

**Minutes of the meeting of Mortehoe Parish Council held in the Council Chamber,  
The Esplanade, Woolacombe, on Monday January 21<sup>st</sup> 2019 at 7.00 p.m.**

**Present: Members: D Duffield, E Bond, J Dicker (Chairman), K Cook, S Woodman  
J Richards and D Barron**

**Clerks: S Hocking and J Keiff**

**Also Present: 1 member of the public.**

**1/2019 Apologies for absence: Councillors: Davis (D.C.C.) ; Wilkinson and P.C. Grantham.**

**2/2019 Public Speaking - There were no representations to speak.**

**3/2019 Police Report – The clerk read out the following report for December :**  
**1x assault ABH ;2x Common Assault ;1x Drink drive ;1x supply of class A drugs**  
**TOTAL 5 RECORDED CRIMES**

**4/2019 Declaration of Interests - None**

**5/2019 Minutes:**

*It was Proposed to approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber.*

**6/2019/2019 County Council Report A361 Roadworks - North Devon Link Road -** Work on the first phase of the £5 million project ended on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December and all lane closures were removed from the A361 for the Christmas and New Year holidays. When the scheme resumed on Monday 7 January, the outside lanes of both the eastbound and westbound carriageways were closed, from east of Gornhay Cross to west of Sampford Peverell, for one week. There will also be overnight closures from 7pm until 7am each evening during this first week. Overnight on Monday 7 and Tuesday 8 January, the westbound carriageway was completely closed, between east of Gornhay Cross to Junction 27 of the M5. Then on the evenings of Wednesday 9, Thursday 10 and Friday 11 January the eastbound carriage way were closed from east of Gornhay Cross to west of Sampford Peverell. On the night of Saturday 12 January, the eastbound carriageway was be closed until 1am, before the closure is switched to the westbound carriageway until 7am. Signed diversions will be in place during all night-time closures. From Monday 14 January to Sunday 3 February, a contraflow will be in place from east of Gornhay Cross to west of SampfordPeverell while work is carried out on the westbound carriageway. From Monday 4 February to Sunday 24 February the contra flow will swap to the other carriageway while work is carried out on the eastbound side between west of SampfordPeverell and east of Gornhay Cross.

**Recycling Awards -** Communities across Devon are being called on to vote for their People's Choice Recycling Hero in the sixth annual Recycle Devon Thank You Awards. This year there have been over 30 nominations in seven different categories including Your Recycling Hero, Collection Crew/Operative and Small Business Champion. Residents can vote for their People's Choice Recycling Hero on the Recycle Devon website. Voting will be open until the **16 February**. All the shortlisted candidates have been invited to attend an awards ceremony at County Hall on Friday 22 March in the Coaver Club, hosted by Matt and Victoria from Heart Radio's breakfast show. The awards are organised by the Recycle Devon team, and were first launched to recognise those people who do that bit extra to help ensure Devon remains clean and green. Recycle Devon is a partnership of 10 councils including Devon County Council, eight district authorities and Torbay Council.

**County Council updates Streetlighting Policy =** Devon County Council's Cabinet has agreed an updated streetlighting policy to continue to reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions. The energy costs of operating more than 88,000 streetlights and other lighting assets across the county is

around £3 million this financial year – and it accounts for a significant amount of the County Council’s carbon emissions. Over the past three years, the County Council has converted over 25,000 street lights to low energy LED technology and has replaced more than 5,400 streetlighting columns. Energy reduction over the past five years has saved over £800,000 – although some of these savings have been used to cover energy price rises. The continued change in technology to LED lighting will also improve the reliability of the streetlights, and “night scouting”, to monitor whether lights are working, will be reduced. More reliance will be placed on public reporting of faulty lights, although regular safety inspections will continue. In limited locations where it is safe and appropriate to do so, and in line with planning and advertising regulations, the County Council will also explore the possibility of advertising banners to be attached to lighting columns as a potential revenue stream.

**Wi-fi** - The County Council will also look into the possibility of using street lighting infrastructure for the installation of Wi-Fi equipment and trials of electric vehicle charging locations.

**Mortehoe** - I have had several complaints regarding drainage issues in North Morte road Mortehoe I have arranged for the system to be jetted and then a camera survey by a specialist company, once we know the condition of pipes, location of any breaks or blockages then remedial action can be taken.

## **7/2019 Planning**

### **65923 Raising of roof & creation of 5 dormers at**

#### **1 Rosebank, North Morte Road, Mortehoe, Woolacombe.**

Members were concerned that the proposed alterations would significantly alter the appearance of one of the oldest parts of Mortehoe village. Members felt that the raising of the roof level was significant and that it did not enhance the street scene. Members felt that the proposed dormers were not in keeping and that the overall effect interfered with the historic integrity of street scene.

*Proposed REFUSAL. Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.*

### **65985 Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 63580 (erection of two dwelling with associated parking & driveway) to reflect the changes made during construction at Gordon Lodge, Sharp Rock, Mortehoe, Woolacombe.**

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

### **66005: Listed building application for internal & external works to allow for change of layout of en-suite and replacement of bathroom window at**

#### **Cherry Tree Cottage, Sandy Lane, Woolacombe.**

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

### **66059 Demolition of existing dwelling & garage & erection of replacement dwelling & garage at Gilmoor, Sandy Lane, Woolacombe.**

Members felt the design for this new build was disappointing. *Proposed APPROVAL. Seconded. PASSED 6 in favour and 1 abstention.*

### **66085 Creation of dormer window together with loft conversion At Dunheved, Sunnyside Road, Woolacombe.**

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

**Vyse Quarry 4103/2018 Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 Lateral extension to Vyse Quarry for the extraction, processing and sale of 3 million tonnes of Pickwell Down Sandstone for construction aggregates and building stone and to extend the mineral working end date to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2049 at Vyse Quarry, Spreacombe, Braunton. Devon.** The council

considered the application and whilst they had no objection to the application, they were concerned at the very poor state of the roads leading to the quarry.

Members noted that road surface and drainage was in need of attention and repairs both to the road and the drains from the Quarry entrance to the A361 junction. It was observed that road is regularly flooded and the layby is in a poor condition.

Members hoped that this may be an opportunity for routine maintenance to take place to the advantage of all who use the road.

**Planning Permission Received:**

**65833 Stabilisation of part of the sea wall at Woolacombe Beach, Woolacombe.**

**64793 Erection of 1 agricultural workers dwelling at Little Ivycott, Woolacombe.**

**65742 Installation of 2 enlarged windows to first floor at 3 Pandora Court, Springfield Road, Woolacombe.**

**65521 Erection of replacement of balcony at 46 Chichester Park, Woolacombe.**

**Planning Refusal Received:**

**65690 Erection of new dwelling at The Grange, North Morte Road, Morteheo.**

**Planning Inspectorate Appeal Notification:**

**Ref: APP/X1118/W/18/3213041**

**Site Address: Heather Haven, Bay View Road, Woolacombe.**

**Certificate of Lawfulness: Lee Cross Farm**

**Granted 9/2019**

**8/2019 District Council Report -**

**Community Councillor Grant** - members agreed to put the £150 Community Councillor grant fund towards the purchase of commemorative trees for the forthcoming 75th Anniversary D Day events.

**9/2019 Questions for the National Trust**

**Fun Run** - Members reported on the continuing popularity of the weekly fun run through the dunes which regularly attracted over 100 runners.

**10/2019 Correspondence i) Letter from Mr Morrish Re: Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service** - *Members noted the points made in the literature and letter and felt that the problems in recruiting retained crews in rural communities such as Woolacombe meant that a reduction in the engine and crew sizes was inevitable. It was noted that there had been occasions in recent months when inadequate crew numbers had meant that it had not been possible to respond emergency calls from Woolacombe. Member suggested that a centralised emergency centre at Mullacott might be a long term solution.*

ii) **Letter from H Winters Countryside Access Forum - Contents noted.**

iii) **Letter from Ilfracombe Town Council Re support for CTG fund – Members were pleased to support this project and wished Ilfracombe Council all the best in its application. It was recognised that The Lantern is a valuable resource not only to Ilfracombe but the wider community of the surrounding villages.**

**11/2019 Register of Outstanding Matters**

**Highways** - the following matters have been reported to Highways: Collapsed main Highway road signs near the Fortescue : Road subsidence near the Red Barn: Blocked drains on Sandy Lane opposite the Narracott

**Street Lighting** -the clerk reported on efforts to arrange the repair of one street light since work by Western Power in the area..

**CombesgateToilets** -work has begun by Councillor Richards to carry out the agreed changes to the toilets. Mr Harrison is due to carry out his work at the end of the month. *Members thanked Councillor Richards for his work and time.*

**Public Water Drinking Fountain** - following suggestions at the December meeting, there are number of options available for the provision of a public water fountain to be situated at the Tourist Information Centre. Prices range from £300 - £1,369. It is possible to rent the equipment as well. Further investigation ongoing as in the possible location for the facility as installation costs at the Tourist Information Centre are likely to be high.

**12/2019 Disabled access in the Parish** - the clerk informed members that she was awaiting quotes on improvements to the path surface from the existing tarmac path at the Watersmeet end of Combesgate Green to make a through path suitable for wheelchairs through to the second seat . According to recommendations, I have asked for quotations with either road plannings or scalpings with the path 1 meter wide.



**Communities Together Grant Application - members approved the submission of the grant application for the scheme.**

**13/2019 Web site and Neighbourhood Plan** - Members looked at various aspects of the current web site and made various suggestions for its improvement. Several members offered to attend a meeting with Mr Dennis in the near future.

**Neighbourhood Plan** -amendments have been made to the document discussed at the last meeting. *Members made further suggestions regarding the layout and content.*

**14/2019 Feasibility Study for a Skateboard Park in Woolacombe.-** Members congratulated Councillor Dicker on the work that he had put in on the document and the very thorough research on the subject. *Members agreed to support the project and to hold further meetings with the National Trust to discuss possible sites and other details.*

**15/2019 Matters Brought Forward with the Consent of the Chairman**

**Footpath 16** - the clerk was asked to contact Highways to investigate whether improvements could be made to the path to make it suitable for buggies.

**Sandy Lane** - the clerk was asked to contact the owner of Wych Elm to request the removal of a branch hanging over the road.

**Highways Signs at Fortescue** - members noted that one of the signs had been removed but that the second sign remained in need of further attention.

**Golden Coast** - the clerk was asked to contact the owner to see if drainage ditches and outlets could be improved on the area adjacent to the road to help prevent flooding in the area.

**Council Chamber Chairs** - the clerk was asked to investigate repairs to the chairs.

**Christmas Trees** - members thanked the Richards family for erecting the two Christmas trees in the village centre and at the TIC.

**Barricane Beach** - the clerk was asked to write to Parkin Estates to suggest that the council offer help in a joint venture to investigate the possibility of the provision of public toilets at the beach..

**16/2019 Cheques and payments for approval and Signature.**

**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:**

22	S Hocking	1231.31
22	K Ash	1139.61
22	HMRC	462.06
22	Bloom Brothers	360.00
22	WM Lunch Club	340.00
22	PLandscape	273.20
22	J Keiff	231.66
22	Jewson	112.08
22	Ricoh	86.81
22	J & J Bins	69.33
22	S West Water	19.37
22	S West Water	14.28

**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: February 18<sup>th</sup> 2019 Parish Council Meeting at 7.00 p.m.**

**The meeting ended at 9.40 p.m.**