

## **Minutes of the meeting of Morteohoe Parish Council held online via Microsoft Teams on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 7.00 p.m.**

**Present: Members; (Chairman) D Duffield, O Bell, J Dicker , D Barron, K Cook, R Ley and S Woodman.**

**Clerks: S Hocking and J Keiff**

**Also Present: A Davis (D.C.C.), M Barrow (D.C.C.), T Watkins (Airband), B Holland (Airband) and 3 members of the public.**

**167/2020 Apologies for Absence: Councillors: J Richards and M Wilkinson**

**168/2020 Guest Speaker – Mr T Watkins, B Holland (Airband ) and M Barrow (D.C.C.)**

**Devon Communities Together** – Mr Barrow outlined to members the background to the current scheme and the ongoing work on behalf of the County Council and Government to bring improved broad band to the West Country. Phase 1 had brought improved signals to 900,000 households including Woolacombe. Phase 2 would see improvements to more rural areas such as Morteohoe and surrounding areas by a mixture of fixed wireless and by the undergrounding of fibre optic cables using the existing infrastructure of B.T.

**Airband** – had been appointed to work in the area and licensed to B.T. Where possible existing ducting would be used directly into properties otherwise use would be made of overhead lines direct from the upgraded B.T. cabinets. It was planned to roll out the new service in 2021.

**Outlying areas** - those who it was not possible to reach in this manner or line of sight masts would be offered vouchers and alternative methods to improve broad band signals

**Documents** - outlining the details of the scheme would be sent via the Parish Clerk .

**169/2020 Public Speaking – there were no representations to speak.**

**170/2020 Police Report - Morteohoe/Woolacombe & Westdown, Includes Mullacott & Bittadon.**

**Crime Figures until September 1<sup>st</sup> : Morteohoe/Woolacombe & Westdown, Includes Mullacott & Bittadon. Violence without Injury 3 Sexual Offences 1 Burglary Non-Dwelling 1 Shoplifting 2 Criminal Damage 1 Non-Notifiable Offences 1**

**171/2020 Declaration of Interests - 722224 6 South Street - Councillor Woodman declared an interest in this application as a friend of the applicant.**

**172/2020 Minutes: *It was Proposed to approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020 at 7 p.m. via Microsoft Teams link. Seconded. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY***

**173/2020 County Council Report**

**Corona Virus updates from Devon County Council** - I have previously sent out this link but 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/>

**Recycling rates increase during lockdown** - Kerbside recycling rates across Devon increased during lockdown according to the latest figures. The figures show a 12 per cent increase between April and June 2020. 1,000 tonnes more glass bottles and jars were separated out and put in kerbside collection bins, 1,300 tonnes more card and 670 tonnes more food waste – all recyclable goods diverted from the rubbish bin compared to the same period in 2019. Devon has a 56 per cent recycling rate, one of the highest in the country, rates vary around the County; East Devon has the highest recycling rate. It's encouraging to see that 89 per cent of us in Devon are recycling and doing what we can to keep Devon clean and green, no matter what life throws in the way. There has been an unprecedented appreciation of refuse and recycling collection crews during lockdown, which included spontaneous rounds of applause, which helped maintain morale amongst the crews. For more information about recycling at home and lots more, visit the new look Recycle Devon website. [www.recycledevon.org](http://www.recycledevon.org).

**New streetlighting contract** - All of Devon County Council's 79,000 streetlights will be converted to LED lights within the next two years – reducing carbon emissions by 75%. It comes as SSE Contracting (SSEC) has been awarded the contracts to maintain the streetlights in Devon and Torbay for the next 10 years – with the aim of the contract being carbon neutral by 2030. The company will be building on the work it has undertaken for the County Council for more than 25 years, which has already seen around 34,000 streetlights converted to low energy LED technology since 2015, as well as the replacement of more than 5,400 streetlighting columns. It will also look to improve the county's Central Management System to remotely monitor and operate lighting more flexibly and efficiently. The streetlighting contract is extremely important as we continue to reduce our carbon emissions, and this new contract will enable us to develop our well-established collaboration with SSEC. Streetlights account for a significant amount of the Council's emissions, and working with SSEC will help us make further energy and carbon savings. The conversion to LEDs alone will reduce carbon emissions by more than 15,000 tonnes each year, the equivalent of taking 8,000 cars off the road. SSE is also committed to all of its vehicles up to 3.5 tonnes being electric by 2030, and for its depots to be carbon zero by 2025. Its regular supply chain partners are also aiming to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030.

#### **Local Highway issues:**

**Long Lane Berrydown**- this is the £400k scheme I put in a bid for some while ago, the work is going well and on time so far. I am very pleased with what is going in for the drainage after being there today and seen for myself. There is the potential for delays which I apologise for.

**Replacement Signs** - I have been chasing up replacement signs around the parish, these do take a while, I fear the Ossaborough one may have got lost when a member of staff left.

**Yellow Lines** - I have checked the patching at Moretehoe which was recently done and the double yellow lines at Moretehoe have had an order put in to be cleared off.

**North Morte Road Drainage scheme** - The drainage scheme which we have talked about for Moretehoe is scheduled for early January.

#### **Reminder about reporting a highway problem:**

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

#### **174/2020 Planning**

##### **71960 Erection of new dwelling & attached garage and associated works at**

##### **Lee Cross Farm Woolacombe Devon EX34 7HE**

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

**72191 Conversion of integral garage to form habitable room & en-suite shower at  
Summerhouse 18 Tarka Lane Woolacombe EX34 7AT**

Members noted one letter of objection to the proposal. They raised concerns about the loss of the garage and the subsequent adequacy of the parking provision for the property. They also feared that the alterations would have a detrimental impact on the existing street scene.

***Proposed REFUSAL. Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY***

**72224 Change of Use of Takeaway to form Dwelling and Alterations to Existing Dwelling at  
6 South Street Woolacombe Devon EX34 7BB**

Members supported the application in principle but expressed concerns about the adequacy of parking for the property. ***Proposed APPROVAL. Seconded. PASSED (with 2 abstentions)***

**72272 Erection of Detached Garage/Workshop/Store at  
Seavale Woolacombe Station Road Woolacombe Devon  
EX34 7AW**

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

**Planning Permission Received: None  
Planning Refusal Received: None**

**Planning Appeal Ref: APP/X1118/W/20/3251093 3 & 5 Hartland House Apartments, The Esplanade, Woolacombe, N. Devon EX34 7DJ The development proposed is balconies to apartments 3 & 5. Decision 1. Appeal Decision: The appeal is dismissed.**

**175/2020 District Council Report**

**Neighbourhood Plan** – members agreed to agenda the item for the next meeting and to contact the residents who had come forward some time ago to gauge continuing interest.

**Electric Car Charging Points** - members agreed to meet on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> to look at possible sites in Woolacombe . It was agreed that Morteheo Car Park should be put forward for consideration.

**Water Fountain** – it was agreed to look again at the costs involved in the provision of a drinking fountain in Woolacombe.

**Honey Farm** - Councillor Wilkinson reported that he had attended a planning meeting at the site and that the submission will be for the demolition of the existing building and the replacement with a new dwelling on a similar footprint. Many of the trees have TPO's and apart from husbandry will remain. Also in attendance were Mary Pool, Mike Kelly, Peregrine Mears and the applicants.

**176/2020 Questions for the National Trust**

**Community Fruit Trees** – it was agreed to talk to the National Trust for advice on species and location.

**177/2020 Correspondence: i) Request for Bus Shelter Woolacombe Station Road** – Councillor Davis confirmed that there had been no objections from Highways regarding the location and that investigations were taking place into the possible acquisition of a free shelter or second hand shelter. The costs for installation, maintenance and insurance would be met by the Parish Council

ii) **Letter of thanks from W & M Luncheon Club** - *contents noted*

iii) **Request from Mrs R Zeale Re: Planning Application for the Tramper Shed and Christmas Gift Evening** - *Members agreed to pay for the planning application for the shed to store the Tramper and beach wheel chair.*

**Christmas Gift Evening** - *Members agreed to Mrs Zeal's request to hold a socially distanced Christmas Gift evening using both the T.I.C. and the Council Chamber with strict limits on numbers in both rooms. (Date to be decided)*

iv) **Letter of thanks from Mrs V Drew** – *contents noted.*

#### **178/2020 Matters Arising From the Minutes**

**Outside Lighting in North Morte Road** - a complaint was registered and acknowledged by NDC. Environmental Health Office.

**Street Lights in Morteheo** - a number of lights in central Morteheo were reported as not working. These have now been repaired.

**Solar Scheme** – a register of interest was lodged.

**North Devon Marathon** - a congratulatory letter was sent on behalf of the Council to the organisers.

**Skateboard Ramp Community Councillor Grant** - has been submitted.

**HSBC** – a security Review is due to take place with the bank on Friday 16<sup>th</sup>

**Rubbish Collection for Holiday Properties – N.D.C.** have agreed to look into the problems caused by the increasing volumes of recycling and rubbish put out in the streets prior to the agreed collection days.

**World War 2 Remains** - have been covered by the sand. It was agreed to write to Major Woodward to thank him for his advice and help on the matter.

**179/2020 Coronavirus Update** - it was agreed to publicise the County Council advice regarding the virus and provide a link to the interactive map with updates on cases in the U.K.

**Pedestrianisation Scheme** – members thanked all involved in the setting up and eventual removal of the barriers which it was felt had proved highly effectual in aiding social distancing and pedestrian safety in the village centre.

#### **180/2020 Skateboard Ramp Review**

**Costing Update from Councillor Dicker** – members thanked Councillor Dicker and all the volunteers who had helped erect the ramp. Councillor Dicker reported on the success of the ramp which had seen great use since its opening at the end of September. *Members agreed to invite Mr Poulton to submit an invoice for the two days he had worked on the ramp free of charge.*

**Access to the Ramp** - the National Trust have given permission to install paving slabs from the newly created steps to the ramp and also to widen the gravel drainage path at the edge of the football pitch. This could potentially provide a dry surface the full length of the pitch for users of the rather than create a new path at the bank at the top as originally discussed with the Trust. The bank has been cut following a request from the National Trust and the gravel drainage channel sprayed to knock back the weeds.

**Night- time use of the ramp** – it was agreed to seek clarification as to whether there were any insurance conditions regarding the use of the ramp.

**181/2020 High speed Broadband Connection to Morteheo Parish** - members welcomed the news from Devon Communities Together and the presentation given by Airband. They looked forward to seeing the further details as put forward by Airband and for improvements in the very poor services which had limited opportunities and communications in so many parts of the Parish.

**182/2020 Matters Brought Forward with the Consent of the Chairman** - None

**183/2020 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:

Jason Poulton		01/10/2020			Skateramp works	3009.01
Occasional Suppliers		07/10/2020			Gift voucher	112.00
NDDC		06/10/2020			dog waste bins	249.60
Bloom Brothers		05/10/2020			Cemetery	680.00
PLandscape		30/09/2020			grass cutting	528.00
Joan Broxholme		19/10/2020			pavilion cleans	36.00
Odlings Ltd		23/09/2020			planter tablets/ Joyce/ roberts	170.40
Jewson Ltd		22/09/2020			Skate ramp / wood	188.34
Jewson Ltd		18/09/2020			Skate ramp / wood	101.60
Golden Coast Service Station		30/09/2020			oil	6.79
ABW Engineering		30/09/2020			cut back dead cable in overgrowth	52.80
Pete Starbuck		19/10/2020			various maintenance works	658.00
Gordons Windows		19/10/2020			Combesgate Toilet cleans	1620.00
S Hocking		19/10/2020			Salary	1272.92
J Keiff		19/10/2020			Salary	304.97
D Hodges		19/10/2020			Salary	991.46
R Walker		19/10/2020			Salary	921.76
hmrc		19/10/2020			paye month 7	846.02
Occasional Suppliers		19/10/2020			D Pearson - refund	116.00
					<b>Grand Totals:</b>	<b>11865.67</b>

**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: November 16<sup>th</sup> 2020 Parish Council Finance Meeting at 6.30  
followed by the Parish Council Meeting at 7.00 p.m.**

**The meeting ended at 21.43**