

Minutes of the meeting of Mortehoe Parish Council held via Microsoft Teams on Monday 15th March 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

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

Clerks: S Hocking and J Keiff

Also Present: A Davis (D.C.C.) and 3 members of the public

Apologies for absence: Councillors Richards; Councillor Ley and Councillor Dicker

40/2021 Public Speaking A Green : Re Removal of Power Lines – Mr Green informed members that 70 of the 84 properties involved had now signed up in support of the removal of the power lines and potential removal of 22 poles in the Chapel Hill, Upper and Lower Clay Park Road area . Provision funding has been secured from Western Power and the North Devon A.O.N.B are fully behind the project. Negotiations continue with Open Reach and B.T. regarding the undergrounding of phone lines. Mr Green asked for suggestions as to possible alternative sources of funding for the project. It was suggested that Mr Barrow from D.C.C. might be able to advise.
Mr P Bacon Re: Airband – Mr Bacon asked members if there had been any recent updates from ‘Airband’ *Members observed that Airband were still working in the locality.*

41/2021 Police Report Mortehoe/Woolacombe & Westdown, Includes Mullacott & Bittadon Burglary Non-Dwelling 1 Non-Notifiable Offences 1 Total: 2

42/2021 Declaration of Interests:

Planning Application 72254 Brae House - Councillor Cook declared an interest as adjoining property owner.

Planning Application 72861 The Jube – Councillor Woodman declared an interest in this application.

Planning Application 73003 Willingcott – Councillor Woodman declared an interest in this application as owner of a property within the complex.

43/2021 Minutes:

It was Proposed to APPROVE as a correct record and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on February 15th 2021 at 7.00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

44/2021 County Council Report

Lynton Cross - For many years I have been campaigning for improvements to Lynton Cross, it is with great pleasure that this has at long last paid off.

Government funding has been confirmed for a £2.2 million road safety scheme on the A3123 in North Devon. Devon County Council introduced a series of safety measures at Berry Down Cross and Hore Down Gate on the A3123 last year – including a 40mph speed limit, new advance warning signs, solar-powered road studs, and high friction surfacing.

Safer Roads Funding - has been received from the Department for Transport, design can be finalised on the remaining elements of the improvements earmarked for the road at the other known collision cluster site on the route – Lynton Cross.

Lynton Cross - As part of the improvement scheme, a four-arm rural roundabout will be constructed at Lynton Cross, and works will also be carried out to the centre white lines along the entire A3123 to bring them in line with current standards.

North Devon Link Road. - I had the pleasure of turf cutting as Devon County Council's Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Development, to mark the start of the A361 improvements between South Molton and Portmore roundabout at Barnstaple.

Contractor [Alun Griffiths](#) will be carrying out the work to widen sections of the road in order to provide better and safer overtaking opportunities and improve journey time reliability.

Eight junctions will also be upgraded to improve safety, and facilities for pedestrians and cyclists will be introduced with new segregated pedestrian/cycle crossings of the road at Bishops Tawton and at Landkey Junction. Work is initially starting in a number of locations which will be widened along the link road and temporary traffic lights will be in place for the first few weeks while both sides of the carriageway are cleared on these stretches.

Once these work sites are established, two-way traffic flow will be maintained but a 40mph limit will be introduced to protect the workforce and members of the public.

The scheme, which is due to be completed by the end of 2023, is expected to boost the local economy and it will also accelerate plans for 6,700 new homes in the region.

Every effort will be made to minimise traffic delays but unfortunately it will be unavoidable while this work is carried out. However, the long-term benefits will outweigh the short-term disruption.

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

- **Work is continuing across the county at pace to deliver the local mass vaccination programme. The CCG is producing [regular vaccination briefing notes](#) and I shall endeavour to circulate these as they are published. People aged 70 and over and the clinically extremely vulnerable have begun to [receive invitations for vaccinations](#) as of the 18 January, alongside frontline Health and Care staff and the over 80s who were the initial priority groups.**
- **With so much going on and at such pace it can be hard to keep track with developments. To date there are three main ways the vaccine is being delivered in Devon:**
 - **All four of the county's main hospitals – in Plymouth, Exeter, Torquay and Barnstaple – are giving the vaccination to priority groups in line with national guidance**
 - **GP practices are working together in groups to set up local vaccination centres. Across the county, 20 centres are now in operation, serving all 123 of Devon's GP practices**
 - **GP-led facilities are delivering the vaccine to residents and staff in care homes.**

Barnstaple Community Testing Centre - The Test centre is in the car park at Barnstaple's Taw View, Civic Centre, on North Walk road, and will be open 9am to 5pm, seven days a week, with extended hours 7am to 7pm on Mondays and Thursdays.

It provides lateral flow tests for anyone who leaves the house to work or volunteer, and who comes into contact with others.

The purpose of community testing is to identify people likely to have the virus, so that those testing negative can continue their day while still following public health rules. Anyone testing positive is instructed to go home and self-isolate. The tests are for people who may not know they are carrying the virus. One in three people with coronavirus do not show any symptoms and could be going about their day passing it to others unknowingly. People who can't work from home and who are in contact with others regularly are encouraged to take these quick tests twice a week to prevent the potential spread of the virus. The results are back with you within the hour. If you test positive, you'll be asked to self-isolate for ten days. If you're negative, you can continue your day while still adhering to public health rules – keep your social distance, wear a face covering when indoors in a public space, and wash your hands regularly.

Community Testing Centres - are for people who are not showing any symptoms and who aren't already accessing regular testing, through their employer for example. To book a rapid test and to find out more about Community Testing in Devon, visit devon.cc/testing

Testing Centre in Woolacombe – it was confirmed that a testing centre would be set up in Woolacombe in due course.

Levelling Up Fund -

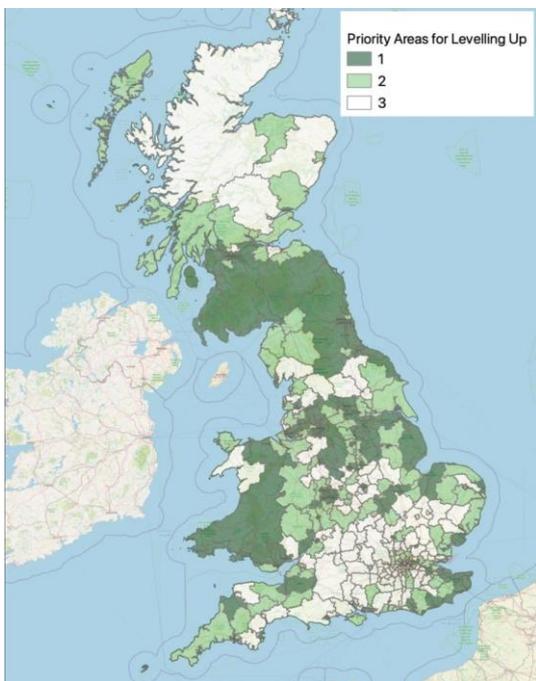
We have heard a lot about the Governments levelling up agenda – the promise to redress the balance from the concentration of wealth generation in the South-East.

The budget confirmed the first tranche of funding of around £165m and a call for bids, at the same time a list of local authorities across the United Kingdom each allocated to one of 3 levels - with level 1 being the priority and most likely to be successful in obtaining funding.

We were all disappointed and rather baffled to find North Devon was placed in tier 3.

We are still awaiting sight of the criteria against which the government has used for this decision but we are lobbying hard our MP all who shares the bafflement. A large amount of evidence has been put together showing the negative impact on North Devon's economy due to Covid by both North Devon and Devon County Councils, with a particularly worrying prediction for the communities on the coast (from Ilfracombe through to Lynton). Torridge & West Devon appear in tier 1 and would be in a good place to obtain funding. As North Devon and Torridge are one economy this is even more unfathomable.

Implications for Tarka Trail - the planned extension to the cycle path may be delayed



Map of Priority Areas for Levelling Up

Devon Recycling Centres are still open, with restrictions. - Our recycling centres are still open, they are very busy, although the resale areas within them are closed. The national lockdown advice right now is for us to stay at home as much as possible and only to make journeys out of the house for essential reasons only.

Therefore, we are encouraging you to think about how you can reduce the amount of waste you create.

- Try to postpone projects at home that produce waste that would normally require you to make journeys to recycling centres
- If you do produce waste that you would normally dispose of at a recycling centre, can you temporarily store it at home safely instead, until we're out of the current lockdown restrictions
- Remember that garden waste and other recyclable material can be removed as part of your usual curb side collections

If you make a visit to the recycling centre, please expect them to be operating differently during this lockdown period.

Restrictions are in place, including social distancing, which may lead to queues. If queues do start forming, we may need to restrict vehicles from joining the queues towards the end of the day and if queues become a safety hazard on the public highway, we may need to temporarily close the site.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/document/waste-disposal-and-recycling/>

Devon's Resource & Waste Management Strategy - Residents and businesses are invited to have their say on the draft Resource and Waste Management Strategy for Devon and Torbay. The Public Consultation runs from Wednesday 3 March to Wednesday 14 April, and the responses will help shape how Local Authority Collected Waste is managed in Devon up to 2030.

The new document will present how the 10 councils responsible for waste collection or disposal in Devon, will continue to work with residents to try to reduce the amount of household waste created and continue to ensure that waste is managed in a sustainable and cost-efficient manner.

The last review of Devon's Resource & Waste Management Strategy was in 2013, and since then there has been a range of developments which impact on waste management services.

These include changes in national waste policy with the publication of the Government's Resource and Waste Management Strategy in 2018 as well as other waste consultations around a consistent waste collection service, deposit return scheme for drinks containers and an extended producer responsibility scheme for packaging materials. Other impacts include climate change and Brexit.

Consultees are invited to read the draft strategy and then respond to a series of questions on subjects including reducing carbon emissions, food waste, reducing waste, increasing recycling and reuse.

The consultation responses will then be reviewed, and an amended strategy will be presented for final approval to the Devon Authorities Strategic Waste Committee (DASWC) and individual councils this summer, with the intention to publish the final strategy at the end of the year.

The focus is on waste prevention, reuse and recycling as well as reducing the carbon impact of waste management.

By working together closely and sharing resources Devon's authorities achieved a recycling rate of 56.6 per cent (2019/20) maintaining our position near the top of the English recycling league. However, there are ever more challenging targets to be met and this strategy describes the way in which local authorities within Devon and Torbay will manage resources and waste we are responsible for over the next decade and to set out our policies and targets.

The strategy and to give your views here [using the online questionnaire](#). If you would like further information, please email: waste@devon.gov.uk

If you need guidance or an alternative format, email waste@devon.gov.uk with details of any preferred format and the assistive technology you use.

Free online event to support hospitality and tourism sector - [Devon Communities Together](#) has organised the "Surviving and Thriving in Devon's Tourism and Hospitality Sector" event on Friday 19 March in partnership with Devon County Council.

The webinar, from 11:30am-1pm, is specifically designed for those in the sector but those in the supply chain, aligned with the industry, or considering diversification, are very welcome to attend.

Four speakers from hospitality and tourism businesses in Devon will reflect on the pandemic as well as looking at growth, diversification, taking time for wellbeing, and finding hope for the future.

They are Rick Turner from The Big Sheep, James Parkinson from The Duck village pub in Yeoford, Jill Taylor from Southview Lodges in Shillingford St George, and Sally Everton from Visit Devon.

To book a free space at the online event on Friday 19 March please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/surviving-and-thriving-in-devons-tourism-and-hospitality-sector-tickets-142516361273>

Overnight Road closure A399 - 22-24th March from Aller Cross to Ilfracombe for stud maintenance. 7pm-7am.

45/2021 Planning

72868 Change of use of retail shop/surf hire to a takeaway serving hot and cold food and drinks (sui generis)

at The Red Barn Barton Road Woolacombe, Devon. EX34 7DF

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

(Councillor Woodman declared an interest in this application and did not take part in voting)

72861 Erection of transparent roof over existing patio area

at The Jube South Street Woolacombe Devon EX34 7BB

Members had no objections to this application but asked for clarification that the existing licensing conditions would apply to the outside area with activities and the playing of music restricted to 11 p.m. . **Proposed APPROVAL .Seconded PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(Councillor Cook declared an interest in this application and did not take part in voting)

72754 Retrospective application for the erection of an art studio

at Brae House Beach Road Woolacombe Devon EX34 7AA

Members were concerned at the visual impact of this development and potential for overlooking nearby properties. Members felt that the building was incongruous in its setting and did nothing to blend into the environment of A.O.N.B.

They requested that planning officers conduct a site visit before making any decision on this application.

Proposed REFUSAL . Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

72941 Replace existing balcony with new balcony, cladding and internal alterations

at 16 Chichester Park Woolacombe Devon EX34 7BZ

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

72940 Removal of existing garage and the creation of 3 new car parking spaces along with a Bin Store at

Rock A Nore The Esplanade Woolacombe Devon EX34 7DJ

In view of the prominent siting of this building in the Conservation Area, members requested that, if permission were to be granted, that the rear wall of the parking area should be built in the same local stone and traditional manner to copy the existing wall at the property..

Proposed APPROVAL. Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

**72565 Extension to dwelling (Amended plans)
at 19A Chichester Park Woolacombe.**

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

(Councillor Woodman declared an interest in this application and did not take part in the voting)

**73003 Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission
70366 to allow amendment to plot layouts to take account of site
conditions**

at Willingcott Valley Holiday Village Woolacombe Devon EX34 7HN

Members had no objections to this proposal but asked for clarifications as to whether the planned development work on the Tarka Trail were originally placed in Phase 1 of the project ?

Proposed APPROVAL. Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Planning Permission Received:

72786 Variation of condition 2 to allow use of bungalows from 15 March to 15 January each year (Nos. 1-6 & 21-24) to allow for 12 months holiday occupancy at 23 Fortescue Bungalows Woolacombe Station Road Woolacombe.

72783 Demolition of existing conservatory, erection of extension and decking at 6 Woolacombe Rise Woolacombe Devon.

Planning Refusal Received: None

46/2021 District Council Report

Ilfracombe Southern Extension Consultation - members declined the invitation to become involved in the planning process on the planned development in Ilfracombe.

A.O.N.B Meeting – Councillor Wilkinson reported on his attendance at this meeting which involved discussion on the re-instigation of the steps to Rockham Beach. Alternative routes would also be considered but at present, there was no funding available at present.

Northern Burrows – urgent talks were taking place regarding the coastal erosion on the burrows which, for many years, had acted as the municipal rubbish tip for the area.

West Down - agreement had been reached with the developers regarding the 106 funding for Affordable Housing at the site.

Strategy and Resources – Councillor Wilkinson reported that any decision on a rise in parking charges had been deferred for the time being.

47/2021 Questions for the National Trust

Community Orchard – Members thanked Mr South for his help with the planting of the 20 fruit trees in Woolacombe allotments.

48/2021 Correspondence i) Consultation from Devon County Council on the Draft Resource and Waste Strategy document. *The clerk agreed to act on behalf of the council.*

ii) Letters in response to the Parish Council letter to the Prime Minister – *Members were disappointed that many of the responses seemed to have missed the main points of the letter and concerns regarding the spread of the Corona Virus. The Chairman agreed to write a letter to the founder of the Campra movement.*

iii) Update from A Green Re: Removal of Poles at Chapel Hill, Upper and Lower Clay Park Road – *Members suggested that Mr Green seek advice from Mr Barrow (D.C.C.) regarding funding as it was not possible for local governments to fund such schemes.*

iv) Request from Mr Galliver and Mr Hawkins : Re Permit in Morteohoe Car Park *Members declined the request from Mr Galliver but agreed to that of Mr Hawkins.*

v) Letter from S Oliver Re: Footpath *Members noted Mr Oliver's letter and awaited the opinion of the County Council's footpath officer .*

vi) Invitation from D.A.L.C – the clerk was asked to submit a response on behalf of the Council .

vii) Requests to use the Meadow Sport's Field - members agreed to the continuing use of the Meadow by the present team. It was agreed to invite a representative from the club to discuss the season ahead.

viii) Permitted Development Changes - Councillor Wilkinson drew member's attention to the recent changes to the Planning rules regarding Permitted Development and its possible implications for the Parish.

ix) Tourism Association Membership – it was agreed that the Council would not be renewing their membership of the association as it was felt the organisation was supported in other ways.

49/2021 Register of Outstanding Matters/ Matters Arising from the Minutes

Community Councillor Grant - the new seat has been delivered to Morteohoe Play Area Goal Posts - are in position

Grass Cutting – both play areas and the seafront have had the first cut of the year.

TIC Shed – the ground has been cleared and is ready for the base stones to be laid in preparation for the shed.

Area adjacent to Barricane Beach Entrance – a meeting is expected between Parkins and D.C.C. footpath officer to discuss the best way of fencing off the area owing to the erosion of the cliff by the hut.

Community Orchard – the trees are due to be planted on March 11th

50/2021 Provision of Bus Shelter –

Grant from Devon County – Councillor Davis has agreed to a grant of £2,500 to be put towards the project. The County have advised that the project should be completed as soon as possible.

Contribution from Woolacombe Sands – the owner of the park has agreed to contribute £1,000 towards the scheme and to assist with the ground works for the shelter. *Members were grateful for this help and it was agreed to write a letter of thanks*

Highways - have approved of the type of shelter which meets their H & S requirements

Ground works - I have contacted Woolacombe Sands and attached the designs to see if there is a preference for a design. I have also asked the nature of any help that might be available for the project.

Littlethorpe bus shelters - All the shelters are built by hand in Leicester from FSC® certified hardwood, have an expected lifespan in excess of 50 years and are guaranteed against being kicked in or burnt down for 5 years.

Costs: Littlethorpe Bus Shelters £4980 + delivery £902 + VAT

Proposed Purchase of this shelter. APPROVED. Seconded. UNANIMOUS

51/2021 Corona Virus: Matters Arising:

i) Temporary Traffic Order for Part Pedestrianisation of West Road - *Members agreed to reinstate the Social Distancing scheme in time for Easter and to erect the barriers on Thursday 1st April*

ii) Combesgate Toilets – *Members agreed that the facility should be opened for the season on the 28th March and cleaned twice a day.*

52/2021 Matters Brought Forward with the Consent of the Chairman

Resumption of Public Meetings – due to take place from May 6th

Tides Inn – members complained that the pavement was often completely blocked by the parking of vehicles on the pavement outside the premises.

Neighbourhood Plan – it was agreed to discuss the plan again at the April meeting .

Dog Fouling - the clerk was asked to request a visit from the dog warden.

53/2021 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:

15	Countryside and Garden	600.00
15	M Harrison	388.00
15	ABW	208.56
15	Nicholsons	23.94
15	Nicholsons	119.32
15	Nicholsons	83.16
15	Crown Estates	1,250.00
15	Bloom Brothers	1,040.00
15	Bloom Brothers	20.00
15	S Hocking	26.44
15	S Hocking (Novus Med)	57.00
15	J Keiff (software)	345.60
15	Tree Services	200.00
15	Jewsons	37.12
15	TT Turf	120.00
15	Odlings	85.20
15	N.T. Meadow Lease	210.00
15	S Hocking	1,272.92
15	J Keiff	244.29
15	D Hodge	208.40
15	R Walker	139.23
15	E Hedger	59.79
15	PAYE Month 12	335.00

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: April 19th Parish Council Finance Meeting at 6.30 p.m.
followed by the Parish Council Meeting at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting ended at 9.10 p.m.