



MINUTES

Committee: Parish Council
Date: Tuesday, 01 March 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
Cllr Penny Simpson
Cllr Paul Dodd
Cllr Rose Mogeni
Cllr Jan Evans
Cllr Catherine Fileman-Wright
Cllr Gordy Keep
Cllr Richard Short

Also Present

Samantha Parkin (Clerk)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

36/2022 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

37/2022 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS / REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

No declarations of interest or requests for dispensation were received.

38/2022 MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr Catherine Fileman-Wright, seconded by Cllr Warner and **resolved to accept and sign** the minutes of the meeting held on 1st February 2022 as a correct record. There was one abstention.

39/2022 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

County Councillor Brook was unable to attend the meeting.

40/2022 MATTERS ARISING

It was noted Cllr Richard Short had signed the formal paperwork.

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It was noted the Council's bid to the 'Tidy Teignbridge Local Area Cleansing Fund' has been awarded. The payment will be available from 1st April 2022. The Clerk has asked MAPS to provide the council with monthly progress reports.

41/2022 CHAIRMANS DISCRETION

The Chairman was sad to hear that Mark Beeson had passed away last week. Mark was a founding member of MED Theatre who the Council have helped in the past. MED Theatre put on plays in the community and they also do a lot of work within local schools encouraging drama and playwriting. The Chairman will send a letter of condolence to MED Theatre and the Council hope they will continue.

The Chairman reminded the Council that the Clerk has regular meetings with the Highways Officer. The Chairman asked members to let the Clerk know of any Highways issues so that she can pass it on to the Highways Officer.

42/2022 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Teignbridge District Council met on the 22nd February. Once again the meeting had to be adjourned because of hecklers. Cllr Jeffery informed the Council that works at Forde House have been delayed due to the contractor going into administration.

A councillor brought about an allegation which called for a judicial review for the legal department of the council. This went to the High Court and it was found there was no case to answer as the correct procedures had been carried out. The Judge ordered the Councillor to pay £7,800 towards cost.

The portfolio holder read out his report and the budget figures which were agreed as follows:

- Council tax for Band D to be raised by £185 per annum (2.7%) resulting in council tax for Band D £1,894.81.
- General reserves will be 4.8% of the net revenue budget.
- District Councillors' community fund will be raised to £1,200 per annum.
- There will be no increase in District Councillors pay.

The main discussion item from the meeting was Newton Abbot Market. The Government has offered £9.5million for redevelopment of the town centre. The discussion centred on whether the Alexander Theatre should be turned back into the indoor market space with the provision for films and drama groups using the market space for their performances. This divided opinion. In the end it was decided to accept the money and work with a small committee and a local architect to decide on the best way forward.

43/2022 OPEN SPACES REPORT

The Open Spaces monthly report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The report is attached at appendix 1 on page 17.

Cllr Dodd added that there had been a graffiti incident which he is in the process of removing. Cllr Dodd updated the council on the caravan situation in the Court Street car park; accommodation has been found for the occupant and the caravan will be removed in the next few days.

44/2022 CLIMATE CHANGE & ECOLOGICAL WORKING GROUP REPORT

Cllr Simpson noted March's Green Tip is to use peat free compost to avoid depleting the carbon sinks.

The working group is preparing for the Annual Parish Meeting. They are hoping to produce a small leaflet that will tell people about the groups that are working against climate change.

45/2022 INTERNAL FINANCIAL REGULATOR REPORT

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

46/2022 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

The Council considered its monthly schedule of payments.

It was proposed by Cllr Jeffery, seconded by Cllr Farrand-Rogers and **resolved to approve** the schedule of payments at appendix 2 on page 17.

47/2022 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received and circulated prior to the meeting from the Green Lanes Environment Action Movement (GLEAM) Chairman asking the Council to take part in the Government consultation on the Glover Landscapes review. Cllr Fileman-Wright explained that the Government consultation is a review to look at the future of National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. GLEAM is a national pressure group; their sole interest is the use of green lanes by motorised vehicles.

Cllr Short noted that there are only 2 byways in Moreton Parish.

It was proposed by Cllr Fileman-Wright, seconded by Cllr Short and **resolved that the Council reply** to GLEAM thanking them for their letter and advise that the council is considering their response.

Correspondence was received and circulated prior to the meeting from Bishopsteignton Parish Council hoping to engage with local communities on the climate emergency and asking the Council to join forces to make a bigger impact.

It was proposed by Cllr Simpson, seconded by Cllr Fileman-Wright and **resolved to reply** to Bishopsteignton Parish Council that the Council wish to be included in their circulations. There was one councillor opposed to the proposal.

Correspondence was received and circulated prior to the meeting from members of the public concerned that the Moretonhampstead Dental Practice is closing to NHS patients from 30th April.

Cllr Chudley pointed out that the practice is not closing to NHS patients; one Dentist is remaining open to NHS patients. Cllr Fileman-Wright advised that the remaining NHS Dentists' list is full so patients are not allowed to move to him. The typical NHS waiting list in Devon ranges from 2-5 years.

It was proposed by Cllr Farrand Rogers, seconded by Cllr Fileman-Wright and **resolved to write** to Mel Stride MP and Healthwatch Devon asking them what they are doing about the fact that some Dentists are not serving NHS patients and the increasing NHS Dentist waiting lists.

Correspondence was received and circulated prior to the meeting from the Neighbourhood Police Team regarding engagement with the Council.

It was proposed by Cllr Evans, seconded by Cllr Mogeni and **resolved to invite** the Neighbourhood Police Team to council meetings once a quarter. There was one abstention.

48/2022 BEATING THE BOUNDS

Cllr Jeffery had circulated a report prior to the meeting which is attached at appendix 3 on page 17. Cllr Jeffery advised that Beating the Bounds is split into three sections and suggested that the sections are completed in consecutive years as opposed to completing all sections in one year. Cllr Jeffery explained that members of the public are welcome to attend. The Clerk will check if members of the public are covered by the council's insurance.

It was proposed by Cllr Jeffery, seconded by Cllr Fileman-Wright and **resolved to complete** one section a year.

The Council agreed to organise the event for Sunday, 10th April. The Clerk will advertise the event, book a minibus and contact landowners for permission to cross their land. Cllr Jeffery will invite the

Scouts and Cllr Mogeni will invite older members of the Youth Club. Participants will need to book a place and contribute towards the cost of the minibus.

49/2022 COMMUNITY PAYBACK

The Clerk explained that Devon Clerks had been invited to attend the presentation delivered by the South West Probation Service which had been circulated with the meeting papers. The Probation Service had asked local communities to think of potential projects.

It was proposed by Cllr Fileman-Wright, seconded by Cllr Simpson and **resolved to contact** the South West Probation Service and inform them of the following community projects that would benefit from their input; St Andrew's Churchyard compost bin, Allotment boundaries and pre-season maintenance at the Community Swimming Pool.

50/2022 CLERKS DEVELOPMENT

The Clerk had circulated the Memorial Assessment overview and the CILCA Learning Agreement prior to the meeting. The Chairman explained that the Clerk had been appointed on the proviso of completing the Certificate in Local Council Administration.

It was proposed by Cllr Jeffery, seconded by Cllr Evans and **resolved to agree** to the Clerk taking the Safety Inspection and Assessment of Memorials City & Guilds Assessment and to sign the CILCA Learning Agreement.

51/2022 HOUSING WORKING GROUP

It was agreed at the February council meeting, min no. 21/2022 to form a Housing Working Group focussed on affordable houses.

It was proposed by Cllr Farrand-Rogers, seconded by Cllr Fileman-Wright and **resolved to set** up a housing working group including members of the public. The working group will consist of Cllrs' Warner, Short, Evans and Fileman-Wright.

52/2022 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Clerk had circulated the draft Annual Parish Meeting Agenda prior to the meeting. The Clerk has invited the County Councillor and local groups. The Chairman invited members to attend and the Clerk will advertise the meeting.

53/2022 FINANCE AND POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

The draft minutes of the Finance and Policy meeting held on 15th February had been circulated prior to the meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr Chudley, seconded by Cllr Farrand-Rogers and **resolved to approve** the draft Allotment Constitution.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.54pm

TO DO ACTIONS:

- Clerk to make approved payments
- Clerk to make the agreed responses to the correspondence
- Clerk to make necessary arrangements for Beating the Bounds
- Clerk to contact the South West Probation Service
- Clerk to arrange agreed training
- Clerk to advertise Annual Parish Meeting
- Clerk to arrange the signing of the Allotment Constitution

MPC Minutes 01.03.2022 Attachment no.1 – Open Spaces Report

Area	Comments	Action
The Sentry	Looks good.	None.
Churchyard	All looks very good.	New combination lock fitted to bottom gate.
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	Flag removed re pending storm.	Will be re flown in April
Wheelwright's wheel	Not visited.	None
Allotment	Some storm damage.	Being rectified by plot owners.
Seats/benches/Lamp posts	All looks good.	None.
Gates and Railings	Ok	None
Bus Shelter	Ok	None.
Recycling	Ok	None

MPC Minutes 01.03.2022 Attachment no.2 – Schedule of Payments March 2022

	AMOUNT (inc VAT)	PAYMENT METHOD
MANDATORY PAYMENTS FOR February 2022		
MDT (office rent) - paid 01/03/2022 <i>LGA 1972 s.111</i>	£347.51	Direct debit
S PARKIN (Clerk's salary 1 February - 28 February 2022) – paid 28/02/2022 <i>LGA 1972 s.112</i>	£968.99	Online Transfer
PENINSULA PENSIONS (employer's and employee's contribution) –paid 28/02 <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 01/03) <i>LGA 1972 s.111</i>	£23.40	Direct Debit
OTHER PAYMENTS AUTHORISED 01 March 2022		
Hire of the Community Club – 01/02/2022 <i>LGA 1972 s. 111</i>	£15.00	Online Transfer
MDT – Photocopying (Oct 2020 – Jan 2022) <i>LGA 1972 s. 111</i>	£72.12	Online Transfer
Cllr Dodd expenses – Padlock for Sentry Gate <i>Open Spaces Act 1906 s.10</i>	£26.99	Online Transfer
T.A.Sutcliffe – Sentry hedge cut <i>Open Spaces Act 1906 s.10</i>	£244.80	Online Transfer
ONLINE BANK CARD PAYMENTS FOR February 2022		
TOTAL	£1,982.05	

LGA 1972 = Local Government Act 1972

MPC Minutes 01.03.2022 Attachment no.3 – Beating the Bounds

The Council last did this in 2012 on 3 Sundays in April.

Do we want to do this now in 3 consecutive years instead or all in one go? (3 consecutive days)

Some other parishes do it in parts on consecutive years then it does not seem so long between events.

The total distance to complete is 19.33 miles; there is some very rough ground on the last leg.

Day 1 - Didworthy (meeting with Bridford) to Fingle Bridge. Some of this is on the road as below Westcott it is almost impossible to walk through the bog and by walking along the road (unless anyone wants to try it) we are about 100metres from our boundary. Then we meet up with Dunsford and we have a footpath to Fingle after leaving Dunsford and meeting with Drewsteignton at Weir Mill.

Day 2 - Brinning to Fingle. We walk along the road bringing to Meacombe where we leave North Bovey and we meet with Chagford. We then cut down across a field and into a steep woodland area which is probably now overgrown. We meet the road to Halfway House and ideally we should follow the stream to Forder but along the stream is very boggy and almost impossible to walk, so last time we walked along the fields (not sure if we got permission to do that). From the road at Forder we walk to the River Teign where we leave Chagford and meet with Drewsteignton for the final leg to Fingle.

Day 3 - Brinning to Didworthy. We meet with Lustleigh and go along the road towards Fursdon but take that path that takes us to Steward Lodge, then cut across to below Narramore and a steep climb to top of Walving Lane, down to old railway line and along to Pound Barn crossing the road into the woodlands. Now the climb starts through undergrowth to Blackingstone Farm where we leave Lustleigh and meet with Bovey Tracey, then across some fields to leave Bovey and meet again with Bridford for the final push to Didworthy again through undergrowth and woodland. This is the hardest part of the boundary walk and probably the Shortest of the 3 sections but the hardest by far.

Day 1 Minibus to Didworthy and pick us up at Fingle - 7.05Miles

Day 2 Minibus to Brinning and pick up at Fingle - 6.92 Miles

Day 3 Minibus to Brinning and pick up at Didworthy - 5.36 Miles

The second and third parts need doing before the undergrowth starts to grow.

Cllr Mike Jeffery