

MORCHARD BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 3 July 2017

Present: Keith Davies (Chairman), Roger Field, Erwin Moore, Dawn Parkhouse, David Grant, Les Partridge, Sarah Gillbard, Luke Denno, Charlotte Squire, Nick Heath, Frank Yendell.

Judi Binks attended.

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

1. **Apologies:** Margaret Squires.
2. **The minutes** of the meeting of 5th June 2017 were approved and signed. Proposed L Denno, seconded D Parkhouse, unanimous.
3. **Matters Arising:**
 - (a) Highways. The Clerk has written to the local traffic officer regarding the drains at the top of East-the-Green and Fore Street. These are scheduled for cleaning on 26 December 2018. Potholes at the top of Ladies Plain and a trip point in the pavement in Church Street were also reported at the meeting.
 - (b) Transparency Code. An attractive offer to write the Parish Council's Transparency Code has been received. The Clerk will arrange a meeting with the Chairman and the website company.
 - (c) Accidents and Incidents. None reported.
 - (d) Frost Phone Box. Work in Progress.
 - (e) TAP Fund 2018. The Clerk will investigate the option of applying for a footpath extension in the Churchyard. There are a number of issues which it may be possible to overcome.
 - (f) Scramble Bikes at the west of the village. Since Environmental Health became involved the problem appears to have ceased.
 - (g) Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972. The auditors are very keen on this, but it seems to have little relevance to Morchard Bishop Parish Council. The documents are now with the Chairman.
 - (h) Defibrillators. Checked and all correct.
 - (i) Emergency Planning / Resilience. No new information.
 - (j) Speeding. No information about the SCARF assessment.
 - (k) Drain in Wood Lane. Work in progress.
 - (l) Seats in Sunny Lane. L Partridge to get a new quote.
 - (m) Internet Banking. A second application failed. Investigation has shown that there is an ex-Deputy Chairman still on the list of authorised signatories. Removal of this name was proposed by N Heath, seconded by S Gillbard and unanimously agreed. The Chairman and Clerk then signed to documents to remove the name.

Village Project

- (n) The Play Area project is being re-thought and a new proposal developed.

4. **Members of the Public:** a number of complaints have been received about vehicle maintenance on the highway and vehicles apparently abandoned in the School Car Park. The Clerk will compose a letter to the owner(s) and the Chairman will check it.

5. Correspondence: among various emails received was one concerning Neighbourhood Watch, which used to function in the village. The Chairman will write a piece on Neighbourhood Watch in the *Morchard Messenger*.
6. Planning: two new applications were considered and two revisions relating to one property:

17/00948/FULL	Erection of an agricultural livestock building	Middle Weeke Farm
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Supported. Proposed E Moore, seconded D Grant, unanimous.

17/01027/CAT	Works to trees in Conservation Area	Ridge House, Church St.
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Supported. Proposed D Grant, seconded F Yendell, unanimous.

17/00799/HOUSE 17/00800/LBC	Erection of new shed, widening driveway, creation of parking area and re-rendering of house (revised)	April Cottage, Fore Street
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Supported. Proposed N Heath, seconded L Partridge, unanimous. C

MDDC has advised of the following planning decisions, all permissions granted:

17/00731/FULL	Blendon	Change of use of agricultural land to domestic garden and erection of garage, store and stable building.
17/00759/LBC	Northcott Cottage	LBC to replace 3 rotten windows.
17/00760/LBC	Moor Farm	LBC for the erection of a single storey extension.
17/00644/HOUSE	Blendon	Erection of extension and raised terrace.
17/00787/CAT	5 Wood Lane	Removal of one sycamore tree.
17/00597/PNCOU	Hill Barton	Class Q. Approval of prior approval.
17/00679/PNCOU	Rudge Rew	Class Q. Application withdrawn.

7. **Finance.** Two invoices were presented for payment:

M Baker	Bus shelter cleaning, June 2017	£20.00
Stapletons	Dealing with Employers' Auto Enrolment Duties	£48.00 (inc VAT)

Payment proposed N Heath, seconded C Squire, unanimous.

Cashflow: the nett outflow from the previous month was £637 with £1422 of cheques not presented. Performance to budget for Quarter 1 was compared: the budget made no assumptions of income beyond the precept, but in reality a further £2628 had been received in grants, including P3 and Investing in Devon. Income over Expenditure was budgeted to be £5346 at the end of Quarter1, in reality it was £6774.

8. **General.** The bench on the Car Park was reported as having developed an uncomfortable sag.

The next meeting of Morchard Bishop Parish Council will be held in the memorial Hall at 7.30 pm on Monday 7th August 2017.