

MORCHARD BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 6 November 2017

Present: Keith Davies (Chairman), Roger Field, Dawn Parkhouse, Charlotte Squire, Les Partridge, David Grant, Luke Denno, Nick Heath.

Judi Binks attended.

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

- 1. Apologies:** Erwin Moore, Frank Yendell, Sarah Gillbard, Margaret Squires.
- 2. The minutes** of the meeting of 2nd October 2017 were approved and signed. Proposed L Partridge, seconded L Denno, unanimous.
- 3. Matters arising:**
 - (a) Highways. A number of potholes have been repaired and the pothole at the top of Ladies' Plain has been excavated and repaired. A number of complaints have been received about mud on the road.
The Car Park Policy was discussed and agreed. Proposed L Partridge, seconded N Heath, unanimous. The Clerk will arrange a permanent notice detailing the limitations.
It was agreed that a straw poll on speed controls within the village will be deferred until after the publication of the SCARF assessment.
 - (b) Transparency Code. The new village website was demonstrated. A few modifications are still required. The website is www.morchardbishop-pc.org.uk.
 - (c) Accidents and incidents. No reports.
 - (d) TAP Fund. No quotation has been received for repairing the public seats.
 - (e) Local Government Act, Section 137. The Chairman has confirmed that the limit of discretionary spend for the current year stands at £7.57 per elector. The total precept is about £8.74 per elector. Effectively this means that Section 137 is not a limit on expenditure, as by far the largest discretionary item of expenditure is the annual churchyard grant at about £1.18 per elector.
 - (f) Defibrillators. Checked and satisfactory. A further training course has been requested.
 - (g) Emergency Planning / Resilience. No further news.
 - (h) Drain in Wood Lane. Work completed.
 - (i) War Memorial. The War Memorial has been listed as Class 2 by English Heritage from 26 October 2017. The citation also includes:

SUBSIDIARY FEATURES: the memorial cross stands in a square enclosure demarcated by stone kerbing, and with eight metal posts. The posts have finials and carry double chains around the enclosure.
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Presumably this means that Listed Building Consent will be required to replace the posts which are rotting after 95 years of weather. One quote for replacement posts to be delivered to Morchard Bishop was over £1500, before any building work on the stone kerbing.

It would appear that the air crash memorial is not listed.

(j) Village Project. Play Area. No further news.

4. Members of the public. Following a fracas at a neighbouring PC meeting the Clerk will check that the Chairman has the authority to limit any member of the public to three minutes addressing the meeting, and has the authority to close the meeting and call the police.

5. Correspondence. A letter and publicity pack was received from the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) inviting the Parish Council to become a member. The invitation was declined.

6. Planning. Three applications were considered:

17/01094/LBC	LBC for installation of en-suite to first floor	Ridge Cottage, Church St
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No comment, proposed D Parkhouse, seconded R Field, unanimous.

17/01599/HOUSE	Erection of single storey extension to rear	7 Corner Close
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Supported, proposed L Partridge, seconded R Field, unanimous.

17/01720/FULL	Retention of Log Cabin as holiday let	The Log Cabin, Lane End
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Supported, proposed N Heath, seconded D Grant, unanimous.

MDDC have advised the following decisions:

17/00357/HOUSE	Erection of a two storey extension	The Granary, Morchard Road	Permitted with conditions
17/01404/CAT	Crown lift one ash tree	April Cottage, Fore Street.	No objection

7. Finance. Seven invoices were presented for payment:

R Patten	Clerk's fee and expenses for ½ year	£593.70
HMRC	Tax on Clerk's fee	£126.00
M Baker	Bus shelter – October	£20.00
Function 28	October internet fee	£24.00
G A'Court	Drain in Wood Lane	£110.00
J Bartle	Drain in Wood Lane	£100.00
MDDC	Grass cutting	£26.95

Cashflow: Net outgoings for October were £197.38, with £605 of cheques not issued or presented. A £29.55 rebate was received from EDF for reduced electricity usage during the summer.

Precept: the Government Support Grant has been reduced from £486 to £168 for 2018-19, a drop of £318 or 65%. It will be totally removed the following year. The Clerk has been directed to calculate the precept on the basis of a 2% increase per household, rather than to try to recoup the grant reduction.

8. General.

- Robert Moore has been invited to do the village planters.
- Anton Heal has been asked to repeat last year's Christmas lights with some extra lights.
- The Clerk was authorised to deposit a further three volumes of MBPC minutes in the Devon Heritage Centre, proposed D Parkhouse, seconded N Heath, unanimous.
- A note on mud on the road will be put in the *Morchard Messenger*.
- The Clerk will contact the Chairman of MDDC's secretary re a visit to MBPC
- A list of meetings for 2018 is attached.

The next meeting of Morchard Bishop Parish Council will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday 4 December 2017 in the Memorial Hall.