

## MORCHARD BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 5 December 2016

**Present:** Keith Davies (Chairman), Roger Field, Erwin Moore, Les Partridge, Charlotte Squire, David Grant, Dawn Parkhouse.

Margaret Squires attended.

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

1. **Apologies:** Luke Denno, Frank Yendell, Sarah Gillbard, Nick Heath, Judi Binks.
2. **The minutes** of the meeting of 14 November 2016 were approved and signed, proposed D Grant, seconded E Moore, unanimous.
3. **Matters arising:**
  - (a) Highways. The Clerk attended a meeting organised by Devon Highways where it was announced that South West Highways had lost the contract with Devon County Council and from April 2017 the contractor will be Skanska. It was evident that funding will continue to be tight and the concept of parish volunteers will be driven forward. This will be raised at a Snow Wardens' meeting on 6 December.  
A new finger board for Jane Ways Grave is still required.
  - (b) Accidents and Incidents. Nothing reported.
  - (c) TAP Fund – Morchard Bishop. The idea of using the TAP Fund for the parish churchyard is very unlikely to be successful. The Clerk will investigate a churchyard application involving neighbouring parishes.
  - (d) Defibrillators. The Clerk checked the defibrillators w/c 28 November. No problems were noted but condensation was reported in the unit at the Chapel. R Field to order appropriate signs.
  - (e) EDF smart meter. The smart meter for the church lights now has the correct post code.
  - (f) DAAT Night Flying. The remote switching has been installed and, as expected, the existing earthing needs upgrading. Sufficient funds have already been raised to pay for that.
  - (g) Transparency Code. )
  - (h) Frost Phone Box. ) Work in progress.
  - (i) Emergency Planning/ Resilience )
  - (j) Drain – Wood Lane. )

#### Village Project.

- (k) Play Area. Work continues on the Lottery grant application. The Clerk will apply for a DCC grant of £2000.
4. **Members of the public.** Two attended re a planning application.
5. **Correspondence.** None for discussion.
6. **Planning.** Two applications were considered:

16/01760/PNCOU	Prior notification of change of use from agri building under Class Q. "Consultation comments are not invited"	West Aish
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After extensive discussion it was felt that Class Q change of use applications were so restrictive that the Parish Council could add nothing to the application. So no "consultation comments" were offered.

16/01798/FULL	Change of use to domestic garden, erection of an extension and creation of new access	Cottage Gardens
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This site has a complex planning history and this new application appeared to create a conflict with a previous Class Q application regarding the area of the curtilage. It was decided to leave this matter to the Planning Officers, proposed D Grant, seconded L Partridge, unanimous.

Planning decisions: MDDC have advised that planning permission has been granted for a single storey extension at Butcombe.

#### **7. Finance.**

A grant of £1000 from Cllr Squires' DCC Locality Fund has been received for the DAAT Night Flying project.

Invoices to be paid:

MAT Electrical Ltd	DAAT remote switching	£1016.06 (inc VAT)
TNMW Devon Citizens Advice	Grant	£50.00
S Wilfort	P3 work	£71.52 (inc VAT)
M Baker	Bus shelter cleaning: November	£20.00

Payment proposed E Moore, seconded L Partridge, unanimous.

The Parish Precept for 2017-18 was discussed and the Clerk will proceed with an overall 2% increase.

The Clerk will reclaim VAT for 2015-16.

#### **8. General.**

Section 106 money can be drawn down when there is an appropriate project.

A sign in the car park for the Pre-School was agreed. Proposed L Partridge, seconded D Grant, unanimous.

**The next meeting of Morchard Bishop Parish Council will be at 7.30 pm  
on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 in the Memorial Hall.**