

Minutes of a meeting of Morval Parish Council held on Wednesday 07th March 2018 in the Reading Room, Widegates

Present: Cllr Roger Dennis, Cllr Stuart Hutchins, Cllr John Kitson, Cllr Valerie Olver, Cllr Clive Pearn, Cllr Pat Taroni,

In attendance: Cllr Richard Pugh (Cornwall Councillor), Rob Larter (Locum Clerk), and 1 member of the public.

Cllr Kitson chaired the meeting as the 'Chair' was away on holiday.

03.18/01 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Tracy Chudleigh, Cllr Graham Tamblyn

03.18/02 Minutes of a meeting of Morval Parish Council held on Wednesday 7th February 2018

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2018 were an accurate record of the meeting.

03.18/03 Declarations of Interest on items on the Agenda

None raised

03.18/04 Public Participation

None

03.18/05 Devon and Cornwall Police Report

A report was not received.

03.18/06 Area Team Trial – Planning and Sustainable Development Service

Presentation by Davina (Principle Development Officer).

A six month trial, hoping to expand to the rest of the county. A dedicated team for local parishes in the area, who will handle all planning matters and enforcements. To build a stronger relationship with the parish councils and to improve lines of communication. Looking to introduce Community Infrastructure Levys on developers. There are six planning officers in the team. Encouraged the parish council to ask for initial opinions from them on applications before we discuss them.

Councillors raised a few concerns regarding previous working practices by the Council and that it sometimes felt that the parish council was not being listened to on a few occasions.

03.18/07 Cornwall Councillor Report

Cllr Pugh gave an overview of his activities since the last meeting. Within the report the following was included:

- An email from Highways has been received stating that the 'speed limits' for the area are appropriate for the conditions. Cllr Pugh will forward a copy of the email to the Clerk, to be distributed to the Councillors.
- Confirmed that the price for 'Disabled Bays' has now been reduced.

- Disappointed that there has been no progress re the dispute between the Shortacross residents and the developers. It was suggested that maybe the parish council should have some involvement in supporting the residents with a letter of support.
- Visited the Post Office and was pleased to see that everything was back to some normality again although there were some restrictions as to what services could be offered.

03.18/08 Planning Applications and Related Matters

PA18/00466/PREAPP – it was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that we should advise the planning department that we are very concerned about the ‘access’ for this development which we consider is a major issue. The parish council requests that the Planning Officer focuses their enquiries on ensuring that the access, to and from, is kept safe especially as the traffic on this particular spot can be busy and generally fast moving.

PA17/11855 – change of use of Twinaways Cottage - the **APPROVAL** has been noted

03.18/09 Finance

The RFO presented the Monthly Budgeting Report and an up-to-date Bank Reconciliation.

Bank Reconciliation

Balance C/F from 31/03/17	£31,209.89	
Add Income	<u>£14,284.77</u>	
	£45,494.66	
Less expenditure	<u>£12,893.05</u>	
	£32,601.61	(Monthly Budget Summary)
Current a/c as at 18 th January 2018	£33,982.99	(Bank Statement)
Less Unpresented cheques	<u>£ 1,381.38</u>	
	£32,601.61	
Scottish Widows Bank as at 12/10/17	<u>£30,000.00</u>	
TOTAL FUNDS HELD	<u>£62,601.61</u>	

The following payments were authorised:

Cheques

100941	Cornwall Council – Clerks salary	£535.07
100942	Rob Larter – Clerks expenses	£204.48

Cllr Pugh confirmed that our application for the Community Chest grant had been signed off. The parish council thanked Cllr Pugh for his generous offer.

Appointment of an Internal Auditor - It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** to appoint Linda Coles as the Internal Auditor for the accounts this year. The Clerk is to liaise accordingly.

SLCC Membership – it was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** to continue the membership with the SLCC and pay the £115.00 renewal in April 2018

03.18/10 Widegates Village Green Report

Cllr Taroni had nothing to report.

03.18/11 Local Maintenance Partnership 2018/2019

Following the discussions that took place it was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the Clerk report back to the Countryside Team Leader that the parish council does not consider that some of the paths are passable. Also, due to the condition of some of the paths the parish council would like them put right before it considers further taking on the maintenance.

03.18/12 Grass Cutting and Maintenance contract

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** to put out to tender the contract for the next 12 months.

03.18/13 Trenode Farm

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** to put out to tender the contract for the next 12 months.

03.18/14 Correspondence Received

No discussions took place regarding the correspondence (not on the agenda) that had been emailed to the Councillors since the last meeting.

With regards to the email received regarding the 'Great British Spring Clean', the Clerk suggested that this could be completed at any time in the year. It was agreed that we should visit this later in the year.

03.18/15 Ongoing Parish Matters

Telephone Boxes – it was agreed that as the parish council had received the funds from the Community Chest Grant that we should proceed with the work to refurbish both boxes. Cllr Pugh suggested that, for the SandPlace box, we contact British Rail to see whether they would financially support a Defibrillator. The Clerk is put the work out to tender.

Layby near Twinaways – the Clerk read out the email received from Highways which stated that they would not approve any signage as the Council is trying to de-clutter the countryside of road signs. Following the discussions that took place it was agreed that the Clerk should pursue this further as it was felt that the Council should support the request to have a 'No Overnight Parking' sign erected.

03.18/16 New Councillor Vacancy

Discussions took place as to whether Cllr Harding should have been pre-warned about the risk of not attending a meeting in the previous 6 months.

It was highlighted that Councillors were not totally familiar with the ruling and it was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the Clerk amends the Standing Orders so that Councillors were more informed.

The Clerk defended the actions that were taken and confirmed that if Mr Peter Harding would like to apply for co-option in the future, he may do so.

03.19/17 Co-option of New Councillor

Mr John Collings was invited to give a small presentation outlining why he would like to be a Councillor.

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** to co-opt Mr John Collings as a Councillor. The council welcomed Cllr Collings to the team and look forward to his involvement in the future.

02.18/18 Meetings/Training Attended

None

The Clerk advised that the 'Under £25,000 Audit Training' was cancelled due to poor weather.

02.18/16 Dates for the Diary

Next parish council meeting is on Wednesday 4th April 2018.

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** to hold the Annual Parish Meeting at the start of the April meeting.

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