

**Minutes of the meeting of Morteheo Parish Council held in the Council Chamber,
The Esplanade, Woolacombe, on Monday March 18th 2019 at 7.00 p.m.**

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

Clerks: S Hocking

Also Present: 4 members of the public.

39/2019 Apologies for absence: Councillor Davis; P.C. Grantham and J Keiff

40/2019 Public Speaking - R Hagley Re: Planning Application 66177 – Mr Hagley informed members that the proposed extension to the Museum was to house the Coast Guard Wagon (one of only two left in the country) . The additional space would also allow for more display space and would provide an area for educational purposes. The plans had the backing of the National Trust and the North Devon A.O.N.B had been consulted. The building would be constructed in Morte stone supplied by the National Trust. It was felt that the extension would improve and widen the scope of the Museum.

41/2019 Police Report - Incident on 20th February Police Statement – *“There has been an increase in antisocial behaviour including criminal damage to vehicles and a burglary in WOOLACOMBE over the last few weeks. All offences are under investigation. In response to this the local policing team have increased patrols in the Woolacombe area as much as possible and included an item on our briefing system requesting patrols from response units from further afield whenever possible.*

We would ask members of the public to call the police AT THE TIME if they witness such behaviour in and around the village WITHOUT PUTTING THEMSELVES AT RISK and to include any descriptions such as number involved, clothing and direction of travel taken by the offenders In order to give us the best possible chance to find and deal with those responsible”

Crime Figures February

Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle = 9

Burglary Dwelling = 1

Burglary Non Dwelling = 1

Assault ABH = 1 (domestic)

TOTAL = 12

Police Open Office -P.C. Grantham has been planning an open surgery in Woolacombe and will be conducting an open session in the Council Chamber on Friday April 26th between 4 and 6 p.m. He has asked for representatives from the Council to attend.

42/109 Declaration of Interests

Planning Application 66187 1 South Street – Councillor Barron declared an interest in this application as owner of the property.

66187 1 South Street – the whole council registered a personal interest in this application as the owner is a member of the council

66177 Morteheo Museum - Councillors Woodman and Wilkinson registered an interest as ‘Friends of the Museum’

66383 Marine Drive WC Block – the whole council registered an interest in this application as current holders of the lease on the building.

43/2019 Minutes: *It was Proposed to approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on February 18th^t at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY*

44/2019 County Council Report

Devon County Council Budget 2019-2020 - Next year’s budget commits more money for children’s services, adult social care and roads. The authority agreed its budget for 2019/20 by 46 votes to nine at a meeting at County Hall in Exeter. Labour councillors supported the Conservative budget.

Children's Service - There will be an extra £11.5 million for hard-pressed children’s services, a rise of over 9.4 per cent.

Adult Care and Health - Spending on adult care and health will go up by £4.5 million or two per cent and the budgets for community, health and environment and highways and infrastructure will both rise by 0.7 per cent.

Budget - Overall, the county’s spending on services will rise from £479.4 million to almost £494 million. It will be partly paid for by an increase of 3.99 per cent in council tax. Which is £53.10 extra on an average Band D council tax bill – just over £1 a week. It will take the annual Band D charge for Devon’s services to £1,384.29. The rise encompasses a 2.99 per cent hike for general services and an extra one per cent dedicated solely to adult social care.

Government Grant - Devon’s Government grant had been cut by £13.5 million for 2019/20, equivalent to 11.7 per cent. It is a significant reduction to the Council’s funding at a time when there are huge pressures on social care services. The budget is a complex balance of the ongoing effects of reduced Government funding and significant increased pressures in children’s social care and special educational needs and disabilities – high needs. This is in addition to ongoing pressures in adult social care, the need to relieve pressure on local hospitals and the need to in-source some services previously provided by private sector partners.

Savings - The service savings of £13.4 million included within the 2019/20 budget are the lowest level since austerity began nine years ago. This level of savings has only been possible due to council tax increases to support services and the Government’s one-off additional funding for winter pressures and social care support.

Hospital Roundabout - You may remember I mentioned I was setting up a meeting to discuss the parking issue at NDDH, some of you did say it was a roundabout issue however we have no evidence to support this claim. As you know I maintain it was/is a car parking issue and therefore was keen to have this meeting. The meeting happened last month, these are the notes from it and feedback for you. The meeting was really positive, and to be fair to the NHS they have certainly made a lot of effort recently to sort this out. Below is a list of changes that they have made and it simple is a case of them being reviewed in about 4 to 6 weeks time. But the general conclusion was that this was definitely a good

start. i) They have started a shuttle taxi between Fairview car park and the hospital. It is subsidised and those taking up the offer have their passes for the hospital taken off them. This is a 4 week trial.

ii) Public car park is redesigned and now you can drive around a loop rather than right through and then have to go back in again. This has stopped the queue right inside the barrier and within the car park.

iii) Car park has been enlarged.

iv) Staff members have been removed from the public car park which may be up to 100 spaces.

v) Staff permits have also been enforced. They have also removed/ are in the process of removing one or two cars being parked long term by staff rather than taking them home. Particularly those living close by and using it as a second drive!!

vi) They are reviewing the car park charges to make sure they don't become attractive to those working in the town.

45/2019 Planning

**64655 Retrospective application for change of use from shop
(Use Class A1) to café & takeaway (Use Class A3 & A5)
At 12 South Street, Woolacombe.**

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

**64656 Retrospective application for siting of one externally illuminated
fascia sign & one externally illuminated hanging sign at
12 South Street, Woolacombe.**

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

**66274 Conversion of loft to form additional accommodation with balcony
at 7 Sands Apartments, Bay View Road, Woolacombe.**

Members were unable to make a comment on this application as there were no plans visible on the web site.

**66307 Dormer loft conversion with Juliet balcony at
21 Hartland View Road, Woolacombe.**

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

(Councillor Barron declared an interest in this application and left the chamber)

**66187 Replacement of window with French doors at
Second floor apartment, 1 South Street, Woolacombe.**

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

(Councillor Barron returned to the chamber)

**66177 Extension to existing museum at
Mortehoe Museum, Mortehoe.**

Members were keen to show their support for the Museum and this project. They felt that proposed scheme would improve and widen the scope of the museum.

Proposed APPROVAL. Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**66383 Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning
permission 64724 (conversion & extension to WC block to provide
improved facilities together with part change of use to provide kiosk
and seating area) to allow a change of location for the bins/ generator
and solar panels at
WC Block, Marine Drive, Woolacombe.**

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

Planning Permission Received:

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

**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.**

**66118 Replacement of timber balustrade & decking with glass balustrade & ceramic paving at
1 Baycliffe Apartments, Mortehoe, Woolacombe.**

**66119 Replacement of timber balustrade & decking with glass balustrade & ceramic paving at
2 Baycliffe Apartments, Mortehoe, Woolacombe.**

**65924 Change in garden levels to facilitate parking area from access to be installed under
permitted development rights (amended description) at
1 Rosebank, North Morte Road, Mortehoe.**

Planning Refusal Received:

**65871 Extension & alterations to dwelling at
8 Rosalie Terrace, Woolacombe.**

46/2019 District Council Report

Rubbish Disposal - Councillor Wilkinson reported that all black bin and black sack rubbish was no longer going to landfill but was now being transported for incineration in Cornwall.

Brexit Conference - Councillor Wilkinson reported on his attendance at this conference on the possible impact of Brexit on West Country businesses. It was predicted that the present uncertainty could lead to a 40% increase in tourism. There were also predicted increases in the demands on policing and the increased cost associated with road haulage.

Branton B.M.X Site - Councillor Wilkinson reported that plans for a brand new BMX pump track in Braunton are another step forward after a meeting of the North Devon Council Executive Committee. On Monday 4 March councillors approved the release of over £75,000 worth of developer contributions from local developments for the construction and project management of

this community facility at Velator. There has long been demand for a BMX track in the area. A public consultation in 2018 showed overwhelming support for the facility, with 84% of those responding in favour of the proposals.

Local Elections - owing to the forthcoming election on May 2nd, the council was now in purdah.

47/2019 Questions for the National Trust – none

48/2019 Correspondence i) Consultation from D.C.C. Re Waste Management - members approved option 3 as a continuation of the present arrangements.

ii) Letter from J & J Bins Re Withdrawal of Dog Waste Disposal Agreement - *members felt that the continued presence of dog bins was very important in the reduction of dog related problems and litter. An update from N,D,C, was anticipated with proposals for the continuation of the service in one form or another.*

iii) Letter from N.D.C. Re Parish Grant - members

iv) Letter from M Pool Re: Planning Requirements & conditions at Arlington Place and Kinevor Close - *members welcomed the assurances given by Mrs Pool regarding future vacancies and stressed the need for those in possible housing need to register with Devon Home Choice. The clerk was asked to write to Mrs Pool to thank her for her involvement.*

49/2019 Register of Outstanding Matters

Mortehoe Car Park – North Devon Council have suggested carrying out various improvements to the car park following the complaints of both the council and the Trust last year. At a joint meeting with the National Trust and Councillor Barron and the clerk suggested alternative methods of improving the surface of the car park in order to prevent vehicles becoming stuck on the grassed and muddy areas.

Water Meters Mortehoe - a meeting with South West Water, The Council, The National Trust and property owners in the vicinity of the church and Ship Aground was held on the 7th March to identify individuals meters prior to the disconnection of one of the supplies.

Public Spaces Protection Order - enquiries are being made to ascertain any progress into the possible provision of a public spaces protection order for Woolacombe.

D Day Commemoration Trees - have been planted and the Community Councillor Grant claimed.

Communities Together Grant - the application has been approved.

Broadband Provision - The [Connecting Devon and Somerset \(CDS\)](#) broadband programme has announced that it is now offering vouchers through the national BDUK Better Broadband Scheme.

All homes and businesses in the region with broadband speeds of less than two Megabits per second (Mbps), without a published delivery date for superfast broadband within the next 12 months, are now eligible to apply for an interim solution under the voucher scheme.

The [Better Broadband Voucher Scheme](#), administered by BDUK, helps provide access to a broadband service offering download speeds of at least 10 Mbps. Vouchers worth up to £350 would contribute towards the cost of equipment and installation of a 4G, Fixed Wireless or

Satellite solution. Applications need to be made through registered suppliers on the approved supplier list at <https://basicbroadbandchecker.culture.gov.uk/> *Members welcomed this news and felt that a meeting with Councillor Davis, representatives from Connecting Devon and Somerset and Paul Coles from B.T. would be useful. The clerk was asked to contact all parties.*

50/2019 Parish Tidy Up - The clerk informed members that the Plastic- free organisation in Woolacombe had asked to help with the clean up which commences at 11 a.m. in the Meadow Car Park or 11 a.m. in Morteohoe Car Park. The clean up has been registered with Keep Britain Tidy and appears on their web site. The district council have offered to assist with the event but The council can provide: sacks; litter pickers; gloves and high visibility tabards (limited number) . **Insurance** - the clerk confirmed that information has been sought from the council's insurers and a risk assessment carried out .

Meadow Playing Fields - *members agreed to carry out a clearance at the site at a later date and to hire a skip.*

51/2019 Parish Council Web Site - Agenda Item 13 the clerk informed members that the web site has gone live. Members were pleased with the alterations that had taken place and it was agreed that Councillor Cook , the RFO and the clerk would attend a training session with Mr Dennis to allow additional editing to take place.

52/2019 Matters Brought Forward with the Consent of the Chairman

Parking regulations Woolacombe - members queried the new parking signs currently being erected in the village which indicated all year =round restrictions. The clerk was asked to investigate.

Payment by car reader at Marine Drive – the clerk was asked to look into the possible introduction of a card reader for the car park.

Highway Matters – the following areas were identified to be reported to Highways.

Convalescent Corner - road subsidence.

Damage Barton - road subsidence and flooding

Ossaborough – flooding

Coastal Erosion – it was agreed to look at the Shoreline Management Scheme again and to contact D.C.C. regarding erosion on the cliffs in Woolacombe with eventual impact on footpaths and public areas.

53/2019 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:

19	Simpsons	2, 552.40
19	K Ash	1,275,39
19	S Hocking	1, 250. 36
19	RGB	1,113,19
19	S & B	984.00

19	D Hodges	333.40
19	St Johns GC	288.00
19	Plandscape	286.86
19	J Keiff	36.35
19	National Trust	210.00
19	Screwfix	186.82
19	Jewsons	167.93
19	BFS	126.00
19	Nicholsons	90.00
19	Staples	78.92
19	J & J Bins	69.33
19	Simpsons Exc.	60.69
19	M Jennings	50.00
19	Nicholsons	30.84
19	Gliddon & Squire	9.38
20	HMRC	215.76
01	Crown Estates	1, 047.95
20	Bloom Brothers	612.00

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 15th 2019 Parish Council Finance Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

Parish Council Meeting at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9 p.m.