

**Minutes of the meeting of Morteohoe Parish Council held in the Council Chamber, The Esplanade, Woolacombe, on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 7.00 p.m.**

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

**Clerks: S Hocking and J Keiff**

**Also Present: Councillor A Davis and 2 members of the public.**

**245/2019 Apologies for absence: Councillors: P.C.S.O. Grantham**

**246/2019 Public Speaking – Mr S Nolan and Mr R Lancaster Re: Water Fun Park at the Golden Coast Holiday Park -** Mr Nolan explained to members the salient points of the forthcoming plans for the new water park and the increased capacity of the attraction for visitors to the holiday park. The facilities would also be open to local residents and families. *Members thanked Mr Nolan and Mr Lancaster for coming to the meeting and the investment in this area.*

**247/2019 Guest Speaker – Mr John Gething Lead Member for Georgeham Parish Council on Climate Change -** Mr Gething informed members about the discussions and public meeting that had taken place in Georgeham on the subject and invited members of Morteohoe Parish Council to become involved in a number of schemes. He hoped that Morteohoe and Georgeham might be able to work together on projects. Georgeham community were looking at various measures such as food, wildlife, energy, transport plastic-free and housing. *Members expressed support for the scheme and asked a number of questions regarding the target of net-zero carbon by 2030. They thanked Mr Gething for coming to the meeting.*

**248/2019 Police Report -**

**Crime Figures for Morteohoe/Woolacombe & Westdown, Includes Mullacott & Bittadon.** Violence with Injury 1 ; Burglary Non-Dwelling 1; Other Theft 1; Criminal Damage1 **Total 4**

**231/2019 Declaration of Interests – None**

**249/2019 Minutes:**

*It was Proposed to APPROVE* as a correct record and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Finance meeting held on November 18<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 6.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber. **Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**250/2019 County Council Report -**

**Free Trees- two schemes from DCC -** Councillor Davis informed members that the County Council has teamed up with the Woodland Trust and the Devon Ash Dieback Resilience Forum to encourage communities and landowners to plant more trees.

Ten trees were planted in the grounds of County Hall last week by pupils from St Leonard's Primary School and members of the Devon Youth Parliament as the Council marked National Tree Week and joined the Woodland Trust's Big Climate Fight back. It was also an opportunity to launch the new schemes. Devon County Council, in association with the UK's leading woodland conservation

charity the Woodland Trust, is offering a limited number of packs of 45 sapling trees to give away to landowners who may be interested in establishing a small copse or planting-up a field corner. The packs contain a mix of native oak, rowan and birch – 15 of each. Spiral guards and canes are provided to protect against damage and planting instructions are also included.

Stocks are limited this winter, so those interested should apply early. However, future extension of the scheme should ensure opportunity for all to participate. Applications need to be made online via the Devon Ash Dieback website by Monday 6 January 2020 and applicants will be notified if they have been successful before the end of January. Planting must be carried out by Easter 2020.

A limited offer is also being made to Town and Parish Councils that may be interested in a commemorative planting of ‘landmark trees’ in prominent and accessible locations. This is to encourage community awareness of the vital role of tree planting in tackling environmental threats, particularly climate change, but also the huge loss of native ash trees through ash dieback.

Devon County Council, in association with Perrie Hale Nursery near Honiton, is offering a maximum of two trees per parish or town council. Communities can register their interest by emailing [nature@devon.gov.uk](mailto:nature@devon.gov.uk) stating name, parish/town council, contact details and- if you already know– a description of where you’d like to plant the tree.

**Devon County Council seeking views on 5G as part of spotlight review** - The County Council’s Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee is investigating 5G as part of a spotlight review .Devon County Council has no current plans to make use of 5G in its ICT and is not involved with planning applications for mobile infrastructure, it is running an investigation in response to local concern and wants to hear from people to help inform its findings.

An online questionnaire is now available, inviting members of the public to express their views and asking what evidence or information people feel the County Council should consider in reviewing the technology.It also asks how informed people feel about the technology and if they feel enough awareness has been raised about the use of 5G.

We want to hear from as many people as possible across Devon regarding 5G technology. The information shared will be used in our Councillor-led spotlight review. While Scrutiny can only make recommendations, this work is planned to help to inform Council policy on 5G technology. This is your opportunity to let our review know your thoughts and what you feel Devon County Council might do to address any concerns you have.

Anyone who fills in the questionnaire will have the opportunity to be invited to take part in a discussion with the scrutiny group at a later date. Feedback must be submitted by New Years day, Wednesday 1st January. Anyone who fills in the questionnaire will have the opportunity to be invited to take part in a discussion with the scrutiny group at a later date.If residents are able to access the internet you can write to: Scrutiny Team, County Hall, Exeter, EX2 4QD.

**A399 Road Closure** - The road is on track to open on the 23rd December but if the weather doesn’t hold things up then it may be open on the 20th December.

**Muddiford Road** - will be closed from 20<sup>th</sup> January.

**D.C.C. Climate Action Plan** - Councillor Davis informed members of the forthcoming plan which would coordinate actions taken across the County with an invitation for individual Parish to participate.

**Road Sign** – at the Fortescue has been ordered.

## **251/2019 Planning**

**Planning Permission Received: None**

**Planning Refusal Received: None**

**Planning Inspectorate Appeal Notice: Europa Park, Woolacombe Station Road, Woolacombe EX34 7AN**

**Description of Development: Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed use as a caravan site**

**Application Reference: 65591 Appellant's Name: Tranquility Parks Ltd**

**Appeal Reference: APP/X1118/X/18/3231022**

Members fully supported the decision of the local authority planning officers and condemned the changes at the site which had taken place without permission in recent months. These included:

1. **Entrance** - the building of the entrance wall which it was felt was incongruous and out of character with any existing landscape feature in the area.
2. **Changes to the road** - The widening of the entrance road.
3. **Screening** - The removal of previous screening and banks making the placement of mobile homes more visible in the landscape.
4. **Siting of New Units** - It was felt that the placement and proximity of units within the site in prominent locations was detrimental to the North Devon Area of Outstanding Beauty.
5. **New Signs** The large signage for the site which is out of character for the area and misleading as the area has always been considered as a camp site.

Members were concerned that all normal planning procedures and the guidance given within the local plan had been ignored in the many changes and developments which had taken place at the site without permission. They agreed to hold a separate meeting to discuss the final submission to the Planning Inspectorate.

<b>Site Address:</b>	<b>Chalet 1, Europa Park, Woolacombe Station Road, Woolacombe EX34 7AN</b>
<b>Alleged Breach:</b>	<b>Breach of Condition 2 of Planning Permission 26875 which provides that the chalet shall be occupied for holiday accommodation only and not for permanent residential accommodation.</b>
<b>Appellant's Name:</b>	<b>Mrs Rosemary Ann Facey</b>
<b>Appeal Reference:</b>	<b>APP/X1118/C/19/3229443</b>

<b>Site Address:</b>	<b>Chalet 19, Europa Park, Woolacombe Station Road, Woolacombe EX34 7AN</b>
<b>Alleged Breach:</b>	<b>Breach of Condition 2 of Planning Permission 26875 which provides that the chalet shall be occupied for holiday accommodation only and not for permanent residential accommodation</b>

<b>Appeal date: 15<sup>th</sup> Nov.</b>	
<b>Appellant's name:</b>	<b>Ms Helena Duignan</b>
<b>Appeal references:</b>	<b>APP/X1118/C/19/3234179</b>
<b>Appeal start date:</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> November 2019</b>

Member made no comments regarding these 2 appeals.

## **252/2019 District Council Report**

**Willingcott Planning Application 70366 and Sunnyside Road 70438** - Councillor Wilkinson reported on the planning committee meeting and decision to pass both applications with additional conditions being placed on the Willingcott Development to include additional signage at Spreacombe and Bradwell Land to prevent access to the site.

**Sunnyside House 70438** - was passed with the condition of the incorporation of a wildlife green roof to the building to mitigate visual impact.

**Year Of The English Coast 2021** - Councillor Wilkinson reported on the publication of the document to launch plans for this initiative.

**Challenge to Devon and Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority Decision** - Councillor Wilkinson informed members of the joint initiative from several Parish and Town Councils across North Devon and Somerset to challenge the Fire Authority by launching a Judicial Review if they decide to savagely cut services at their decision on the 10<sup>th</sup> January.

## **253/2019 Questions for the National Trust - None**

**254/2019 Correspondence i) Letter from G Pollington – Re: Street Lighting** – *members felt that as the lights had been installed by the local authority many decades ago, the Parish should not take over the responsibility for their continued use. They noted the clause in the 2011 Street Lighting Policy which states that: “Where the Authority has provided street lighting, there is a duty to maintain these lights” The clerk was asked to investigate further.*

**ii) Invitation from North Devpm A.O.N.B. to participate in Tree Planting Scheme.** *Members agreed to participate in this scheme*

**iii) Update from Mr M Wills Re: Woolacombe Medical Centre** – *It was agreed to invite Mr Wills to an informal meeting with the Council to discuss future plans for the building.*

## **255/2019 Register of Outstanding Matters**

**Recycling Award Nominations** – the nomination for Dr Brennan and Ms Eveleigh has been accepted by D.C.C.

**Fire Station Visit** – The Chairman, Councillors Cook Barron are due to visit the Fire Station on December 11<sup>th</sup> to meet Fire Officer Grahame Rooke. A number of issues had been discussed prior to the Fire Authority Meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup>. These included:

**Changes to Contracts** – these included alterations to contracts to try and boost the numbers of retained officers and combined limited crews from more than one station to attend an incident. These proposals are currently being discussed with the Fire Brigade Unions.

**Combined Coast Guard/ Fire Station** - in view of the current problems with the coast guard station, it was suggested that discussions take place to see if there was a possibility of a shared station which may also prove a way of increasing the number of retained fire crews.

## **256/2019 Climate Change Emergency -**

**D.C.C. Free Trees Scheme** – the clerk reported that an application for the pack of 45 trees had been submitted and an invitation extended to Mr Fairhurst in for a meeting regarding possible locations. He has agreed that there is room for more trees in the lower part of the Meadow. (Probably about 10 of the 1<sup>st</sup> World War Memorial Trees have not survived).

**Climate Change Emergency** – members agreed to team up with Georgeham Parish Council. It was also agreed to study the declaration signed by Georgeham Parish Council to discuss the wording and future adoption by the council. It was also agreed to study the North Devon Council plan and the Devon County Council plan when published.

**257/2019 Community Housing in Morteheo** - members were pleased with the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> November and agreed to hold the next meeting on January 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Council Chamber.

**258/2019 Parking Issues Woolacombe and Morteheo -**

**Freedom of Information Request** - 1. The clerk confirmed that the D.C.C. had informed the Council following information:

1. That the number of permits sold this year for the Residential Parking Scheme in Woolacombe South Street, Arlington Place, Arlington Road, Rosalie Terrace, Bank Terrace and The Grove is 114

2. **The number of private residential permits and the number of business permits issued this year?** - 110 residential (including visitor permit books and essential visitor permits), and four business permits.

3. **How much the revenue was from the parking meters situated on the Esplanade in**

**Woolacombe this year?** - The pay and display charges in Woolacombe are seasonal (1<sup>st</sup> April to 30 September). Total revenue for 2019 is £225,467.

The clerk was asked to enquire how many places are available? Which street they are located and whether there are any limits per property?

**259/2019 Matters Brought Forward with the Consent of the Chairman**

**Potholes** - the clerk was asked to report potholes on Beach. West and Station road.

**Goal Posts** – the clerk was asked to investigate the possibility of grants for the purchase of the posts.

**Meadow Pavilion** – 3 C.C.T.V cameras had been purchased for installation around the building

**260/2019 Cheques and payments for approval and Signature.**

17	Nagels	2,409.60
17	S Hocking	1,263.64
17	K Ash	1,175.80
17	PLandscape	670.97
17	Jewsons	496.85
17	HMRC	458.32
17	J Keiff	244.29
17	EDF Energy	135.14
17	St John's GC	75.50
17	Fircroft Signs	72.00

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> 2019 Parish Council 7.00 p.m.**

The meeting ended at 9 p.m.