

## MORCHARD BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 7 August 2017

**Present:** David Grant (Deputy Chairman), Roger Field, Erwin Moore, Dawn Parkhouse, Sarah Gillbard, Luke Denno, Nick Heath.

Margaret Squires attended.

Records of Declarations of Interest made during the meeting are filed with these minutes.

1. **Apologies:** Keith Davies, Charlotte Squire, Les Partridge, Frank Yendell, Judi Binks.
2. **The minutes** of the meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 were approved and signed. Proposed N Heath, seconded S Gillbard, unanimous.
3. **Matters Arising:**
  - (a) No particularly new problems have arisen. The Clerk continues to report potholes and blocked drains.
  - (b) Transparency Code. The Chairman and Clerk have been in discussions with a company in Tiverton called Function 28 who have offered to create a new website for the Parish Council containing all the Transparency Code information. The cost would be £450 + VAT. This offer will be accepted, proposed S Gillbard, seconded D Parkhouse, unanimous.
  - (c) Accidents and Incidents. None reported.
  - (d) Frost Phone Box. The paint, to BT's specification, has been ordered.
  - (e) TAP Fund: carried over to next meeting.
  - (f) Section 137 of Local Government Act: carried over to next meeting.
  - (g) Defibrillators. Checked.
  - (h) Emergency Planning / Resilience: carried over to next meeting.
  - (i) Speeding. Cllr Squires will contact Steve Tucker, the Area Highways Officer as no result has been forthcoming from the SCARF assessment.
  - (j) Drain in Wood Lane: work in progress.
  - (k) Lightsource. No money has yet been received re the Sharland Farm installation.
  - (l) Public Seats. There are 12 public seats in the village, wooden and metal, and all but the newest one would benefit from a coat of paint/treatment and/or some repairs. Two seats from Sunny Lane are being repaired. The Clerk will get a quotation for maintenance. This may be a suitable use of the TAP Fund.
  - (m) The Clerk will order a sign for the Playing Field requesting that the area must be kept clear of obstructions for helicopter landing.
  - (n) Play Area. Applications for grants are being reconsidered.
4. **Members of the Public.** One attended regarding a previous planning application.
5. **Correspondence.** Nothing significant received.
6. **Planning.** Five applications were considered:

17/00357/HOUSE	Erection of two storey extension and double car port with adjoining shed (Revised scheme)	The Granary, Morchard Road
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This application was referred to the MDDC Planning Committee as there were some technical objections to the proposal and the Parish Council could not form a clear idea of the proposal from the drawings provided. Proposed E Moore, seconded L Denno, unanimous.

17/01104/PNCOU	Conversion agri building to dwelling. Class Q	East Aish
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No comments are invited for Class Q applications, but a comment was made that some of the MDDC comments were no longer accurate. Proposed N Heath, seconded L Denno, unanimous.

17/01200/PNCOU	Conversion agri building to dwelling. Class Q	Northwood Farm
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No comments are invited for Class Q applications. "No comment" was proposed by R Field, seconded L Denno, unanimous.

17/01246/FULL	Var of previous permission to allow outbuilding to be used as ancillary accom or holiday let.	4 Chapel Street
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This application was to formalise an extant situation. Support proposed by E Moore, seconded N Heath, unanimous.

17/01259/LBC	LBC to replace 4 windows on the east elevation	Pilgrim Cottage, Polson Hill
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Support proposed by E Moore, seconded D Parkhouse, unanimous.

The following planning decisions have been advised by MDDC:

- 17/00799/HOUSE      April Cottage, Fore Street      Permitted with conditions.
- 17/00816/LBC      Farthing Park      Grant permission.
- 17/01027/CAT      Ridge Cottage      No objection.
- 17/01079/NMA      Sharland Farm Solar Array      Non-material amendment.
- 17/01115/NMA      Barn, Rixey Lane      Non material amendment.

#### 7. Finance. Only two invoices were presented for payment:

Zurich Municipal	Annual insurance	£580.48
M Baker	Bus shelter cleaning – July	£20.00

Payment proposed N Heath, seconded S Gillbard, unanimous.

Cashflow: at the end of July reserves had been reduced by £2085 of which £1948 was represented by two cheques. One was transferring a grant from DCC to the contractor and the other was the insurance noted above, which had to be paid promptly to continue insurance cover.

#### 8. General.

There are two cars of known ownership permanently parked in the Car Park and a white flatbed of unknown ownership. The flatbed has recently been taxed for a year, so it is not an untaxed / SORN / no MOT vehicle which might be an abandoned vehicle.

Morchard Bishop's proposal to light a "Beacon of Light" on 11/11/2018 has been accepted and is listed at [www.brunopeek.co.uk](http://www.brunopeek.co.uk).