

MORCHARD BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 3 October 2016

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

Margaret Squires attended the meeting.

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

1. **Apologies:** Les Partridge, Frank Yendell, Judi Binks.
2. **The minutes** of the meeting of 5 September 2016 were approved and signed, proposed N Heath, seconded D Parkhouse, unanimous.
3. **Matters arising:**
 - (a) Roads, signage, hedges, potholes, etc. DCC have advised the Parish Council that the road between Spirelake Cross and Gays Cross will be closed from 10 – 17 October for patching.
 - (b) Accidents and Incidents. None reported.
 - (c) TAP Fund. £932 has been received from MDDC for last year's TAP Fund. The order will be placed for the repair of the wall to St Gatien Garden.
 - (d) DAAT Night Flying. D Parkhouse has worked hard on this subject and has agreement from all parties that the Sports Field would make a good place for night landings of the Devon Air Ambulance Trust. For night landings the lights need to be turned on remotely and this will cost £846.72 + VAT (£1016). D Grant proposed that the PC proceeds with this project, Roger Field seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously. Cllr M Squires offered £1000 from her DCC Locality Fund: this was gratefully accepted. It seems likely that some further fund raising will be required to ensure continuity of this service.
 - (e) Defibrillators. The second defibrillator at the Chapel is awaiting installation. R Field will organise signs for the locations. The Clerk will organise a second training session as more volunteers have come forward. Training is available free to all parishioners.
 - (f) Car Park. Work is complete on hard-landscaping the islands.
 - (g) Transparency Code)
 - (h) Frost Phone Box)
 - (i) Emergency Planning / Resilience) Work in progress.
 - (j) EDF Smart meter)
 - (k) Drain – Wood Lane)

Village Project

- (l) Play Area. The main grant application has reached Phase 2, other grants are also being pursued.

4. **Members of the Public:** none attended.

5. Correspondence:

- The Clerk will arrange a meeting with MDDC re grass cutting for 2017/8.
- The Clerk will respond to a DALC referendum consultation re a proposal that a Parish Precept rise of more than 2% would trigger a referendum.
- An offer from Lydcott Nursery to manage the village planters was accepted. Proposed C Squire, seconded R Field, unanimous (one abstention).

6. Planning: one planning application was considered:

16/01482/HOUSE	Erection of single storey extension	Butcombe
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This application was supported, proposed S Gillbard, seconded N Heath, unanimous.

The following decisions were received from MDDC:

16/01175/FULL	Erection of dwelling following demolition of garage and workshops.	Behind Post House
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Permitted with conditions.

16/01236/PNCOU	Prior notification for change of use from agri building to dwelling under Class Q.	West Aish
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Withdrawn.

16/00864/FULL	Erection of a dwelling	Woolsgrove Court
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Withdrawn.

7. Finance: the following invoices were presented:

M Baker	Bus shelter cleaning, September	£20.00
SH Dockings	3 months grass cutting	£183.00 (inc VAT)
MDDC	Grass cutting	£27.00 (inc VAT)
Jo Coffey	Plants	£19.37
HMRC	Tax re Clerk	£252.00
R Patten	Clerk's fees & expenses for 6 months	£525.69

Payment proposed E Moore, seconded C Squire, unanimous.

Cashflow: September was a good month for the bank accounts – total expenditure was £37 while income was £1017, from the TAP Fund, donations re the Queen's 90th birthday and three month's bank interest of 77p.

8. General:

- A question was raised about private bonfires. There are no parish bylaws or MDDC bylaws on the subject. The main legislation is the Environmental Protection Act, 1990, for persistent nuisance bonfires.
- S Gillbard reported that the contractor which formerly took cardboard for recycling has dropped the service. A new contractor is being sought.
- A 'wobbly' stile was reported on Footpath 14.
- A metal rod is sticking up through Footpath 1 by the Car Park.

<p>The next meeting of Morchard Bishop Parish Council will be at 7.30 pm on Monday 14th November in the Memorial Hall.</p>
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