

MORCHARD BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 4 July 2016

Present: Keith Davies (Chairman), Roger Field, Erwin Moore, Sarah Gillbard, Les Partridge, Frank Yendell, David Grant, Charlotte Squire, Nick Heath.

Judi Binks attended the meeting.

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

1. **Apologies:** Dawn Parkhouse, Luke Denno, Margaret Squires.
2. **The minutes** of the meeting of 6 June 2016 were approved and signed, proposed F Yendell, seconded R Field, unanimous.
3. **Matters Arising:**
 - (a) Roads, signage, hedges, potholes, etc. Road distortions were reported at Langland Hill and Hill Barton Lane. DCC have sorted out the road markings at Barton Cross. A short strip of road has been re-surfaced at Brownstone. 180 or so patching markings have been marked between Spirelake Cross and Beacon Chapel.
New drains have been laid for the piped stream beneath the garden of Shelomi. Investigations of the drainage under Footpath 50 and in Corner Close are now awaited. The drains and gullies in Fore Street and East-the-Green still require cleaning.
 - (b) Transparency Code. Work in progress.
 - (c) Accidents and Incidents. None reported.
 - (d) Traffic Calming. The options available via DCC do not meet the requirements of MBPC, neighbouring parish councils have been advised of MBPC's opinion.
 - (e) TAP Fund. Still no news of last year's TAP Fund. Suggestions for 2016-17 TAP Fund, which has to be much more collaborative between parishes include:
 - Cycle path from Morchard Bishop to join up with the path from Sandford to Crediton and to link with the proposed Boniface Trail.
 - A network of night-landing sites for DAART.
 - A communal marquee.

The Clerk will sound out neighbouring parishes.
 - (f) Queen's 90th birthday. A successful and enjoyable event. The Clerk will write letters of thanks. There are further donations to bank. The marquee lent by the Methodist Church requires a repair.
 - (g) Missing declarations of interest. The Clerk will re-issue the two missing forms.
 - (h) Defibrillators. Post-meeting our trainer has confirmed that she is up for the task. R Field will investigate heated, lighted storage boxes for the defibrillators.
 - (i) Replacement Christmas Tree Lights. A satisfactory quotation has been received from a villager, which the Clerk will formally accept. Proposed E Moore, seconded C Squire, unanimous.
 - (j) EDF smart meter. EDF cannot register the post code for the church until it is on the Post Office database. It cannot be added to the Post Office database until it has a secure letter box. The Clerk will contact Rev L Starrs.
 - (k) Replacement notice board. The erstwhile recyclers have some funds which they would like to invest in the village, commemorating the work of Julie Rudge, the founders of the Two Moors Way and Ken Orchard who set up the original recycling group. The Clerk has suggested a notice board to go in the car park to replace the board that went missing when the Pre-School was built.
 - (l) Collapsed wall at Corner Close. Cllr J Binks has advised MDDC that the Section 215 (Improvement) Notice expires on 26 July and there is no sign of any improvements at the time of the meeting.
 - (m) Emergency Planning / Resilience. Work in Progress.
 - (n) Lowering the drain by Wood Lane Cottages. An order has been placed.
 - (o) Car Park gardens. The proposals for improvements were agreed, proposed N Heath, seconded S Gillbard, unanimous. The Clerk will advise Sonja Andrews.

Village Projects

- (p) The Prince's Trust has declined to fund the Play Area as it was outside their criteria. A reply from the Big Lottery is awaited.

4. Members of the Public. None attended.

5. Correspondence. None for consideration. Cllr Binks recommended replying to the Planning Process, as noted in last month's minutes:

The other document is a Statement of Community Involvement in the planning process. Further information can be found at <https://www.middevon.gov.uk/sci> and comments on the planning procedures can be posted at planningconsultations@middevon.gov.uk or by post to Forward Planning at MDDC, Phoenix House, Phoenix Lane, Tiverton EX16 6PP.

6. Planning. There was one application to consider: erection of a polytunnel at land east of Orchard End, Brownstone. This was supported, proposed N Heath, seconded D Grant, unanimous. A number of decisions have been advised by MDDC:

16/00626/FULL	Demolition of garages behind Post House and erection of a dwelling	Withdrawn
16/00769/HOUSE	Erection of a 2 storey extension and double carport at The Granary, Morchard Road	Withdrawn
16/00511/LBC	2 replacement windows at Slade Farm	Granted
16/00719/LBC	5 replacement windows at Mellow Thatch, Church Street	Granted
15/01749/FULL	Erection of a replacement outbuilding at Mellow Thatch, Church Street	Details accepted
15/01640/FULL	Conversion of derelict water mill and linhay at Bugford Mill	Details listed
15/01641/FULL	Holiday let cabin at Turningways	Details accepted
00/01411/TELCOM	Installation of telecoms apparatus at Easton Barton	Notification of permission granted.

7. Finance. Nine invoices were presented:

Kerry Plant	FP 62 – digger work	£603 inc VAT
J Rookes	FP 62 - fencing	£200
D Gunn	FP 62 - hauling and fencing	£120 inc VAT
S Wilfort	FP 62 - gates	£245.05 inc VAT
SW Highways	Queen's Walk markers	£384 inc VAT
Lyn Hargood	Internal Audit	£90
Zurich Insurance	Premium 2016 -17	£563.37 inc tax
GG Gunn	Cakes and hampers	£204.93
M Baker	Bus shelter cleaning - June	£20

Payment proposed F Yendell, seconded N Heath, unanimous.

Cashflow: There was a net outflow of funds in June of £1396. This was due to three large cheques: St John Ambulance (First Aid Training) £300; Grass Cutting (3 months) £183 and stone for FP 62 £559.74. Year to date income exceeds budget by £968, while spending is under budget by £618. In reality this reflects the size of some payments compared with a relatively small budget.

8. General.

- The footpaths that have been strimmed are no longer like "walking through a car wash."
- The grass around the bus shelter looked as if it was dead.

**The next meeting of Morchard Bishop Parish Council will be at 7.30 pm on Monday 1st August
2016 in the Memorial Hall**