



MINUTES

Committee: Parish Council
Date: Tuesday, 01 February 2022
Time: 7:00pm
Venue: Community Club

Present

Cllr Vivienne Hodges (Chair)
Cllr Malcolm Chudley
Cllr Mike Warner
Cllr Mike Jeffery
Cllr John Farrand-Rogers (arrived at 7.08pm)
Cllr Penny Simpson
Cllr Paul Dodd
Cllr Rose Mogeni
Cllr Jan Evans
Cllr Catherine Fileman-Wright (arrived at 7.07pm)

Also Present

Samantha Parkin (Clerk)
County Councillor Jerry Brook (arrived at 7.16pm)
Richard Short (Councillor Applicant)
One member of the public

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was a member of the public present interested in filling the vacancy left by Cllr Cosnetts' resignation.

There was a member of public present interested in the Housing item and the lack of affordable homes for local residents.

18/2022 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Gordy Keep.

19/2022 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS / REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

No declarations of interest or requests for dispensation were received.

20/2022 MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr Jeffery, seconded by Cllr Simpson and **resolved to accept and sign** the minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2022 as a correct record.

21/2022 HOUSING

The Council agreed to move the housing item forward due to the interest from the member of the public.

The Clerk had circulated the Housing report prior to the meeting. Mary Ridgeway, Teignbridge Housing Enabling Officer, had advised the Council that Teignbridge District Council would like a current snapshot of housing need in Moretonhampstead.

The Council were in agreement that it was important to identify the current housing need in the Parish.

*It was proposed by Cllr Evans, seconded by Cllr Jeffery and **resolved to suspend** standing orders.*

Richard Short (Councillor Applicant) noted that the adopted Local Plan is very clear that Housing Needs Assessments need to be done for local centres, of which Moretonhampstead is one, and adjoining Parishes. The situation is complicated by the fact that two of the adjoining parishes, Chagford and Drewsteignton, are in the West Devon District. Richard also noted that there are only three large sites in Moretonhampstead that can deliver affordable housing, but realistically it comes down to the Forder Farm site. Richard advised checking with the land owner and Dartmoor National Park Authority to find out what the intentions are for the marketing of the site.

*It was proposed by Cllr Farrand-Rogers, seconded by Cllr Dodd and **resolved to reinstate** standing orders.*

It was proposed by Cllr Jeffery, seconded by Cllr Dodd and **resolved to support** a new Housing Needs Assessment for the Parish of Moretonhampstead in 2022/23.

Cllr Warner stated it is important to support a review of the Local Lettings Plan to enable local parishioners in need of affordable housing to obtain an affordable home on the new developments.

It was proposed by Cllr Fileman-Wright, seconded by Cllr Farrand-Rogers and **resolved to support** a review of the current Local Lettings Plan led by Teignbridge District Council, this will include consultation with partner registered providers and Dartmoor National Park Authority and the introduction of the Community Contribution policy within the plan.

*It was proposed by Cllr Chudley, seconded by Cllr Warner and **resolved to suspend** standing orders.*

The member of the public added that it is a concern that there should be social housing on the Forder Farm development to meet local need. The member of the public thought it was important to discuss with the developers about what homes the community wants. Cllr Warner agreed and thought the Council should form a working group, including Moretonhampstead Development Trust representatives to talk with the developers. The Clerk will add this to the March Agenda.

*It was proposed by Cllr Farrand-Rogers, seconded by Cllr Evans and **resolved to reinstate** standing orders.*

22/2022 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

County Councillor Brook noted Cabinet had agreed the 2022/23 budget proposals in December, since then it has been through a variety of scrutiny processes. Last week, the committee collated the recommendations and put forward 14 recommendations to cabinet. County Councillor Brook noted that funding for adult care services will increase by 10.5% and funding for children and young people services will increase by 10.8%; in monetary terms this is an increase of £29 million and £27 million respectively. County Councillor Brook thinks that the services will still struggle to deliver services. The increase is being supported by a 2.99% increase in council tax; a Band D property will pay an extra £45 a year.

Highways, including waste, will see a £200,000 increase but Highways are actually missing out; footpath maintenance will see an increase in funding due to their popularity.

Devon County Council is spending in excess of £40 million a year in interest payments for the £500 billion that was borrowed in the early 2000's. 2027 is the first year that the County Council can start to repay the loan.

County Councillor Brook also reported on the debt associated with Special Needs Education, the council have accrued a debt of £80 million. The debt is actually an education department debt. The Government changed the responsibilities of the local authority for children in care up to the age of 25 which has added to the debt. The County Council is in negotiations with Government as to how the debt will be repaid.

County Councillor Brook has concerns about climate change protocols and the County Councils plans to meet their carbon zero target by 2030. County Councillor Brook supports the target but is concerned because he thinks a lot of people in Devon could be left behind as the targets are met. He is concerned about the rural communities and thinking about transport how people can access jobs. County Councillor Brook requested a working group be set up to look at the economic and social impacts of meeting the carbon zero targets.

Councillor Mogeni left the meeting at 7.45pm.

County Councillor Brook and one member of public left the meeting at 7.48pm.

23/2022 MATTERS ARISING

It was noted the Clerk had requested a design of the Fair Trade signs.

It was noted the Clerk had gained permission from the owners of Cross Street House to remove the railings from their wall. The work will commence in the spring.

It was noted the Clerk had submitted the 'Tidy Teignbridge Local Area Clean Up Fund' application.

It was noted the Clerk had requested the Annual Play Inspection.

24/2022 CHAIRMANS DISCRETION

The Chairman noted that Devon Association of Local Councils had asked the Council to nominate an ex-Chairman to attend the Buckingham Palace Garden Party on 25th May 2022. The Council were in agreement that Jane Willis should be put forward.

25/2022 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Jeffery noted the District Council had met on the 13th January. Unfortunately members of the public had once again disrupted the meeting still angry about the measures TDC had taken through the pandemic.

Approval was given for £280,000 to refurbish Teignmouth's play area. Approval was also given for the District Council to write again to Government requesting the return of virtual meetings. Cllr Jeffery noted the District Council had missed the housing target for new homes for the last two years. The Government now requires an action plan detailing how the District Council will meet the target.

26/2022 OPEN SPACES REPORT

The Open Spaces monthly report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The report is attached at appendix 1 on page 11.

The Chairman noted the Council were grateful to Cllr Simpson, Cllr Dodd and the members of the public for their help in tidying up the Court Street Car Park after the incident mentioned in Cllr Dodd's report.

27/2022 CLIMATE CHANGE & ECOLOGICAL WORKING GROUP REPORT

The minutes of the Parish Council & Development Trust Carbon Reduction meeting had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Cllr Simpson noted February's Green Tip of the Month is to turn down the Thermostat by one degree.

Cllr Simpson had attended a zoom meeting organised by Plymouth University and noted it was interesting to see what other communities are doing to combat climate change.

28/2022 INTERNAL FINANCIAL REGULATOR REPORT

Cllr Evans reported the accounts for December had been checked and everything was in order.

29/2022 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

The Council considered its monthly schedule of payments.

Cllr Farrand-Rogers noted the Clerk wished to purchase the latest edition of 'Arnold Baker on Local Council Administration'. It was proposed by Cllr Farrand-Rogers, seconded by Cllr Evans and **resolved to add** the book to this month's list of payments.

It was proposed by Cllr Farrand-Rogers, seconded by Cllr Warner and **resolved to approve** the schedule of payments at appendix 2 on page 11.

30/2022 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received and circulated prior to the meeting from a non-parishioner requesting a reduction in their plot fee because some of their land falls within the parish.

It was proposed by Cllr Dodd, seconded by Cllr Chudley and **resolved that the Council** cannot make an exception for non-parishioner fees. There was one Councillor opposed to the proposal.

Correspondence was received and circulated prior to the meeting from Teignbridge District Council regarding the Council's Precept request.

It was proposed by Cllr Evans, seconded by Cllr Fileman-Wright and **resolved to support** the Clerk's response to Teignbridge District Council.

Correspondence was received and circulated prior to the meeting from Teignmouth RNLI fundraising team requesting support for the charity golf day at Bovey Castle.

It was proposed by Cllr Fileman-Wright, seconded by Cllr Evans and **resolved** that the council agree it is a fantastic charity but it is more appropriate for coastal parishes to support and as such the Council will not be giving any financial support.

Correspondence was received and circulated prior to the meeting from Dartmoor National Park Authority inviting a representative of the Council to attend a National Park Forum meeting. The Chairman asked members to advise the Clerk if they wish to attend.

The Chairman noted the Council had received a Police report after the Agenda had been published, it was noted and is attached at appendix 3 on page 12.

31/2022 CASUAL VACANCY

The Council had received one application for the casual vacancy which had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

TDC had given permission for the Council to co-opt to the casual vacancy created by Laurence Cosnetts' resignation. The Council had received one formal application; Richard Short who was invited to introduce himself.

*It was proposed by Cllr Hodges, seconded by Cllr Farrand-Rogers and **resolved to suspend standing orders.***

Richard noted he had nothing to add to his application and stated he was happy to answer any questions.

It was proposed by Cllr Dodd, seconded by Cllr Chudley and **resolved to co-opt** Richard Short. The Chairman congratulated Richard and explained the formal paperwork needed to be completed in time for the March meeting.

*It was proposed by Cllr Farrand-Rogers, seconded by Cllr Dodd and **resolved to reinstate standing orders.***

32/2022 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Chairman explained that there were three options for the Annual Parish meeting; a formal in person meeting, a virtual meeting or an informal coffee morning. There was general agreement that an informal coffee morning would attract more parishioners. It should be noted that the informal annual parish meeting is hosted by the Parish Council who will give the opportunity to local groups to attend and update the community on their activities.

It was proposed by Cllr Evans, seconded by Cllr Warner and **resolved to host** an informal parish meeting with coffee and biscuits in the Parish Hall inviting groups to talk informally. There was one abstention.

33/2022 OPEN SPACES TENDER

The draft minutes of the Open Spaces Tender Working Group meeting held on 18th January 2022 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were noted. The draft Open Spaces Tender 2022 had also been circulated prior to the meeting. The Clerk noted she had spoken to Devon County Council's ecologist who was pleased with the proposed verge cutting contract but advised that the arising's must be collected after the last cut to promote the growth of wildflowers.

It was proposed by Cllr Dodd, seconded by Cllr Chudley and **resolved to agree** the draft Open Spaces Tender 2022 and to include that the arising's must be picked up after the last cut of the year.

Cllr Chudley left the meeting at 8.25pm.

34/2022 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

The Clerk had circulated an update prior to the meeting which was noted. Cllr Fileman-Wright declared an interest as her band is named in the paper. Cllr Warner provided a summary of the progressing plans. Cllr Farrand-Rogers was still concerned about the Green Canopy plans.

35/2022 FAIR TRADE STATUS

At the January meeting the Council had requested further information regarding the Fair Trade signs; the information had been circulated prior to the meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr Warner, seconded by Cllr Jeffery and **resolved to support** the addition of Fair Trade information signs to the existing signs at the Town's entrances. There was one Councillor against the proposal.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm

TO DO ACTIONS:

- Notify Mary Ridgeway of the decision on Housing
- Inform DALC of the Council's nomination
- Clerk to make approved payments
- Clerk to make the agreed responses to the correspondence
- Richard Short to sign the formal paperwork
- Clerk to make the Annual Parish Meeting arrangements
- Clerk to edit the Open Spaces Tender contract ad advertise
- Clerk to inform the Fair Trade rep of the Council's support

MPC Minutes 11.01.2022 Attachment no.1 – Open Spaces Report

Area	Comments	Action
The Sentry	Middle hedge and Exeter road hedge need cutting.	All cut very short, looks good.
Churchyard	All looks very good.	None required this month.
The Play Area	Checked most days.	All OK.
The Henge	Looks good.	None
The Pound	Looks good.	None.
Cross Tree	OK	None
Geneva Island/War Memorial	Wreaths to be removed.	All wreaths and wooden crosses removed. Sand dug over.
Wheelwright's wheel	Not visited.	None
Allotment	Not visited.	None
Seats/benches/Lamp posts	All looks good.	None.
Gates and Railings	Ok	None
Bus Shelter	Ok	None.
Recycling	Ok	None

On Monday 24/1/22 late afternoon the man living in the caravan in Court street car park was seen getting too close to the school children as they got off the school bus. The Police were called and he then thought it would be a good idea to trash the toilets which he did by removing items from the wall in both male and female toilets and then throwing the toilet rolls all over the car park followed by a large amount of smashed bottles and cardboard ripped up and thrown about. The Police took about 45 minutes to attend and were just in time to rescue the suspect from a large male who was about to get hold of him. The Police arrested him and I have not seen him since and the caravan is locked and empty.

To say that the car park looked like a war zone is not an exaggeration but when I arrived Cllr Penny Simpson was already there with several volunteers with brooms and buckets, after about 45 minutes the car park looked normal again. The toilet block is also back to normal.

I have contacted TDC again and the removal of the caravan is ongoing.

I checked the caravan this morning, Sunday 30th January and it is still empty.

Cllr Paul Dodd

MPC Minutes 01.02.2022 Attachment no.2 – Schedule of Payments February 2022

	AMOUNT (inc VAT)	PAYMENT METHOD
MANDATORY PAYMENTS FOR January 2022		
MDT (office rent) - paid 01/02/2022 <i>LGA 1972 s.111</i>	£347.51	Direct debit
S PARKIN (Clerk's salary 1 January - 31 January 2022) – paid 31/01/2022 <i>LGA 1972 s.112</i>	£969.19	Online Transfer
PENINSULA PENSIONS (employer's and employee's contribution) –paid 31/01 <i>LGA 1972 s.112</i>	£283.24	Online Transfer
HMRC (PAYE and NI) – due in March <i>LGA 1972 s.112</i>		
Plusnet (telephone and internet – paid 31/01) <i>LGA 1972 s.111</i>	£24.31	Direct Debit

OTHER PAYMENTS AUTHORISED 01 February 2022		
Hire of the Community Club – 11/01/2022 <i>LGA 1972 s. 111</i>	£15.00	Online Transfer
Old Mill payroll services – Q3 <i>LGA 1972 s. 111</i>	£106.60	Online Transfer
Cllr Dodd expenses – Wood for Churchyard signs <i>Open Spaces Act 1906 s.10</i>	£7.50	Online Transfer
Hire of the Parish Hall – Memorial Training <i>LGA 1972 s. 111</i>	£30.00	Cheque
R Austin – Churchyard maintenance <i>Open Spaces Act 1906 s.10</i>	£580.00	Online Transfer
Arnold Baker on Local Council Administration <i>LGA 1972 s. 111</i>	£129.80	Online Transfer
ONLINE BANK CARD PAYMENTS FOR January 2022		
TOTAL	£2,493.15	

LGA 1972 = Local Government Act 1972

MPC Minutes 01.02.2022 Attachment no.3 – Police Report



Neighbourhood Police Report
 Moretonhampstead Parish Council Meeting
 Tuesday 1st February 2022.

The Town of Moretonhampstead is served by the Neighbourhood Police team working out of Ashburton Police station and Chudleigh Police office.

The team is led by Sgt Seth Saunders, PC Dave Gibson and PCSO's Tina Jordan and Paul Wilson complete the members of the team.

In January 2022 (up until 1430 on 31/01/22) there were **2** recorded crimes in Moretonhampstead. Both crimes relate to Harassment and are currently under investigation.

Police responded to approx. **14** other incidents in the same period.

The predominant cause for these calls were concerns for welfare however, there was also road traffic accidents and an alarm response.

Overall, in January 2022, the number of recorded crimes in comparison to January 2021 has decreased from 8 to 2 (-75%)

The amount of incident in January 2022 has increase in comparison to January 2021 from 10 to 16 (40%)

I believe that these figures show Moretonhampstead remains a very safe place to both live and work. It is important that the Police work with all parts of the Community to find innovative ways to ease some of the issues that affect daily lives. If anyone has any ideas how we can better connect to our communities, we will welcome their ideas.

Paul Wilson (PCSO 30382)
 Chudleigh Police Office