



MINUTES

Committee: Parish Council
Date: Tuesday, 13 December 2022
Time: 10:00am
Venue: Parish Council Office

Present

Cllr Vivienne Hodges (Chairman)
Cllr Mike Warner (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Gordy Keep
Cllr Catherine Fileman-Wright
Cllr Richard Short

Also Present

Samantha Parkin (Clerk)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

222/2022 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Dodd, Cllr Farrand-Rogers, Cllr Evans, Cllr Simpson, Cllr Mogeni, Cllr Chudley and Cllr Jeffery.

223/2022 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS / REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

No declarations of interest or requests for dispensation were received.

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It was proposed by Cllr Keep, seconded by Cllr Fileman-Wright and **resolved to accept and sign** the minutes of the meeting held on 6th December 2022 as a correct record. There was one abstention.

219/2022 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Cllr Shorts' report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Chairman thanked Cllr Short for a full and thoughtful report. Cllr Short gave an overview of the report.

20 MPH speed limit

Cllr Short reminded the council that it had already indicated support for the '20's Plenty' campaign and resolved to ask Devon Association of Local Councils to support the scheme. Cllr Short's report outlined the national campaign and Cllr Short thought that there appears to be some prospect that a national 20 MPH limit will eventually be introduced in England.

It was proposed by Cllr Fileman-Wright, seconded by Cllr Short and **resolved to ask** Mel Stride to actively support the '20's Plenty' campaign.

Cllr Short noted that the council is not currently registered with the '20's Plenty' campaign.

It was proposed by Cllr Fileman-Wright, seconded by Cllr Short and **resolved to sign** up to the '20's Plenty' campaign.

Cllr Fileman-Wright wondered if it would be worthwhile to join forces with other parishes to promote the implementation of 20 mph. Cllr Short thought that it depended on how Moretonhampstead scored on the Devon County Council (DCC) framework for assessing and prioritising requests for 20MPH speed limits. Cllr Warner believed that Moretonhampstead should stay independent and base the argument for 20MPH on the physical constraints that Moretonhampstead has; the way it is configured creates danger.

Cllr Short noted that Moretonhampstead might never be a top priority based on the current framework for assessing and prioritising requests for 20MPH.

It was proposed by Cllr Fileman-Wright, seconded by Cllr Warner and **resolved to formally** apply to Devon County Council for 20mph speed limit in Moretonhampstead by the deadline of 31st January and ask County Councillor Brook to support the application.

It was proposed by Cllr Fileman-Wright, seconded by Cllr Short and **resolved to make** the community aware that we are looking for evidence of traffic issues to support a review of speed limits in Moretonhampstead.

Cllr Short expressed concerns about the Devon County Council framework for assessing and prioritising requests for 20MPH speed limits. It would be useful to know how Moretonhampstead would score. The council asked the Clerk to ask County Cllr Brook to explain how the framework is used to assess the requests.

Ford Street

The council discussed the recent resident requests for the installation of an additional bollard in Ford Street. It was noted that Devon County Council is not in favour of an additional bollard therefore any costs associated with the installation will be down to the council. The council agreed to speak to the Union and affected residents to see how a bollard would affect them.

It was proposed by Cllr Fileman-Wright, seconded by Cllr Warner and **resolved to start** with an investigation to see if it is practical to install an additional bollard.

Station Road

Cllr Short noted that the Neighbourhood Highway Officer arranged for some speed monitoring which indicated that 85% of vehicles were at or below 32.8 MPH. The Neighbourhood Highway Officer has indicated she would support a VAS (Vehicle Activated Sign).

The Council agreed to wait for the views of the joint police and highway authority SCARF meeting in January on the relative merits of VAS/SID and/or community speed watch.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.51am.

TO DO ACTIONS

- Council to write to Mel Stride MP and ask him to support the '20's Plenty' campaign
- Council to sign up to the '20's Plenty' campaign

- Council to formally apply to Devon County Council for 20mph speed limit in Moretonhampstead by the deadline of 31st January and ask County Councillor Brook to support the application.
- Council to make the community aware that we are looking for evidence of traffic issues to support a review of speed limits in Moretonhampstead.
- Clerk to ask County Cllr Brook to explain how the framework is used to assess the requests
- Council to start an investigation to see if it is practical to install an additional bollard in Ford Street