



# MINUTES

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**Committee:** Parish Council  
**Date:** Tuesday, 05 April 2022  
**Time:** 7:12pm  
**Venue:** Community Club

## Present

Cllr Vivienne Hodges (Chair)  
Cllr Malcolm Chudley  
Cllr Mike Warner  
Cllr John Farrand-Rogers  
Cllr Penny Simpson  
Cllr Rose Mogeni  
Cllr Catherine Fileman-Wright  
Cllr Gordy Keep  
Cllr Richard Short

## Also Present

Samantha Parkin (Clerk)  
PC Dave Gibson  
4 members of the public

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

*Two members of the public attended in respect of min no.66/2022. Members of the community are opening their homes to Ukrainians and wanted the Council to be aware of what was happening - A summary is attached at appendix 1 on page 22.*

*PC Dave Gibson introduced himself to the council; he is the new Beat Manager for Bovey Tracey and Moretonhampstead area. He informed the council that there had been 12 crimes committed in the area since the January 1<sup>st</sup>. For the same period last year 21 crimes had been committed. The Police are not concerned about the level of crime. PC Gibson hopes to attend meetings quarterly.*

*A member of the public attended to notify the council of the problems parking at Fordlands Road. She had contacted DCC who had told to inform the Parish Council. The Clerk had discussed the issue with the Neighbourhood Highways Officer who gave advice on the Residents Permit Scheme.*

## 54/2022 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Dodd, Jeffery and Evans.

## 55/2022 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS / REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Fileman-Wright declared an interest in item 17. No requests for dispensation were received.

### 56/2022 MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr Farrand-Rogers, seconded by Cllr Fileman-Wright and **resolved to accept and sign** the minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022 as a correct record. There was one abstention.

### 57/2022 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

County Councillor Brook was unable to attend the meeting.

### 58/2022 MATTERS ARISING

It was noted the Clerk has made arrangements for Beating of the Bounds.

It was noted South West Probation Service will be in touch to carry out the risk assessments for nominated projects.

It was noted the Clerk has enrolled on CILCA, training commences 4<sup>th</sup> May.

It was noted the Council has entered the '2022 Devon's Best Churchyard Competition'.

It was noted Cllr Dodd has resigned from the Open Spaces and Planning committees.

### 59/2022 CHAIRMANS DISCRETION

The Chairman noted Cllr Dodd's resignation from the above committees. She informed the council that membership of all the committees will be reviewed at the Annual meeting in May.

### 60/2022 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Jeffery had given his apologies.

### 61/2022 OPEN SPACES REPORT

The Open Spaces monthly report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The report is attached at appendix 1 on page 23. The council noted that Teignbridge District Council had introduced year round parking charges in both car parks from 1<sup>st</sup> April. TDC had not given the council enough time to object.

### 62/2022 CLIMATE CHANGE & ECOLOGICAL WORKING GROUP REPORT

Cllr Simpson reported that the Directory of Organisations had been updated at the Annual Parish Meeting and had been uploaded to the council website. The Chairman congratulated Cllr Simpson and the Clerk on a successful Annual Parish Meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr Simpson and seconded by Cllr Short to support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill. An amendment to add 'and write to Mel Stride MP' was moved by Cllr Farrand Rogers and seconded by Cllr Warner. The amendment was put to the vote and it was **resolved to support** the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill and write to Mel Stride MP.

### 63/2022 INTERNAL FINANCIAL REGULATOR REPORT

The Clerk reported Cllr Evans had checked the accounts for February.

### 64/2022 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

The Council considered its monthly schedule of payments. It was noted that the 2021 Pay Award had been agreed and the Clerk had received the increase backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.

It was proposed by Cllr Farrand-Rogers, seconded by Cllr Warner and **resolved to approve** the schedule of payments at appendix 2 on page 23.

### 65/2022 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received and circulated prior to the meeting from Luke Hilton, Local Government Engagement responding to the Council's letter regarding remote meeting provision.

Correspondence was received and circulated prior to the meeting from Healthwatch Devon and Mel Stride MP responding to the Council's letter regarding NHS Dentist provision in Moretonhampstead. Cllr Farrand-Rogers will draft a reply to Mel Stride MP asking him to express his view on the shortage of NHS Dentists in Devon.

Correspondence was received and circulated prior to the meeting from the George Bidder organisers requesting the Council re-site the George Bidder plaque. The Council will consider a suitable location.

Correspondence was received and circulated prior to the meeting from Teignbridge District Council informing the council of the costs for the emptying of the bins in the Sentry for the 2022-23 financial year. The Council noted the price had increased. Cllr Fileman-Wright wondered if a future Green Tip of the Month could include a litter/dog mess tip.

Correspondence was received and circulated prior to the meeting from the Moorland Flower Club requesting the Council organise a tree planting on the Club's behalf. The Council would like the Moorland Flower Club to suggest a suitable location.

### 66/2022 UKRAINE

The NALC briefing had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Simpson thought it would be helpful if the 'Homes for Ukraine' group could offer some concrete proposals for the council to support. Cllr Fileman-Wright thanked the members of the public for attending the meeting and advised the council would be happy to receive a further update from the group when numbers are known. Cllr Fileman-Wright thought it would be helpful for the District and County Councillors to update the council on what is happening in Devon. Cllr Farrand-Rogers noted the council can only support the group if it is within the council's powers.

It was proposed by Cllr Simpson, seconded by Cllr Farrand-Rogers and resolved to **support the 'Homes for Ukraine' group in principle** and the council are happy to consider any requests from the group.

### 67/2022 OPERATION LONDON BRIDGE

The Clerk's report on operation London Bridge had been circulated prior to the meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr Warner, seconded by Cllr Farrand-Rogers and **resolved to delegate** completing the actions listed in the report to the Chairman and Clerk.

### 68/2022 FINANCE AND POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

The draft minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Policy committee held on 15th March 2022 were received and noted. Cllr Farrand-Rogers noted that the Twinning Association had come in after the deadline and an informal discussion had taken place which resulted in a recommendation from individual members.

It was proposed by Cllr Farrand-Rogers, seconded by Cllr Mogeni and **resolved to pay** the following grants in accordance with F&P minute 09/2022:

Moretonhampstead Community Swimming Pool - £500.00

Tennis Club - £250.00

Twinning Association - £400.00

Total Awarded £1150.00

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

### **69/2022 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE**

An update from the working party had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Warner noted the next meeting of the group will be on the 11<sup>th</sup> April. The Chairman thanked the team at 'Robbie's Gardening' for volunteering their time and materials to plant the 7 Oak Trees in the Sentry for the Queen's Green Canopy.

### **70/2022 OPEN SPACES TENDER WORKING GROUP**

The council agreed to a meeting to review the received tenders on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> April.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.06pm

#### **TO DO ACTIONS:**

- Clerk to make approved payments
- Clerk to add the council's support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill and write to Mel Stride MP
- Cllr Farrand-Rogers to draft a reply to Mel Stride MP
- Clerk to ask the Moorland Flower Club to suggest a suitable tree planting location
- Chairman and Clerk to complete the actions in the London Bridge report
- Clerk to add the grant payments to May's payment list
- Clerk to arrange the signing of the Allotment Agreement
- Clerk to arrange the Open Spaces tender Working Group meeting

### ***MPC Minutes 05.04.2022 Attachment no.1 – Summary of Homes for Ukraine***

#### **Homes for Ukraine NE Dartmoor**

#### **Summary for Parish Council meeting**

Local 'WhatsApp' group established. The Current membership is 35 households.

Many offerings accommodation, others ancillary support to hosts e.g., transport, translation, befriending, material help etc.

Households offering to sponsor have to register through the Government 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme and ultimately be checked appropriately in terms of accommodation plus DBS

Links also with Chagford + Bovey Tracey groups

Questionnaire sent out to interested households and local database established ([\\*share questionnaire](#))

Visa process very bureaucratic and time consuming

(\* illustrate with some of the questions on the form?)

At this moment in time there are 3 households in Moreton awaiting guests plus one in Chagford. 3 of the households are welcoming 4 members of the same family. 2 adult sisters, their cousin and a 13 year old daughter plus a cat called Patricia and guinea pig called Martin!

Devon County Council is allocated government monies to support schooling etc. School place allocation will also happen via the DCC admissions process. Moretonhampstead primary school is aware of potential arrivals and is very willing to support.

Health Centre also aware and very supportive.

We do not anticipate there being a huge number of Ukrainians arriving in this area as many of them will prefer to be close to larger towns and cities. They will also be very keen to return to Ukraine as soon as it is safe to do so. Many arriving at the moment seem to be largely middle class and well educated as the more vulnerable do not have the means or ability to escape swiftly or to cope with the challenging bureaucracy.

Once guests arrive and get settled we will have to ascertain their individual needs and tap into other community resources such as the youth club, swimming pool, sports centre etc. It may be useful eventually to have access to a community resource such as the community club or Parish Hall as a meeting place for the Ukrainians to get together. Host families would also benefit from a 'team' around them of local support that they could call upon when needed.

We have uncovered a huge amount of good will and talent within our community since we began this process, including several Russian speakers. Well done Moretonhampstead and NE Dartmoor!!

What might the Parish Council be able to do to support?

***MPC Minutes 05.04.2022 Attachment no.2 – Open Spaces Report***

<b>Area</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>The Sentry</b>	7 Oak trees planted to commemorate Queen's Jubilee.	None.
<b>Churchyard</b>	Looks good. Grass cut 29/03.	None.
<b>The Play Area</b>	Looks good.	None.
<b>The Henge</b>	Looks good.	None.
<b>The Pound</b>	Looks good.	None.
<b>Cross Tree</b>	Looks good.	None.
<b>Geneva Island/War Memorial</b>	Looks good. Flag reinstated.	None.
<b>Wheelwright's wheel</b>	Not visited.	None.
<b>Allotment</b>	Gate and post need replacing.	Obtain quotes.
<b>Seats/benches/Lamp posts</b>	Looks good.	None.
<b>Gates and Railings</b>	Railings and gates are being shot blasted and powder coated.	None.
<b>Bus Shelter</b>	Recently been painted.	None.
<b>Recycling</b>	Cardboard bank full.	Reported.

***MPC Minutes 05.04.2022 Attachment no.3 – Schedule of Payments March 2022***

	<b>AMOUNT (inc VAT)</b>	<b>PAYMENT METHOD</b>
<b>MANDATORY PAYMENTS FOR March 2022</b>		
MDT (office rent) - paid 01/04/2022 <i>LGA 1972 s.111</i>	£347.51	Direct debit
S PARKIN (Clerk's salary 1 March - 31 March 2022) – paid 31/03/2022 <i>LGA 1972 s.112</i>	£1,125.11	Online Transfer
PENINSULA PENSIONS (employer's and employee's contribution ) –paid 31/03 <i>LGA 1972 s.112</i>	£349.89	Online Transfer
HMRC (PAYE and NI) – paid 31/03 <i>LGA 1972 s.112</i>	£348.42	Online Transfer

Plusnet (telephone and internet – paid 29/03) <i>LGA 1972 s.111</i>	£26.71	Direct Debit
<b>OTHER PAYMENTS AUTHORISED 05 April 2022</b>		
Hire of the Community Club – 01/03/2022 <i>LGA 1972 s. 111</i>	£15.00	Online Transfer
R Austin – Interment, laying hedge and Churchyard cut <i>LGA 1972 s.214, Open Spaces Act 1906 s.10</i>	£1,190.00	Online Transfer
Teignbridge District Council – Emptying of bins in Sentry 2021/22 <i>Litter Act 1983 s.5 &amp; 6</i>	£2,108.52	Online Transfer
S Parkin – Jubilee trees and Garden Cart <i>Open Spaces Act 1906 s.10</i>	£378.65	Online Transfer
RBLI – Green Canopy Plaque <i>LGA 1972 s.144</i>	£144.99	Online Transfer
DALC – Affiliation fee <i>LGA 1972 s. 111</i>	£392.28	Online Transfer
Hire of the Parish Hall – Annual Parish Meeting 26/03/2022 <i>LGA 1972 s. 150(2)</i>	£20.00	Cheque
Harveys Bus Ltd – Hire of 2 minibuses for Beating the Bounds <i>LGA 1972 s.137</i>	£150.00	Online Transfer
<b>ONLINE BANK CARD PAYMENTS FOR March 2022</b>		
Wordpress – Hosting fee - <i>LGA 1972 s.142</i>	£84.00	Card payment
Dropbox – Storage - <i>LGA 1972 s. 111</i>	£95.88	Card payment
Coop – Refreshments for Annual Parish Meeting <i>LGA 1972 s. 150(2)</i>	£6.35	Card payment
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£6,783.31</b>	

*LGA 1972 = Local Government Act 1972*