

MORCHARD BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 4 September 2017

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

Margaret Squires and Judi Binks attended.

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

1. **Apologies:** Frank Yendell, David Grant, Erwin Moore, Sarah Gillbard, Luke Denno,
2. **The minutes** of the meeting of 7th August 2017 were approved and signed. Proposed R Field, seconded N Heath, unanimous. K Davies expressed his thanks to D Grant for chairing the August meeting.
3. **Matters Arising:**

(a) Highways. There was an extensive debate concerning the meeting with Mel Stride MP and DCC in Fore Street. The results of the meeting can be summarised as:

- The SCARF assessment is data led and the data did not support a 20 mph speed limit on Fore Street. Possible solutions included informal or formal parking schemes to create chicanes. This will inevitably lead to the loss of a few parking spaces. The SCARF assessment will be forwarded to Bob Patten by Steve Tucker.
- Following Mel Stride's suggestion Keith Davies will contact David Baker, Chairman of Newton St Cyres Parish Council, re establishing a Speedwatch scheme.
- The Parish Council will formally write to Mel Stride concerning the flexibility, power and authority of the existing traffic regulations. Inside a 30 mph zone is considered 'urban' while the parishioners would consider Morchard Bishop to be 'rural'. In many ways this is at the heart of the problem: urban rules in a rural environment.
- A ten-day speed and numbers monitoring station will be set up in Fore Street, but not during school holidays.
- The bends where Fore Street turns into Chulmleigh Road are considered particularly hazardous, due to short sight-lines and vehicles parked on the pavement.

Evidence has since come forward that the police are unlikely to support a Speedwatch scheme unless the SCARF assessment specifically called for one. The first step is to establish some facts with a monitoring station.

The debate will continue at the next Parish Council meeting.

Still with Highways, the blocked drains at the top of East-the-Green have been pointed out to DCC staff. The pothole at the top of Ladies Plain is the subject of a disagreement between DCC Highways and SW Water, meaning that nobody repairs it.

- (b) Transparency Code. The new Morchard Bishop Parish Council website is being written.
- (c) Accidents and incidents. Police are investigating a hit-and-run RTA on the Puddington side of the village.
- (d) Frost phone box. Work in progress.
- (e) TAP Fund. The Clerk will obtain a price for renovating the parish seats.
- (f) Section 137 of Local Government Act. This requires annotation of all discretionary donations made by MBPC.
- (g) Car Park overstaying. Two signs will be ordered by the Clerk.
- (h) Defibrillators. Checked and satisfactory.

- (i) Emergency Planning / Resilience. Ongoing. £1385.50 has been received from Lightsource, which now constitutes the parish's Resilience Fund.
- (j) Drain in Wood Lane. Work in progress.
- (k) Audit. No problems were found in the accounts by the external audit.
- (l) **Village Project.** Play Area ongoing.

4. Members of the public. None attended.

5. Correspondence. A letter has been received from Historic England regarding listing of the War Memorial. N Heath proposed rejection of listing, seconded L Partridge, unanimous.

6. Planning. Two applications were considered:

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| 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 has been returned to the Council and two site visits have taken place. The response was: "No objection in principle. The drawings are not detailed enough to instil confidence." Proposed N Heath, seconded L Partridge, unanimous.

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| 17/01404/CAT | Proposal to lop an ash tree. | April Cottage |
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Supported, proposed N Heath, seconded C Squire, unanimous.

Receipt of a detailed objection to developments in Crediton by the Creedy Valley Protection Group was noted.

MDDC has advised that the following planning application has been approved:

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| 17/00948/FULL | Erection of an agricultural livestock building | Middle Weeke Farm |
| 17/01104/PNCOU | Prior notification of change of use from agri building to dwelling, Class Q | East Aish |

7. Finance. The following invoices were presented for payment:

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| S Dockings | 3 months grass cutting | £183.00 (inc VAT) |
| Function 28 | MBPC website | £540.00 (inc VAT) |
| M Baker | Bus shelter cleaning – August | £20.00 |
| Ace Signs | DAAT sign | £105.54 (inc VAT) |

Payment proposed R Field, seconded D Parkhouse, unanimous.

Cashflow: £35 was drawn from the bank accounts in August, £1350.56 was paid in.

8. General. A resolution was passed to bind the Parish Council minutes for January 1994 – March 1997. Proposed R Field, seconded D Parkhouse, unanimous. Although the Morchard Bishop Football Club has closed, the lights for the football ground will still be used from time to time, and any problems will be reported to MBPC, to ensure availability for DAAT emergency night landing.

The next meeting of Morchard Bishop Parish Council will be at 7.30 pm on Monday 2 October 2017 at the Memorial Hall.