

MORCHARD BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 6 March 2017

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

Margaret Squires and Judi Binks attended.

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

1. **Apologies:** Frank Yendell, Erwin Moore.
2. **The minutes** of the meeting of 6 February 2017 were approved and signed, proposed R Field, seconded L Denno, unanimous.
3. **Matters arising:**
 - (a) Highways. The fingerboard for the sign at Jane Ways Grave has been delivered. Pothole reporting continues, the stretch just west of Brownstone is particularly prone to potholes, no sooner are they filled than they re-appear.
 - (b) Accidents and Incidents. None reported.
 - (c) TAP Fund. The Parish Council has applied for £940 towards repairs of the Sports and Social Club roof. Separately the Bowling Club has applied for £4000 for a new mower.
 - (d) Defibrillators. Signs erected and defibrillators in good condition.
 - (e) Speeding. The Clerk has applied for a Speed Compliance Action Review Forum (SCARF) review of traffic speeds on Polson Hill and in Fore Street. The three questions are whether the speed limit is being observed, whether it is the correct speed limit for the conditions and how the speed limit can be monitored and enforced.
 - (f) Abandoned vehicles. The Parish Council has been advised by the Police to complete the appropriate forms, pay the fee and get the DVLA to identify the owners of abandoned vehicles.
 - (g) Mobile Post Office. The mobile post office failed to arrive two weeks in a row, in both cases there was a communication breakdown between the driver and the public. S Gillbard will see the driver.
 - (h) Transparency Code)
 - (i) Frost Phone Box) Work in progress.
 - (j) Emergency Planning)
 - (k) Wood Lane drain)

Village Projects

- (l) No news to report on the Play Area.
4. **Members of the Public.** Two members of the public attended, one specifically to raise the issue of motorbike scrambling in the field called Birch at the west end of the village. Since the meeting Sarah Jenkins, the Planning Enforcement Officer, has identified the owner of the land.
5. **Correspondence.** The major subject among the emails and correspondence is the 'Greater Exeter Strategic Plan', a co-ordinated plan for the next 20 or 30 years covering Exeter, East and Mid Devon and Teignbridge. It is patently evident that the existing infrastructure in the surrounding area cannot support large scale development of Exeter. One suggestion is a link road between Crediton and Tedburn St Mary to bypass the congestion at Cowley Bridge. The flood plain around the River Exe precludes a Park and Ride on the north access to Exeter.
6. **Planning.** Three planning applications were considered:

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| 16/01855/LBC | LBC to replace two windows | 2 Park Villa, Fore St |
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Supported, proposed L Partridge, seconded R Field, unanimous.

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| 17/00188/CLU | Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing use of annexe as a separate dwelling for a period in excess of 4 years. | The Annexe, Slade Farm |
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Supported, proposed D Grant, seconded N Heath, unanimous.

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| 17/00304/LBC | LBC for installation of dormer window & internal alterations | 2 Whites Cottages, Fore St |
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Supported, proposed S Gillbard, seconded D Grant, unanimous.

The Parish Council has been advised that the following planning applications have been permitted:

- 16/01923/HOUSE (Mear Cottage) Erection of a single storey extension.
- 16/01878/FULL (Maybank, Morchard Road) Conversion of former slaughterhouse (revised scheme)
- 17/00086/CAT (10 Fore Street) Removal of two holly trees (No objection)

7. Finance. Five invoices were presented for payment:

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| R Patten | Half years fees and expenses | £505.07 |
| HMRC | Tax on Clerk's fees | £252.00 |
| M Baker | Bus shelter cleaning, February | £20.00 |
| L Denno | Car park upgrade | £500.00 |
| Archer Signs | 3 off "20s plenty" signs | £58.14 |

Payment proposed L Partridge, seconded C Squire, unanimous.

Cashflow: Items over £100 in the preceding month were:

- £1063 donations to the DAAT night flying fund, which stands at £1177.
- A cheque for £183 (inc VAT) from January for S Dockings.
- A cheque for £248.70 for A Heal from February.

8. General. One item: the light outside Post House does not work.

The next meeting of Morchard Bishop Parish Council will be at 7.30 pm on Monday 3rd April in the Memorial Hall.