

## MORCHARD BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 3 April 2017

**Present:** Keith Davies (Chairman), Roger Field, Charlotte Squire, Nick Heath, Frank Yendell, Erwin Moore.

Judi Binks attended.

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

1. **Apologies:** Margaret Squires, Les Partridge, Dawn Parkhouse, Sarah Gillbard, David Grant, Luke Denno.
2. **The minutes** of the meeting of 6 February 2017 were approved and signed, proposed N Heath, seconded R Field, unanimous.
3. **Matters Arising:**
  - (a) The Clerks has some signs to erect and continues to report potholes.
  - (b) Accidents and Incidents: a footpath sign has fallen on FP 28 by Tatepath Lake.
  - (c) TAP Fund: the Parish Council has been awarded £630 from a request for £940 for the Sports and Social Club roof. The Bowling Club has been awarded £500 towards a new grass cutter, from a request for £4000.
  - (d) Defibrillators: checked all correct 31/3/2017.
  - (e) Emergency Planning & Resilience: the Chairman has been invited to a meeting and forum on the subject.
  - (f) Speeding: a SCARF assessment has been requested, backed by Cllr Squires comments.
  - (g) Abandoned vehicles: the vehicle abandoned in the village car park has been removed, presumably by the owner.
  - (h) Transparency Code )
  - (i) Frost Phone Box ) Work in progress.
  - (j) Drain in Wood Lane )

#### Village Projects:

- (k) Play Area: a funding decision is still awaited from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

#### 4. Members of the Public:

- The problem of noise from scrambling motorbikes at the west end of the village has not been satisfactorily resolved by MDDC Planning Dept, and it may be necessary to make an approach to Environmental Health about noise.
- A request to relocate a rubbish bin from the post outside the Old Post Office to the post opposite Church Street Stores. Proposed F Yendell, seconded E Moore, unanimous.
- On 22 March F Yendell observed some dead calves had been dumped in a road-side ditch between Barton Cross and Farthings. He reported the problem to various organisations, e.g. DEFRA, Devon County Council etc to no avail. The Clerk reported the same problem to MDDC and DCC with similar results. Eventually Stephen Tucker at DCC Highways said that he would manage the issue. Apart from the smell, flies and such health issues there are biosecurity hazards (what did the calves die of?) and pollution of a water course.

5. **Correspondence:** receipt of MDDC's Charters were noted.

**6. Planning:** three applications were considered:

17/00122/HOUSE	Installation of dormer window & internal alterations	2 Whites Cottages, Fore St
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Application supported, proposed F Yendell, seconded C Squire, unanimous.

17/00408/HOUSE	Conversion of garage to accommodation and erection of detached garage	Westbrook, Polson Hill
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Application supported, proposed N Heath, seconded E Moore, unanimous.

17/00348/MOUT	326 dwellings at Creedy Bridge (neighbouring parish)	Sandford
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This is an outline planning application for a controversial proposal to develop the area around Creedy Bridge, Crediton. A proposal to support the application with two provisos was agreed: 1. No houses to be built on the flood plain 2. Phased development of the infrastructure before development of housing. Proposed E Moore, seconded F Yendell, unanimous.

MDDC have advised MBPC of two planning decisions. Erection of a poultry house at Hele Barton Farm, Black Dog: permission granted; variation of conditions to enlarge poultry houses at Menchine Farm, Nomansland: permitted with conditions.

**7. Finance:** five invoices required payment:

Sonja Andrews*	P3 Coordinator's expenses	£35.00 [P3 account]
SW Highways*	Sign for Jane Ways Grave	£144.00 [inc VAT]
M Baker	Bus shelter cleaning – March	£20.00
DALC**	Annual subscription	£230.52 [inc VAT]
GRIN	Grant Advise	£25.00

\* Paid in 2016-17

\*\* Paid by MDDC from Parish Precept.

Payment proposed F Yendell, seconded N Heath unanimous.

Cashflow: there was a net expenditure of £531.04 during the previous month, the total expenditure was over £1500 but a £1000 grant had been received from DCC for Public Rights of Way. At the end of the month, and financial year, there were no unrepresented cheques and no unpaid bills.

The gross figures for the year 2016/17 were:

Opening balance	£12262
Plus income	£14654
Less expenditure	£13893
Closing balance	£13022

The increase between opening and closing balances reflects the £1177 raised for DAAT night flying and ring-fenced in the accounts. £2900 worth of projects have been ordered and the funds received but not spent.

8. General: an offer to fill the village planters for the cost of the plants + £20 from Lydcott Nursery was accepted, proposed N Heath, seconded C Squire, unanimous. At the Clerk's request the May AGM and PC meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 2 May 2017.

**The May meeting and AGM of Morchard Bishop Parish  
Council will be held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 2 May 2017 in the  
Memorial Hall**

**N.B. Change of date.**