

Minutes of the meeting of Morteheo Parish Council held via Microsoft Teams on Monday 21st December 2020 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Members; D Duffield, (Chairman) D Barron, S Woodman M Wilkinson, O. Bell and J Dicker.

Clerks: S Hocking and J Keiff

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Also Present: A Davis (D.C.C.) , Airband Representatives: Mr T Watkins; Mr B Holland and Mr C Leworthy and 7 members of the public

Apologies for absence: Councillors Richards and Ley. P South (National Trust)

214/2020 Guest Speaker Tony Watkins, Benjamin Holland and S Leworthy – Woolacombe Rise – Mr Watkins outlined the actions taken at Woolacombe Rise following the installation and subsequent removal of the two telegraph posts. He stated that alternative underground services would be investigated although this would probably require the digging up of the road and pavement areas.

Petition – the clerk informed members of the petition received from householders on the road stating widespread objections to the re-erection of any poles for the delivery of any subsequent services from Airband.

Airband Installations - Mr Holland informed members that cabling would be installed direct to houses in other parts of the Parish wherever possible using existing infrastructure and that details of further proposals would be provided to the Council and interested parties.

Speed - members and members of the public queried the proposed speed of services to be provided and potential costs.

Competition – clarification was sought as to whether other competitors would have access to the infrastructure

A.O.N.B. – members congratulated Mr Watkins and team for their efforts to mitigate following the problems seen at Woolacombe Rise and hoped that the company would work with the community and keep all interested parties up to date with future plans.

215/2020 Public Speaking –

There were no representations to speak.

216/2020 Police Report - Crime Report for Morteheo/Woolacombe & Westdown, Includes Mullacott & Bittadon.

Violence with Injury 2	Violence without Injury 5	Sexual Offences 1
Criminal Damage 2	Public order offences 2	Trafficking of Drugs 1
Non-Notifiable Offences 3	Total 16	

Following a request for more information, it was confirmed that three crimes generated from a single Covid job in the Woolacombe area (people breaking lockdown rules) and the majority of the others were spread around, including a couple at Mullacott cross Ind' Est' and some at West Down.

217/2020 Declaration of Interests – Planning Application 72493-Councillor Bell declared an interest as a resident in a nearby property.

218/2020 Minutes:

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220/2020 County Council Report – .

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/>

Mass vaccination programme

The national COVID-19 mass vaccination programme has commenced last week. The focus of initial vaccination will be in staff and residents in care homes and those over 80 years of age. A significant amount of work is taking place locally across the system to co-ordinate activity and ensure coverage across the county and that there is an awareness how and when people can access the vaccine.

The Exeter Nightingale received its first COVID-19

Since the beginning of July, the Nightingale Hospital Exeter has been providing local people with fast and safe access to a range of important diagnostic tests. These additional services will now stop at the Nightingale facility to allow the hospital to care for COVID-19 patients. Diagnostic tests will continue to be available to those who need them through existing diagnostic services across the region.

The 116 bed hospital is designed to provide care for patients with COVID-19 and can support both ventilated and non-ventilated care. Patients with COVID-19 who need the additional services available within an acute hospital will be cared for there.

Safeguarding adult update

[Devon Safeguarding Adults Partnership](#) (DSAP) has launched an adult abuse public facing [awareness campaign](#) with the primary aim to increase the level of public awareness of adult abuse and how to recognise the signs. Between November 2018 - February 2019 only 7% of concerns were reports by non-professionals such as family, friends and neighbours indicating a lack of public awareness. There is a real need to generate awareness around these issues and to encourage reporting. The campaign will run until Christmas.

Team Devon Local Engagement Board (Covid related committee) update

The key messages from the recent meeting are:

Act now, take extra care and follow all national lockdown guidelines;

The cases continue to rise in Devon across all age groups and all areas, particularly working age population;

Concerns about increase in older age groups, cases in Care Homes and the impact on vulnerable and elderly;

Few deaths reported to date but this was expected to rise as more people were requiring hospital treatment, putting local hospitals under pressure

Local response of people and businesses continued to be good

University outbreak handled well and related numbers in Exeter had fallen; and

The local situation continued to be monitored based on good local data and local intelligence.

Call for evidence seeks views and evidence from all those with an interest in rural transport.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/future-of-transport-rural-strategy-call-for-evidence>

the government published the [Future of mobility: urban strategy](#), in March 2019, the Department for Transport are now seeking views and evidence on what could be incorporated into a Future of Transport: rural strategy. There are three sections in the consultation document:

- the context of the Future of Transport: rural strategy
- our assessment of the mobility trends in rural areas, and the emerging opportunities for rural environments that we're witnessing in transport innovation – this section seeks views on whether we have identified these correctly and further evidence for these trends
- consideration of the approach that the government could take to help shape these opportunities to benefit rural areas

This consultation is part of the [Future of Transport programme](#), which aims to shape transport innovation and secure the UK's position as a leader in the transport sector of the future.

Schools - As you know schools have been fully open since the autumn term started. Teachers and staff have done an amazing job in organising their school, round the COVID 19 guidance and restrictions. COVID 19 cases were low to start with, but since the return to school after half term cases have risen. Last week we had over 2600 children self-isolating and over 400 teachers. This has put a real strain on schools, but most have remained open.

Schools are experiencing extra costs, including:

- 1, Supply teachers
- 2, Heating and Water (following COVID 19 guidance)
- 3, Extra cleaning and support staff
- 4, For Special Schools especially, extra PPE costs

221/2020 Planning

72191 Conversion of integral garage to form habitable room & ensuite shower at Summerhouse 18 Tarka Lane Woolacombe Devon EX34 7AT

Members queried whether the increased parking was sufficient for the additional accommodation provided. *Proposed APPROVAL. Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY*

72401 Extension to first & second floor flats & creation of balcony at Flat 2 & 3 Bentley Court Bay View Road Woolacombe Devon EX34 7DQ

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

72451 Erection of dwelling at Heather Haven, Bay View Road Woolacombe Devon EX34 7DQ

Members expressed support for this application and the reduction in size of the proposed building compared to the previous application for the site. Members felt that the modest proposal for a home met the demand for local need housing *Proposed APPROVAL. Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY*

72468 Single storey rear extension at Cobblestone Cottage Mortehoe Woolacombe Devon EX34 7DU

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

**72493 Retention of temporary accommodation for use as a
ancillary accommodation/holiday unit at Rockham Lodge
North Morte Road Morteheo Woolacombe EX34 7EG**

Members queried the description contained in the application regarding the present status of this building. They felt that it should not come under stated permitted development rights as it provided separate accommodation to the main building. Members felt that a full planning application should have been submitted for a substantial building of this size. Members also felt that the existing infrastructure and the use of North Morte Road was inadequate for more holiday accommodation. *Proposed REFUSAL. Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY*

**72487 Demolition of existing dwelling (No. 2) & erection of detached
dwelling with garage. Adjoining property (No. 3) to be re-roofed at
2 Seymour Bungalows Sandy Lane Woolacombe Devon EX34 7AR**

Members deferred their decision until December 28th 2020.

**Meeting 28th December held at 9.30 via Microsoft Teams (Present: Councillors Duffield;
Woodman; Dicker and Cook)**

Members requested that the planning office took note of the overall size of the development and height of roof in comparison with neighbouring properties. *Proposed APPROVAL. Seconded PASSED UNANIMOUSLY*

**72545 Extension and Refurbishment together with part change of use
from restaurant/cafe (use Class A3) to dwelling (Use Class C3) at 3
The Crescent Morteheo Woolacombe Devon EX34 7DX**

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

**72565 Extension to dwelling at 19A Chichester Park Woolacombe Devon
EX34 7BZ**

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

**72555 Siting of mobile home for holiday use and ancillary works
including levelling of the site, installation of septic tank, two hot
tubs and shed for hot water tank and erection of fence
(retrospective) at Highlands Woolacombe Station Road
Woolacombe Devon EX34 7AW**

Members felt that the proposals still presented the potential for noise nuisance and that adequate screening for the hot tubs should be provided. Members felt that access onto the highway presented concerns.

Proposed REFUSAL. Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Planning Permission Received:

Planning Refusal Received:

Road Closure: Notification of Road Closure – Work Ref: LM213MB8553467
Sandy Lane, Woolacombe Road Closure to complete SWW Utility works outside
Gilmoss on Sandy Lane, Woolacombe.
Date:23.03.2021 to 29.03.2021

222/2020 District Council Report

Rockham Steps - Councillor Wilkinson informed members that potential funding sources were being investigated for the reestablishment of future steps. These included the Coastal Issues Group, The European Development fund or the Coastal Communities fund.

West Down Building Development 106 funding - Councillor Wilkinson informed members that N.D.C. had recently voted unanimously to seek the full amount of 106 funding as agreed with Acorn Developments. The company had immediately gone into liquidation and a new company Acorn Homes had been formed.

Bathing Water Classification - owing to the problems caused by Covid 19, it had recently been announced that no classification would be designated this year.

223/2020 Questions for the National Trust – members thanked the local team for their help throughout the year and most recently for their help in clearing the area next to the T.IC. in preparation for the new shed to house the tramper and wheel chairs.

224/2020 Correspondence i) Consultation on Devon Carbon Plan – *members fully supported the aims of the new plan and agreed to look at more of the details within the plan for discussion at a further meeting.*

ii) Email from R Lancaster - *members thanked Mr Lancaster for his suggestion and agreed to look at the matter further for the next meeting.*

225/2020 Register of Outstanding Matters/ Matters Arising from the Minutes

Community Orchard Grant – a grant application for £300 has been submitted for the planting of 17 Devon varieties of Apple trees and 2 Crab Apples in the Allotment site in Woolacombe. This was carried out with the involvement of the National Trust and allotment holders. Additional costs for tree protection measures will need to be met by from other sources.

Woodland Trust – are offering free trees to communities for other schemes via Devon Association of Parish Councils.

Village Sign – work has been completed on the sign. Thanks are due to the Lethbridge family and to the National Trust who have provided more stone for the project.

Cemetery – a complaint has been received regarding the damage caused in the cemetery by a badger. Remedial work will be carried out on the graves effected and the badger deterred by the erection of a fence on top of the cemetery wall and the spreading of Jayes Fluid.

Combesgate Toilets - a water bill for over £700 has been received for the facility. Checks have been made since to ensure that there are no leaks at the toilets. The facility has been used more this year and Mr Hill has found taps running on his twice daily cleaning sessions. It may be prudent to install percussion taps at the toilets to prevent this happening next year.

Rubbish Collection - having received a large bill for the emptying of our trade waste container the number of stated collections was queried and the schedule reduced in winter months. This has resulted in a saving of over £300.

Shed for the Tramper and Wheel Chairs – the area at the side of the TIC has been cleared by the National Trust and the planning application submitted.

Skateboard Ramp Path - it has not been possible yet to obtain the 3 estimates for the work

226/2020 Planning Consultation on Government White Paper- Planning for the Future Letter from Mrs G Walker - *Members thanked Mrs Walker for her interest in the matter and fully supported her views on the matter.*
A.O.N.B. Formal Response – Members repeated many of the comments made in the paper.

227/2020 Letter from Mr K Miles N.D.C. Re Public Toilet Provision in Morteohoe Parish - *Members regretted that the Council were not in a position to take over any more of the facilities within the Parish.*

228/2020 Broadband Provision in Morteohoe Parish see item

229/2020 Audit Report – External auditor report 2019/20

“Except for the matters reported below, on the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

The smaller authority has submitted its AGAR and supporting documentation prior to 30 November 2020; however, we have not been able to complete our review work in time to enable to smaller authority to publish the required documentation in line with statutory requirements. Once we have completed our review a final report will be provided with the certificate of completion detailing any qualifications and ‘other’ matters.

Members thanked the Responsible Finance Office and Internal Auditor for their work in the preparation of the audit documents.

Members also pointed out that an internal auditor would be required for 2021 following the retirement of Mrs Drew

230/2020 Matters Brought Forward with the Consent of the Chairman Coastal Path Woolacombe – members drew attention to the continuing cliff fall at sections of the path on the seafront in Woolacombe and the clerk was asked to contact the County Footpath Officer for an inspection and discussion on possible actions.
Willingcott Valley Planning Application 72323 – Councillor Wilkinson agreed to raise some of the concerns raised in the planning consultation responses.

231/2020 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 at the meeting:

Adam's Apples	322.60
Bloom Brothers	1340.00
Bloom Brothers	40.00
EDF	79.33
GJ Hookaway	276.00
Green-tech	181.76
Jewson Ltd	14.28
Jewson Ltd	53.32
NDDC	471.47

Pete Starbuck	784.00
PKF Littlejohn Audit	480.00
PLandscape	78.00
Play Inspection	330.00
Ricoh UK	109.63
S & B Services Ltd	108.00
Simpsons Excavating	398.15
SWW	731.79
SWW	52.89
SWW	106.49
T & T Turf Mole removal	90.00
Taw Valley Conservation	555.00
S. Hocking	1272.72
J. Keiff	244.29
Hmrc month 9 paye	335.30

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: January 18th 2021 Parish Council 7.00 p.m.

The meeting ended at 9.15 p.m.