



# MINUTES

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**Committee:** Parish Council  
**Date:** Tuesday, 02 February 2021  
**Time:** 7:00pm  
**Venue:** Virtual meeting via Zoom

## Present

Cllr Vivienne Hodges (Chair)  
Cllr Malcolm Chudley  
Cllr Gordy Keep  
Cllr Mike Warner  
Cllr Mike Jeffery  
Cllr Penny Simpson  
Cllr Anna Adnitt  
Cllr Jan Evans  
Cllr Julian Edwards  
Cllr Paul Dodd

## Also Present

Samantha Parkin (Clerk)  
Cllr Jerry Brook, Devon County Council  
Lionel Holmes

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lionel Holmes thanked the Council for their support in helping Moreton gain Fair Trade Status. The press release was circulated prior to the meeting and is noted at min no.27/20.

## 16/2021 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr Rose Mogeni.

## 17/2021 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS / REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

No declarations of interest or requests for dispensation were received.

## 18/2021 MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr Adnitt, seconded by Cllr Jeffery and **resolved** to accept and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 as a correct record.

## **19/2021 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Jerry Brook noted the Towns Fairtrade status is very worthwhile and hugely beneficial to the producers.

The proposed budget has been welcomed by the three scrutiny committees. 14 recommendations have gone to cabinet imploring Devon County Council to lobby Government for more money for essential services. Children and young people services and adult services are receiving generous increases. The Government have made an additional £3million available for adult services. There is a proposed 4.99% increase in Council tax, some of the increase will be utilised for a proposed increase in minimum wage. DCC capital budget is under pressure, this has been reduced over the last ten years. Cllr Brook will send the full list of figures to the Clerk to distribute to Councillors.

Cllr Brook has utilised the locality budget, he has made some money available for the Swimming Pool.

Cllr Brook reported on the progress of the extension to the Wray Valley Trail, he attended a meeting where the extension was discussed. The Government have made £2 million available for healthy living but this is directed at urban areas. Every indication is more visitors will visit the South West in the next financial year. Cllr Brook noted it makes sense to extend the trail; the Wray Valley Trail already has a huge number of daily users. Cllr Brook understands the committee have managed to raise the money needed for the Sustrans study.

Cllr Brook congratulated the residents of Devon for adhering to the current Covid lockdown rules. Devon is currently the second lowest County for infection and highlights residents have observed the rules and remained safe.

## **20/2021 MATTERS ARISING**

It was noted the Careline has been re-established. If any parishioner needs help during the lockdown period they should contact 0800 622 6245. A flyer has been circulated in the News in Moreton.

It was noted Mary Jones is happy to take on the care of the War Memorial garden.

## **21/2021 CHAIRMANS DISCRETION**

The Chairman noted planning has started for the Annual Parish Meeting which will be held via Zoom.

## **22/2021 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Jeffery advised the Council there was nothing to report as there have been no meetings other than a planning meeting.

Cllr Jeffery noted he had given £300 to the cycle track extension committee and £300 to Wellmoor from his district Councillor community fund.

## **23/2021 OPEN SPACES REPORT**

The Open Spaces monthly report was circulated prior to the meeting. The report was noted and is attached at appendix 1 on page 12. Cllr Dodd noted the Grave diggers shed door has been repaired. He has also been approached by the trees in time group regarding planting trees at the cycle path. Cllr Dodd is happy to supervise and has contacted Cllr Brook.

## **24/2021 CLIMATE CHANGE & ECOLOGICAL WORKING GROUP REPORT**

Cllr Simpson reported on the recent meeting with Moreton Development Trust. MDT is looking for a possible site for tree planting near Mardon. MDT are progressing on the live/work units on Station Road, a survey needs to be completed on the site.

This month's Green tip of the Month focuses on the extension of the green homes grant. Cllr Simpson noted Steve Coxon had been commissioned to design a template poster for the green tip of the

month. Cllr Simpson asked the Council to pay the one off £50 design fee. It was proposed by Cllr Hodges, seconded by Cllr Dodd and resolved to pay the one off £50 fee.

MDT are exploring sites for solar energy, they are hoping to get funding for a development officer. Cllr Simpson noted the community allotment is going well. Liz Gavrilenko is progressing with the community fridge initiative to reduce waste.

There are lots of ideas for the future but these cannot be put into action until after lockdown.

### **25/2021 INTERNAL FINANCIAL REGULATOR REPORT**

Cllr John Farrand-Rogers hadn't been able to check the accounts due to national Government restrictions.

### **26/2021 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

The Council considered its monthly schedule of payments. It was proposed by Cllr Adnitt, seconded by Cllr Jeffery and **resolved to approve** the schedule of payments at appendix 2 on page 12.

### **27/2020 CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was received and circulated prior to the meeting from Wordpress regarding the expiration of the premium package. It was proposed by Cllr Evans, seconded by Cllr Edwards and **resolved to continue with the premium package** on an annual basis.

Correspondence was received and circulated prior to the meeting from Joel Sutton requesting funds for the Youth Mental Health Foundation. The Council wish them well but are unable to commit funds.

A Press release was received and circulated prior to the meeting from Lionel Holmes regarding the town's Fairtrade Status.

Correspondence was received and circulated prior to the meeting from the Rural Services Network regarding the PC becoming a part of the Rural Market Town Group.

It was proposed by Cllr Adnitt to take advantage of the free trial and review the membership in August. Cllr Warner proposed an amendment to the original motion to join the initiative, if after a year it doesn't work the Council can opt out. The amendment was seconded by Cllr Keep. The amended motion was then put to the vote and it was unanimously **resolved to join the initiative**, if after a year it doesn't work the Council can opt out.

Correspondence was received and circulated prior to the meeting from Teignbridge DC regarding the emptying of litter and dog bins in the Sentry. It was proposed by Cllr Dodd, seconded by Cllr Jeffery and **resolved to continue** with the TDC service to empty the three bins, once a week.

Correspondence was received and circulated prior to the meeting from Andrea Foxwell requesting the use of the Sentry for a 'maydayMayDay' event. The Council are happy for this event to go ahead so long as it complies with current Government regulations; the Clerk will inform Andrea of the Council's terms and conditions.

### **28/2021 GEORGE BIDDER MEMORIAL INSURANCE**

The Chairman noted the memorial has been temporarily insured at no extra charge until the Council's renewal date.

The Council had received a letter from David Cannon offering to donate the memorial to the Council. David is prepared to cover the insurance for the first three years. It was proposed by Cllr Jeffery, seconded by Cllr Warner and **resolved to accept the memorial** as a gift.

It was proposed by Cllr Chudley, seconded by Cllr Evans and **resolved to put a notice** in the adjacent notice board thanking the providers for donating the memorial to the Council. Cllr Warner will write the notice.

### **29/2021 BENCHES IN THE SQUARE**

It was proposed the benches in the Square should be removed during the current lockdown. Cllr Dodd has put notices on the benches reminding users to social distance. The Council had received letters of support for keeping the benches in situ and one letter of support for removing the benches.

Cllr Evans and Keep felt strongly the benches should be removed as they felt the Council were not adhering to the lockdown rules. Cllr Evans noted the Council should keep a close eye on the benches to monitor their use. Cllr Dodd noted benches have not been removed in other areas. Cllr Adnitt noted from a nursing background that the virus is concerning but the people she had observed around the town have been social distancing. The only way society can protect those who need protecting is for them to stay in.

It was proposed by Cllr Dodd, seconded by Cllr Simpson and **resolved** by 7 votes to 2 to **leave the benches** in the square and monitor the situation. Cllr Keep and Evans objected to the proposition.

### **30/2021 WEAVERS, FORE STREET REPORT**

Cllr Warner had prepared a report following the site visit to Weavers, Fore Street which had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Warner provided an overview of the report and is monitoring the situation. The Clerk noted she had collected the Council's deeds from WBW Solicitors.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.12pm.

### **TO DO ACTIONS**

- Clerk to add the one off £50 design fee to the March payment list
- Clerk to make the approved payments
- Clerk to continue with the Wordpress premium package
- Clerk to respond to the letter from the Youth Mental Health Foundation
- Council to join the Rural Market Town Group
- Clerk to inform Andrea Foxwell of the Sentry's terms and conditions
- Cllr Warner to write a thank you notice for display in the George Bidder notice board
- Council to write a letter of thanks to David Cannon
- Council to monitor the use of the benches in the square

**MPC Minutes 02.02.2021 Attachment no.1 – Open Spaces Report**

<b>Area</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Action</b>
The Sentry	Asked to assist with location of tree planting.	Location agreed to right of lower pedestrian gate.
Churchyard	Looks good.	None.
The Play Area	Checked most days. All ok	Awaiting annual inspection by Playdale.
The Henge	Looks good.	None.
The Pound	Looks good.	None.
Cross Tree	Looks good.	None
Geneva Island/War Memorial	Looks very good	None
Wheelwright's wheel	Ok	None
Allotment	Not inspected	None
Seats/benches/Lamp posts	All Ok	None.
Gates and Railings	Ok	None
Bus Shelter	Ok	None
Recycling	OK	None

**MPC Minutes 02.02.2021 Attachment no.2 – Schedule of Payments February 2021**

<b>MANDATORY PAYMENTS FOR December 2020 (pre - approved March meeting)</b>	<b>AMOUNT (inc VAT)</b>	<b>PAYMENT METHOD</b>
MDT (office rent) - paid 01/02/2021	£331.57	Direct debit
S PARKIN (Clerk's salary 1 January - 31 January 2021) – paid 29/01/2021	£953.04	Online Transfer
PENINSULA PENSIONS (employer's and employee's contribution ) –paid 29/01	£277.68	Online Transfer
HMRC (PAYE and NI - next quarterly payment Mar 2021)		
Plusnet (telephone and internet – paid )	£21.60	Direct Debit
<b>OTHER PAYMENTS AUTHORISED 2 February 2021</b>		
S Parkin Expenses – Zoom subscription, Stamps, printing	£24.36	Online Transfer
Cllr Warner expenses – OS Planning Map, Info board planning application	£39.00	Online Transfer
Playdale – Annual Play Inspection	£234.00	Online Transfer
R Austin – Churchyard maintenance and interment	£840.00	Online Transfer
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2721.25</b>	Online Transfer