

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Morteohoe Parish  
Council held in the Meadow Sport's Pavilion, Woolacombe on  
Monday August 16<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 7.00 p.m.**

**Present:**

**Members:** D Duffield, K.Cook, O.Bell, J Dicker, D Barron, M Wilkinson S Woodman  
(Chairman)

**Clerk:** S Hocking and J Keiff.

**Also Present: 1 member of the public.**

**Apologies for absence: Councillors: Ley and Davis**

**153/2021 Public Speaking : - A Shelley** – enquired about the presence of C.C.T.V. cameras monitoring traffic movements at Bradwell. Members had no knowledge of why they were there.  
**Fortescue Field** – members were informed that the recent works undertaken at this site were the subject of a planning enforcement investigation.

**Caravans on Spreacombe Hill** – the clerk was asked to investigate the cost of a larger sign to try and deter caravans from venturing up Spreacombe Hill.

**154/2021 Police Report Morteohoe/Woolacombe & Westdown, Includes Mullacott & Bittadon**  
**Crime Report** – Violence with Injury 2 Violence without Injury 6 Criminal Damage 4  
All Other Theft Offences 1 Possession of Drugs 1 Non-Notifiable Offences 4 **Total 18**

*Members requested that the monthly newsletter be sent as a pdf file to enable easy opening*

**155/2021 Declaration of Interests:**

**Planning Application 73793 13 Chichester Park** - Councillor Wilkinson declared an interest in this application as friend of the applicant.

**156/2021 Minutes:**

*It was Proposed to APPROVE* as a correct record and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on July 19<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 7.00 p.m. at the Meadow Sports Pavilion, Woolacombe **Seconded . PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**157/2021 County Council Report –**

**Peninsula transport- Shaping the future of Transport across the South West** - I would be very grateful if the Parish Council would consider responding to the consultation please. it would be good to hear from residents and businesses too so please do share the message.

Peninsula Transport is the shadow sub-national transport body (STB), bringing together the five lead transport authorities in the Peninsula (Cornwall, Devon, Plymouth, Somerset and Torbay) to work directly with the Department for Transport (DfT) on the strategic transport priorities for the region. Formed in 2018, it is a partnership established to transform transport and boost economic growth for the Peninsula.

The work of Peninsula Transport considers the following key areas: Resilient road and rail networks to support connectivity to its key markets in the Midlands, the north of England, London and international gateways at Heathrow, Gatwick and Southampton as well as access to our regional airports and ports

- Impact of technology and innovation in supporting our urban and rural mobility challenges
- Infrastructure investment needed to unlock housing development and create accessible enterprise areas
- Take a regional lead in the transition to decarbonisation of the strategic transport network

The first priority for Peninsula Transport is the development of a regional transport strategy, which plans and prioritises strategic infrastructure across the peninsula over the next thirty years. As part of this work, Peninsula Transport has produced a high-level vision document setting out the goals that will ultimately define the overall direction and principles of the full regional transport strategy. The high level vision will be consulted on throughout the summer into September to ensure that the vision is shared with those across the peninsula and determine if the goals meet the needs of those using the network.

### **Vision and Goals**

The key challenge for the Peninsula is to strengthen strategic links to keep pace with the rest of the UK, reinforcing connectivity and maximising opportunities to boost productivity. Transport is a vital part of every day life and therefore a transport strategy needs to be bold and ambitious, delivering a transport system that works for people, businesses and the planet. The vision for the peninsula is: “transforming transport across the peninsula, enabling our society and economy to thrive and our unique and outstanding environment to flourish.”

The vision is underpinned by the following five goals:

- We will improve connections between people, businesses, and places
- We will enhance resilience of the transport network
- We will deliver affordable, zero-emissions transport for everyone
- We will help to improve the health and wellbeing of communities in the peninsula
- We will help the peninsula to be a great place to live and work

The Consultation *The consultation will open week commencing 12th July and will close week ending 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021.* [www.peninsulatrtransport.org.uk](http://www.peninsulatrtransport.org.uk).

**What happens next?** Once the consultation has closed, Peninsula Transport will use the feedback to inform the full strategy. A number of supporting studies are either underway or planned to support the transport strategy and our website will be updated as the programme progresses. We expect to publish our transport strategy in 2022, setting out our proposals for the delivery a transport system that works best for people, businesses and the planet.

The consultation is on the website: , [www.peninsulatrtransport.org.uk](http://www.peninsulatrtransport.org.uk),

or you can contact us by emailing [info@peninsulatrtransport.org.uk](mailto:info@peninsulatrtransport.org.uk).

**Funding available to help Devon’s communities reconnect, rebuild and recover** - Community-led facilities and activities, like many things, were quickly suspended during the onset of the national coronavirus lockdown. As the country begins to return to some degree of normality, Devon County Council is keen to help local communities get back to doing the things they love safely and

confidently, so we have created a special fund to support them.

**The Reconnect Rebuild Recover Community Fund** - will provide grant funding of up to £1,000 for smaller projects and between £1,000 and £3,000 for larger projects that help local people to reconnect, rebuild and recover their community-led facilities and/or social activities.

**It will support community-led initiatives that:**

- **encourage a range of people to participate in activities that improve their physical, mental and emotional health and wellbeing**
- **provide safe community-led transportation links and services which encourage and help people to re-connect and re-socialise safely within their communities**
- **encourage people to develop skills and learning through volunteering their time, knowledge and expertise to help and support the facilities and/or social activity and the people using them**

**[You can find out more, including how to apply, on the Devon County Council website.](#)**

**Coronavirus updates from Devon County Council** - The link below may be of interest to residents with the situation changing and many interested in what is happening locally this link is a useful starting point for questions and the current situation in Devon.

The link takes you to the Covid-19 pages on the Devon County Council Website, it has daily updated information as to positive cases within the area, information about testing and track and trace. **<https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/coronavirus-data/>**

**Reminder about reporting a highway problem:**

**<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/> telephone: [0345 155 1004](tel:03451551004)**

**158/2021 Planning**

**73612 Alterations to Garage and Side Entrance at  
1 Sandleigh, Bay View Road Woolacombe Devon**

Members had no objections to this application proposal. *Proposed APPROVAL. Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.*

**73753 External alterations to property at  
Culver Park Lodge North Morte Road Morteheo.**

Members had no objections to this application . *Proposed APPROVAL. Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.*

**73748 Erection of one dwelling at  
Seaview Meadow Woolacombe Station Road Woolacombe.**

Members had no objections to this proposal. *Proposed APPROVAL. Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.*

**73773 Insertion of glass screens to balustrade on balcony terrace at The Red Barn Barton Road Woolacombe Devon.**

Members had no objections to this proposal. *Proposed APPROVAL. Seconded PASSED UNANIMOUSLY*

*(Councillor Wilkinson declared an interest in this application and left the chamber)*

**73793 Extension to dwelling & erection of balcony at 13 Chichester Park Woolacombe Devon EX34 7BZ**

Members had no objections to this proposal. *Proposed APPROVAL. Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.*

**73797 Variation of condition 2 (approved Plans) attached to planning permission 73078 (Extension and alterations to dwelling) to allow alterations at Burnside Lower Claypark Woolacombe Devon EX34 7EA**

Members requested that in applications of this sort, a clear description of the variations be given within the application to allow a more informed response.

Members had no objections to this proposal. *Proposed APPROVAL. Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.*

**73799 Conversion of store to 1 unit of holiday accommodation together with replacement of log store to provide garage & store at Cherry Tree Cottage Sandy Lane Woolacombe**

Members requested that any additional buildings at the property remain part of the main dwelling and should not be sold in the future as a separate dwelling. They had no objections to the proposal. *Proposed APPROVAL. Seconded PASSED UNANIMOUSLY*

**73800 Listed building Application for conversion of store to 1 unit of holiday accommodation together with replacement of log store to provide garage & store at Cherry Tree Cottage Sandy Lane. Woolacombe EX34 7EX**

Members requested that any additional buildings at the property remain part of the main dwelling and should not be sold in the future as a separate dwelling. They had no objections to the proposal. *Proposed APPROVAL. Seconded PASSED UNANIMOUSLY*

**73639 Installation of window to replace existing double door & alteration to existing entrance to the rear of the property at Flat 1 Hillbury House The Esplanade Woolacombe Devon**

Members had no objections to this proposal. *Proposed APPROVAL. Seconded PASSED UNANIMOUSLY*

**Planning Permission Received:**

**73573 Erection of detached double garage together with erection of detached building to be used as a pottery studio at Blueyonder North Morte Road Morteheo Woolacombe**

**Planning Refusal Received: None**

### **159/2021 District Council Report**

**Ilfracombe Harbour Board** – Councillor Wilkinson noted that Ilfracombe Harbour now had a dedicated PCSO jointly funded by NDC and Devon & Cornwall Police. In a recent meeting with Councillor Davis (D.C.C.) and Mr Miles (N.D.C) Chief Executive, the possibility of a dedicated Parking Enforcement Officer was suggested as a possible option for the Parish with similar arrangements for joint funding.

**Planning Department at N.D.C.** – Councillor Wilkinson noted that there had been a surge in planning applications which had increased the work load of the planning department substantially.

**Senior Staff Re-organisation** – the senior staff at the Council had recently been reorganised with Maria Bailey appointed Head of Planning.

**56 Day camping legislation** - Councillor Wilkinson pointed out that the emergency extension of the former 28 day license to the present 56 day had led to inequities within the system with existing camp sites still left paying the full rates and charges.

**Coastal Communities** - Councillor Wilkinson drew members attention to a recent report by the Chief Health Minister Chris Wittey who had highlighted the health issues in coastal communities with greater issues of poverty, deprivation and mental health issues for some residents.

**Braunton Parish Council Press Release on a Housing Emergency** – Members agreed to contact Braunton Parish Council to express support for their recent announcement on the emerging housing crisis in the community. Members fully agreed that the same conditions listed below were a major issue within our own community. It was felt that this had been exacerbated by the growing trend toward Air B&B which had led to the loss of private rented accommodation and a lack of local labour force within the community.

It was agreed that Woolacombe and Morteohoe Residents are unable to remain within the community, causing:

- . Families to be disconnected
- . Support networks to be disrupted or destroyed
- . A loss of community cohesion
- . Detrimental mental health effects on resident and their children
- . An environmental effect caused through increased journey lengths.

*It was agreed to send a letter of support to Braunton Parish Council and to Ms Saxby M.P.*

### **160/2021 Questions for the National Trust**

**Combesgate Valley** - the clerk confirmed that the Trust had agreed to delay the grazing of the herd of Devon Red cattle in the valley until September.

### **161/2021 Correspondence:**

**i) Development within an AONB Response from David Hoare M.P.’s Constituency Office** – Letter from D Edgecomb in response of Planning Applications 73571 Gordon Lodge and response from David Hoare on behalf of S Saxby M.P.

“I do think that we will see something in the new planning rules that will make changes to mean that a percentage of new builds would have a covenant on them that they must be primary residences.

That is all well and good but it doesn’t help right now. We do need local councils to bring in any restrictions as South Hams have done. North Devon Council are due to be making changes to the adopted local plan and this may be an opportunity.

Having primary residence restriction for all housing within an AONB is certainly an option.

Selaine has made her views on the current local plan, local and national planning very clear and is meeting with the new head of planning next month.

Many thanks,” **David Hoare, Constituency Office Manager**  
**Selaine Saxby, Member of Parliament for North Devon**

ii) **Plastic Free North Devon – Claire Moodie**

“I am contacting you from Plastic Free North Devon to ask if we would be able to bring our Ocean Explorers educational outreach stand to your location over the summer months.

[Plastic Free North Devon](#) is a local environmental charity whose aim is to protect and improve our environment through community led action to combat plastic pollution. We are passionate about connecting people to nature and our Ocean Explorers educational outreach project does just that.

In 2019 we launched a similar project at numerous beach locations along the North Devon Coast. However, with our increased use of our virtual reality (vr) equipment, this year we are looking to host our Ocean Explorers educational outreach stand away from beaches on outdoor, green spaces. We are looking to host our project on the Woolacombe green and wondered if this was possible.

This project wow's individuals with the wonders of the natural world that surround us, to encourage continued learning and to inspire them to want to protect it. This year as part of this project we are launching our innovative 360 films of Lundy seals, rock pools and the journey from river to sea. From past experience the virtual reality element is very engaging and attracts people of all ages to learn and interact with our stand. To find out more about this project please see our [website](#).

Our two newly appointed Ocean Explorer Outreach Ambassadors will be delivering the vr experience alongside activities and information for the general public as they walk past our interactive hub.

If you are interested in having us, then please get in touch and we can book in some dates.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Claire Moodie **Plastic Free North Devon**

*Members agreed to the holding of events on the Greensward or in the Council Chamber if the weather was detrimental.*

iii) **Police and Crime Commissioner Survey Notification - The Police and Crime Commissioner, Alison Hernandez, has now launched a survey as regards her second Police and Crime Plan. Full details including a link to the survey can be found here – [Safe, resilient and connected communities – Alison Hernandez launches survey into Police and Crime Plan · Devon & Cornwall Police & Crime Commissioner \(devonandcornwall-pcc.gov.uk\)](#)**

**The survey ends on September 1<sup>st</sup>**

iv) **Road Safety Alert - please see attached document – Members were concerned at the increase in road fatalities and accidents in the County and particularly those in North Devon.**

**162/2021 Register of Outstanding Matters/ Matters Arising from the Minutes**  
**Wavelength Festival Licence Application** - Reply from Katie Nicholls Public Protection Manager N.D.C. Members noted the comments made by Ms Nicholls .

**Mortehoe Resident's Car Park** - a new gate post has been installed at the car park to replace the existing rotten post. Repairs to the gate and fence have also taken place. The car park remains locked wherever possible. *The clerk informed members that the gate had been damaged in the past few days when the hinges were removed.*

**Play Area Inspections** – the annual inspections of both areas were due to take place on Monday August 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Meadow Playing Fields** - *the clerk reported that a second padlock had been destroyed at the weekend.*

**Potholes** - were reported on Mortehoe Station Road and Beach Road, Woolacombe.

**Fooptath 9** – has been reported

**Overgrown Vegetation-** Royal Hotel has been reported.

**Temporary Events Notice Buttermeade Farm** – Licensing advise that a temporary events notice permits a gathering of 497 people at an outside event.

**Dog Warden-** 2 dog wardens from N.D.C. spent Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August patrolling public areas in both Mortehoe and Woolacombe.

**Trade Waste Agreement** – the Council's normal weekly collection of rubbish picked up in public areas has had to be extended to two collections a week to cater for the increased volume of rubbish.

**Meadow 106 Allocation** – The District Council have received two contributions totalling £4,901 from the Gordon Lodge development. The funds can be spend on:

- **Skate Park at Woolacombe**
  - **Enhancement of the Playing Field and Pavilion Site, Woolacombe** – *it was agreed that a list of possible improvements should be drawn up and a claim submitted.*
- Tramper Shed at the Tourist Information Centre** – the electricity supply to the new shed has now been installed meaning the tramper can be charged overnight in its own secure space. The beach wheel chair is also housed in the shed. Mrs Zeale reports a very considerable increase in the usage of both items of equipment which are now fully booked most days.

**163/2021 Covid Virus Update - Social Distancing Scheme Woolacombe** - *members agreed to continue the present scheme whilst the covid rates in the region were so high. It was agreed to review again in September.*

**164/2021 Co-option of a Parish Councillor** *Members agreed to invite J Richards to join the council. Proposed, seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY*

**165/2021 Matters Brought Forward with the Consent of the Chairman**

**Skateboard Competition** – Councillor Dicker informed members of the very successful competition event held at the ramp at the previous weekend and of asked members permission to hold another event on September 19<sup>th</sup> . *Members were pleased to offer support for the event.*

**166/2021 Cheques and payments for approval and Signature.**

The following payments were approved and signed at the meeting. The R.F.O. provided a list of payments in conjunction with bank statements which were also checked and approved prior to the meeting:

18	NDC Additional Bin Collection	90.42
18	NDC Trade Waste Collection	312.00
18	P Starbuck	1,796.00
18	A White	1,043.52
18	Gordon's Windows	1,674.00
18	Jewsons	221.84
18	S Hocking	93.00
17	Bloom Brothers	620.00
17	Countryside and Garden	432.00
17	Nicholsons	175.36
17	Odlings	16.80
17	P Landscape	780.00
17	A F S Fire & Security	98.40
17	A F S Fire & Security	40.80
17	E Hedger	1,235.49
17	R Walker	1,076.04
17	J Keiff	289.65
17	HMRC	1,092.44
17	G Rodgers	412.61
17	E Stafford	76.50

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**Part 2**

**Correspondence not requiring discussion is available in the Council Chamber**

**Part 3**

**Confidential Matters**

**Correspondence to Note:**

1. 'Everyone's Tomorrow' – Newsletter from Senior Council Of Devon
2. Devon Senior Voice - Newsletter.
3. Health Watch Voices

**Yours faithfully**

*Sally Hocking*

*The minutes of previous meetings are available from the Parish Clerk  
The order of the agenda items may be altered with the consent of the chairman*



**Date of the next meeting: September 20<sup>th</sup> 2021 Parish Council Meeting at 7.00 p.m.**

**The meeting ended at 8.21 p.m.**