

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday September 20th
2021 at 7 p.m. at The Council Chamber, The Esplanade, Woolacombe.**

**Present: Councillors: D Barron S Woodman (Chairman), D Duffield; K Cook; O. Bell
M Wilkinson, J Richards and J Dicker**

Clerks: S Hocking and J Keiff

Also Present: Councillor Davis (D.C.C.) and 4 members of the public

Members welcomed Ms Richards on to the Council.

171/2021 Apologies for absence:

172/2021 Guest Speaker Clair Moodie Plastic Free, North Devon – Ms Moodie was not able to attend.

173/2021 Public Speaking

Mr B Rosen – Having visited Rockham Beach and seen numerous holiday makers scabbling down the cliff, Mr Rosen enquired about the progress of plans for the provision of proper access to Rockham Beach. *Councillor Wilkinson stated that the subject would be raised as a priority with the A.O.N.B and formally raised with the National Trust. The cliffs had been recently surveyed by Devon County Council but budget restrictions curtailed work on the creation of any new access.*

A Shelley - Ms Shelly reported on her attendance at the Inaugural Meeting at the Castle Centre in Barnstaple on the ‘Housing Crisis in our Community’ and enquired about news on the Braunton Parish Council press announcement on the Housing Crisis which was supported by Morteoh Parish Council at the August meeting. *Councillor Wilkinson reported on the statement made by the Leader Of North Devon Council on the subject.*

174/2021 Police Report - Morteoh/Woolacombe & Westdown, Includes Mullacott & Bittadon Crime Report – Violence with Injury 4 Violence without Injury 1 Sexual Offences 1 All Other Theft Offences 1 Arson 1 Public Order Offences 3 **Total 11**

175/2021 Declaration of Interests

Planning Application 73926 Ferndale – Councillor Bell declared an interest in this application as a near neighbour.

176/2021 Minutes:

It was Proposed to APPROVE as a correct record and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on August 16th 2021 at 7 p.m. in the Meadow Sports Pavilion, Woolacombe. **Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

It was Proposed to APPROVE as a correct record and sign the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on September 1st 2021 at 6.30.p.m. in the Council Chamber, Woolacombe. **Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

179/2021 County Council Report – Councillor Davis informed members about the Community Challenge Energy scheme and answered a number of questions about current road works in the area.

180/2021 Planning

73427 Removal of caravan, demolition of office & storage building together with erection of 2 units of holiday accommodation at Woolacombe Riding Stables Eastacott Farm Beach Road Woolacombe Devon EX34 7AE

Members supported this application and had no objections to the proposal. They also recognised the importance of the development in support of the adjacent local business.

Proposed APPROVAL. Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

73913 Extension to the front of the property at 13 Kingfisher Woolacombe Rise Woolacombe Devon.

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

73926 Double height extension to the South West elevation. at Ferndale North Morte Road Morteheo Woolacombe Devon

Members expressed a number of concerns regarding this application:

1. **Over-intensification** - Members were concerned at the height, mass and bulk of the proposed building and felt that should be regarded as gross over-intensification of the plot.
2. **Privacy Issues** - members felt that 3 storey proposed extension would lead to privacy and overlooking issues for nearby properties and a loss of amenities for a number of neighbours.
3. **Parking** - it was felt that the loss of the existing garage would further exacerbate the parking issues for the property and would prove inadequate for another large extension.
4. **Access and egress** - Members felt that the proposed parking arrangements for 3 separate properties was inadequate for safe access and egress onto the very narrow and busy North Morte Road.
5. **Street Scene** - members felt that the proposed very large building was out of keeping with the existing street scene and pointed out that the original property on the site had been a single dwelling in proportion with its surroundings.
6. **Existing Utilities** - Members felt that the existing utilities were inadequate to serve a building of this scale and were already under pressure from the many developments that have taken place in North Morte Road in recent years

Proposed REFUSAL. Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

73975 Extensions and alterations to dwelling to include creation of new entrance location and removal of existing conservatory at Highfield Morteheo Station Road Morteheo Woolacombe.

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 .

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

Planning Refusal Received: None

Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the existing occupation of a dwelling in breach of an agricultural occupancy condition attached to planning permission 6536 at:

Poole Farm, Poole Lane, Woolacombe.

Members had no additional information on this application.

181/2021 District Council Report

Coastal Issues Group – Councillor Wilkinson informed members of his forthcoming attendance at the meeting to be held at Portland. 2 items on the agenda are the consideration of the impact of coastal erosion and the crisis in housing in many coastal communities.

Coastal Communities Meeting 11th October – this further meeting will be considering the recent paper by Professor Chris Witty Chief Medical Officer on the impact on health and society of the deprivation to be found in many coastal areas.

Foxhunters Garage - Councillor Wilkinson informed members of the recent acquisition by a local company of the garage site at Foxhunters and plans for the site.

182/2021 Questions for the National Trust

Rockham Beach – the clerk was asked to write a formal letter to the National Trust to point out the importance of the beach to the local community, economy and visiting tourists. The Council would be keen to explore any possible avenues of funding as a joint project with both the Trust and County Council.

Festival Update – members requested regular updates from the Trust and festival organisers on plans for the event next year.

183/2021 Correspondence: i) Invitation from M Bailey (Head Of Planning) N.D.C.

Members were pleased to read the reassurances given by Ms Bailey and looked forward to her appearance at the November Meeting on the 15th

ii) Reply from Trade Waste N.D.C. Re: Rubbish and Recycling - *members welcomed Ms Birch to her new post and asked the clerk to thank her for her response. They felt that the problem for both Woolacombe and Morteheo was considerable and that both businesses and Air BnB should be paying the appropriate rates.*

iii) Invitation to attend a Winter Webinar regarding Community Safety 20th September from The Cabinet Office & NHS Test & Trace on Keeping communities safe during winter Webinar 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm, Monday 20th September 2021 *Contents noted*

iv) Information on Grants for Farming in Protected Landscapes – *Contents noted*

v) Letter from S Saxby M.P Re Climate Change event 18th September - *Contents noted*

vi) Parish Paths – *members agreed to meet with Mr Combs to discuss the paths in question*

vii) Letter from J Bennet Devon & Cornwall Police – *the clerk was asked to find out more information before a decision could be made.*

viii) Request from Mr C Combs Re Paths - *it was agreed to meet with Mr Combs to discuss the state of the paths.*

ix) Email from J Lister Re: Parking on the Esplanade – *the clerk was asked to write to Mr Lister informing him of the actions taken to try and resolve some of the parking issues which have been seen this year.*

184/2021 Register of Outstanding Matters/ Matters Arising from the Minutes
Barriers – due to be removed 16th/17th September. *It was decided the keep the barriers for the time being in case of future need..*

Housing Crisis – a letter of support was submitted to Braunton Parish Council and a letter sent to Ms Saxby M.P. it was noted that North Devon Council Leader Mr David Worden had issued a strong statement on the subject:

185/2021 Meadow Playing Fields

Update – Dug-Out - the clerk informed members that following the disbandment of the Woolacombe & Morteohoe Football Team this week, the remaining building material and loose blocks have been removed from the Meadow and taken up to the Woolacombe Sands Holiday Park. A decision regarding the building work already commenced for the dugout was deferred.

Cutting of the Pitch - the pitch is currently being cut on a fortnightly basis. The clerk informed members that future cuts will be timed to coincide with the fixtures of the remaining football team AFC Dominii.

Junior Team – Mr Adam Dennis will be setting up a Woolacombe Youth Team and will be using the Junior pitch for training and the astro pitch at Braunton for matches. He is hopeful that he has business sponsorship for kits and equipment.

106 funding - Pavilion Requirements ; New oven, new fridge. Chairs and tables . *It was agreed to set up a working party to review requirements for the Meadow and Pavilion in order to submit a claim of outstanding 106 funding.*

Skateboard ramp – new all-weather surface. – *Councillor Dicker informed members that the huge increase in prices for materials meant that it may be prudent to delay obtaining quotations for improvement works for the facility.*

Skateboard Fun Day September 19th – *Members congratulated all concerned in the very successful event held the previous day on the Meadow*

186/2021 Insurance Renewal – Members Proposed the Approval of the insurance schedule (once if was confirmed that the Skateboard ramp was included under the present schedule) and felt that insurance arrangements for the council were adequate. Seconded UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

187/2021 Matters Brought Forward with the Consent of the Chairman

Obstruction of Pavement in South Street – the clerk was asked to report the Portaloo which had recently appeared on the pavement outside a property.

188/2021 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:

20	ABW Engineering	30.00
20	Bearmans Plumbing Centre	6.65
20	Bloom Brothers	1420.00
20	Came and Company	2526.60
20	Crown Estates	1250.00
20	Golden Coast	1.36
20	G Hill	1674.00
20	Nat. Trust Meadow Rent	210.00

20	Nicolsons	91.58
20	P. Starbuck	2473.50
20	P Lanscape	578.00
20	T Witts & Son	4257.10
20	S Hocking	1274.52
20	J Keiff	300.99
20	E Hedger	965.49
20	R Walker	989.35
20	G Rogers	1194.89
20	HMRC	1055.05

Part 2

Correspondence not requiring discussion is available in the Council Chamber

Part 3

Confidential Matters

Meeting ended at 8.40 p.m.

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: October 18th 2021 Parish Council Meeting at 7.00 p.m.