Please tick the areas you think are/ or would be the most important for the Parish and which you would support. *Any other ideas?*

- 25: We are new to the parish but would like to see the Calverhall Nativity continue - very good.

#### HEALTH CARE

**Question 22:** Would you use mobile health screening if available? *What local health care facilities do you feel are needed?*

- 9: The health centre is 2 miles away.
- 14: Dentist

#### SECURITY

**Question 27:** Do you think it is important to have a neighbourhood watch scheme and would you support it? *Any other suggestions or comments?*

- 6: No one was willing to take over when the previous co-ordinator stepped down.
- 13: An informal network already exists
- 33: We pay for policing via our poll tax (which is high enough). Why should we pay further for community support officers?
- 35: The behaviour of some 'youths' is sometimes intimidating & not ideal. More activities for them, or investment in services for them may help to avoid problems in the future.

44: Would need to be run as shop schemes operate - by phoning round to warn them 'someone' acting suspiciously & that person/car NOT known to be from the area. Farmers MAY already do this?

#### ACCESS TO SERVICE AND FACILITIES

**Question 28:** Please tick which of the following you have trouble getting to. *Any other comments*

- 4: Because I have a car I do not have a problem with these facilities, but should I become unable to drive I would have a problem with transport.
- 5: Everything is in Market Drayton
- 6: No trouble as we have our own transport.
- 8: All drivers
- 14: We don't have trouble 'getting' to any of the above as we both have cars. However, if we didn't have vehicles it would be impossible!
- 30: Q25 Never seen a policeman in Moreton Wood. Thought we already paid for 'policing' through CT.
- 34: Have no problems as yet.
- 43: None
- 44: Not a problem whilst still able to drive to Market Drayton. If not able to drive could be an unwelcome additional cost eg taxi fares.

**Question 35:** Any other comments regarding Q29 – Q34?

- 2: Broadband is now good but up until end 2007 was appallingly bad.
- 6: Re Q32 & 33 it is easy to access at Whitchurch but if facilities at Market Drayton may lead to reduction in fly-tipping
- 23: Black bins should be emptied weekly- especially in summer. Should have doorstep collection of plastics.
- 24: Litter bins would not solve problem of discarded lager cans and fast food waste in our lanes.

- 30: Q32 Do you mean recycle centre in Whitchurch, NOT our parish! or the fee charged by council to come & remove it. Q34 We need people to use the ones we have. We have no green bins as I live down a long lane & have to put our rubbish in our cars & take it to top to put in bins.
- 33: Yes - covers provided for plastic boxes, collection of plastic bottles etc.
- 35: Fortnightly collections are not enough. There is now a bad rat problem across the area. Telephone line maintenance is very poor.
- 40: Would like to be able to recycle milk cartons
- 41: More household recycling is possible eg plastics
- 42: Improve the Broadband
- 44: Q33 Only adequate because 2+ visitors to accommodate. If there were 4+ people living at address might not be good enough. Recycling for plastics and some packaging needed.
- 45: The collection of plastics
- 46: Recycling is practised by us - but not enough support from NSDC in amount of provision to do this. Bins collected fortnightly is not acceptable, given the cost of council tax paid.
- 48: Litter bins are a waste of time. People can't be bothered to use them.
- 49: Household waste collection does not include plastic rubbish.

#### LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Question 38:** How many attend Moreton Say C of E School (one answer per household)? *If not, for what reason?*

- 11: Chose a larger school that doesn't have mixed ages in classes
- 14: Work out of county & leave too early for school - no child-care facilities in parish.

**Question 41:** Any other comments about schools in the area?

- 2: Keeping Moreton Say school open is extremely important.
- 11: Keep them open!
- 27: Village primary schools
- 31: Very important for rural living, should be KEPT.
- 34: Moreton Say parish NEED Moreton Say school. As does the church.
- 42: We don't have children but local schools have our support especially MS C of E
- 44: Only church & school to provide 'community' for Moreton Say. Benefice only has 2 schools left. Would be a serious mistake to close these schools.

VILLAGE HALL

**Question 44:** What facilities should it provide?

- 1: ?
- 2: Facilities ok but need updating.
- 4: Comfortable seating, kitchen facilities, raised Dias for concerts etc.
- 5: Kitchen, tables, chairs, comfortable seating. Microphone etc.
- 9: Those events that are open to all.
- 26: Information on price of hire of the Hall for weddings or discos
- 35: Public access for meetings, clubs, events, private events (at a rental cost).
- 39: Better kitchen bar area & toilet facilities.
- 42: Tai Chi classes?
- 43: Aerobics classes
- 44: Those appropriate to use made of hall. Hall old & to encourage use needs drastic refurbishment eg Tilstock's new hall.
- 45: Keep fit classes. Computer classes

CHURCH

**Question 46:** Should the Parish continue to contribute towards the upkeep of the Churchyard and Millennium Green? *Any comments?*

- 2: Church & Millenium Green are only focal point for parish and should be supported
- 5: Locals know best
- 29: Action to stop Market Drayton youths vandalising village pond.
- 35: The Green is a major asset to the village
- 39: Both are important areas for the villages
- 40: A real asset to village
- 42: Keep the Green, what a waste to let it go downhill.
- 44: If the Parish did not contribute who else would care. NSDC WOULD NOT

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

**Question 51:** Any other suggestions or comments regarding Q47 – Q50?

- 2: Parish Council needs to communicate better - publish minutes etc.
- 6: Council news could be included in parish magazine (The Village Crier).
- 42: Email newsletter, that can be signed up to from the Parish website.
- 44: To preserve village life it could be important for 5 parishes in Benefice to work together & share current activities/ facilities. Also need to encourage younger people to serve on Parish Councils by listening & acting on what they have to contribute.

**Question 52:** Please use this space to add any comments you wish to make, relevant to the Parish Plan, that have not been included elsewhere in this questionnaire

- 2: I would like to see the school take the initiative to reduce parents' speeding traffic in morning & afternoon - there have been too many near misses. Can car pools be organised or at least drivers encouraged to drive more responsibly.
- 4: Q29 - I don't have broadband
- 5: New residents should always be made welcome, and know they have someone to turn to in the event of a problem & not feel isolated & current residents need to feel that too! eve after 60, 70, or 80 years. COMMON SENSE ISN'T COMMON ANYMORE!. Common sense should always be used, not tight-fisted regulations, every home, garden, town, village, hamlet, city, garden & person are different. If you want the community to survive & thrive it must be friendly, helpful, and accommodating at all times.
- 6: The provision of a dog litter bin in vicinity of school and village hall, besides that which is other side of cattle grid at Millenium Pond.
- 7: Provide a dog litter bin other than the one over the cattlegride at the Millenium Pond.
- 10: Many of the activities suggested are already available within reasonable distance and perhaps the parish is too smal to support others. Any large-scale development would be detrimental to the ambiance of Moreton Say. The villages are well situated with a village atmosphere but with facilities available not too far away in Market Drayton.
- 12: Q21 - what local healthcare?
- 16: The street light outside my home has not worked for some years. NSDC said it was the responsibility of the Parish Council. In Feb 08 , I fell over on the footpath, while taking out my wheelie bin for collection. It was very dark outside. I was working an early shift so had to take the bin out before leaving for work at 05.30, luckily I was not badly hurt, but I could have been, I would really appreciate this light being fixed. Westwood House Bletchley, rendered house on bend.
- 20: The bridle path from Chapel Lane to Moreton Say needs to be cleared.
- 25: Although we have been here only a short while, we are very happy with our choice of move. We will always be supportive of the parish and try to participate & assist where and when business commitments allow. Q23 tick accompanied by ? Q24 ?? Q39 By repute.
- 31: Only lived here since October 2007, don't really know too much about the goings on here. We receive the monthly magazine, but don't really have much Moreton Say involvement at the moment. Husband full-time wheelchair user, difficult sometimes to find suitable activities.I have joined Calverhall & Ightfield WI and Adderley line-dancers, but if there were other activities at MS, could decide to participate too. We help organise Calverhall Fun Day vintage section, if that gives you some ideas! Mark & Fran Drake 01948 890198
- 34: Trees which overhang roads. Stones on roadside verges in so called lawn areas. Overgrown hedges. Much maintenance of the roads around the village.
- 35: Q29 V V POOR SERVICE
- 41: Q31 - could be more recycling. Q43 - possibly
- 44: Q25 Only ever see a police presence if accident on A41. Q26 Thought we already paid to be policed? Also see Q25. Q29 Only since 'wireless'. Before it kept dropping out.