

## MORCHARD BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 2 May 2017

**Present:** Keith Davies (Chairman), Roger Field, Nick Heath, Frank Yendell, Erwin Moore, Dawn Parkhouse, David Grant,

Judi Binks attended.

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

1. **Apologies:** Margaret Squires, Les Partridge, Sarah Gillbard, Luke Denno, Charlotte Squire.
2. **The minutes** of the meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 were approved. Proposed E Moore, seconded N Heath, unanimous.
3. **Matters Arising:**
  - (a) Highways. The Clerk was requested to report the near-potholes at Barton Corner and at the Village Cross.
  - (b) Accidents and Incidents: nothing reported.
  - (c) TAP Fund: the Parish Council has been notified that £630 has been awarded, but the sum has not appeared on the bank statement yet.
  - (d) Scramble bikes: since the issue passed to Environmental Health at MDDC as a noise complaint the problems seem to have subsided.
  - (e) Dumping dead livestock: MDDC removed the bodies as a one-off. It would appear that the responsibility of landowners extends from the middle of the road to their property, which includes keeping ditches clear. DCC Highways is only responsible for the road's surface and drains.
  - (f) Defibrillators: checked and all correct.
  - (g) Speeding: nothing has yet been heard of the SCARF analysis.
  - (h) Abandoned vehicles: a livestock trailer on the verge at Brownstone had been removed within 24 hours of the meeting. Since the meeting two suspect vehicles have been reported in the School Car Park.
    - (i) Transparency Code )
    - (j) Frost Phone Box )
    - (k) Emergency Planning/Resilience ) Work in progress.
    - (l) Drain in Wood Lane )
    - (m) Rubbish Bin relocation )

#### Village Project

- (n) The HLF has refused to make a grant for the Play Area, it would seem that inner city projects tick more boxes. A Plan B is being considered. The Clerk will enquire about Public Open Spaces grants from MDDC.
4. **Members of the Public:** none attended but two questions had been asked:
  - The missing seats at the allotments / Sunny Lane were removed for repairs 18 months ago. Progress with the repairs will be speeded up.
  - It would appear that the lane behind the thatched terrace in Fore Street is the responsibility of the Diocesan Property Board, as part of the former Glebe.
5. **Correspondence:** EDF have advised the Parish Council that the PC is £31.14 in credit for the church lighting.

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

17/00597/PNCOU	Prior Notification of conversion of agri building to two dwellings. Class Q. (Comments not invited)	Hill Barton
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No comment.

17/00616/CAT	Notice of intention to remove 1 fir tree	2 Chapel Cottages
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No objection. Proposed N Heath, seconded R Field, unanimous.

17/00644/HOUSE	Erection of an extension	Blendon
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Supported. Proposed R Field, seconded D Grant, unanimous.

Planning decisions from MDDC:

17/00188/CLU	Cert of Lawfulness	Slade Farm Annexe	Granted
16/01885/FULL	Barn conversions	Shobrooke Farm	Granted
16/01855/LBC	Replacement windows	2 Park Villas	Granted
17/00304/LBC	Dormer windows	2 Whites Cottages	Refused

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

D Cann	Church clock winding, 2016 - 17	£52.00
M Baker	Bus shelter cleaning – April	£20.00
Stapletons	PAYE management for 2016-17	£108.00 (inc VAT)

Payment proposed F Yendell, seconded E Moore, unanimous.

Lightsource have contacted the Parish Council regarding an annual 'community' payment of £1350 for the next 20 years. The Chairman and Clerk were authorised to study the documents and accept the offer if appropriate. The money would be used to establish a 'Resilience Fund' for the parish. Proposed N Heath, seconded D Parkhouse, unanimous.

Cashflow: the payment of the Parish Precept boosted nett funds by £7071.

**8. General:**

- It was reported that Footpath 13 has not been cleared of crops by the landowner. The Clerk will report this to the DCC Public Rights of Way team.
- A request has been received for MDDC chairman to visit the Parish Council. Details are being confirmed.

**The next meeting of Morchard Bishop Parish Council will be at  
7.30 pm on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017  
in the Memorial Hall.**