

Minutes of the monthly Meeting of Morval Parish Council held at Widegates Village Hall on Wednesday 5th July 2023 at 7:00pm

Present: Cllr Collings, Cllr Fullalove, Cllr Hutchins, Cllr Jackson, Cllr Kitson, Cllr Kirkland, Cllr Pearn, Cllr Pengelly and Cllr Tamblyn

In attendance: Sam Pengelly (Parish Clerk), Cornwall Councillor Toms and 7 members of the public.

07.23/01. Councillors Absent

Apologies received: none

Apologies not received: none

07.23/02. Declarations of Interest on items on the Agenda

07.23/03. Public Participation

- I. Mr Willmott spoke regarding Dark Skies allocations, the possible positive impact on tourism and other businesses and plans for future activities in this area. (please see Appendices)
- II. A representative from Lydcott Glamping spoke to support the idea of this opportunity.
- III. Mr James raised a concern regarding the condition of the stone wall on the B3252 near Tregastick Lane and the problem it can cause on the road when large vehicles are passing - which is often. Can the Parish Council contact the landowner to highlight the concerns.
- IV. A Parish member raised a concern of green waste being dumped near the old public toilets. The situation will be monitored going forward.
- V. Mr Tudor raised his concerns regarding the impact of the construction noise on the neighbouring site at Grace Church.

ACTION: Clerk to write a letter to landowner regarding item III.

07.23/04. Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Morval Parish Council held on 7th June 2023

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held were an accurate record of the meeting.

PROPOSED: Cllr Pearn

SECONDED: Cllr Kitson

07.23/05. Co-option of new Councillor

As both applicants were unable to attend this will be deferred to the next meeting.

07.23/06. Devon and Cornwall Police Report

None received.

One of the Parish Councillors raised concerns regarding the RTC on Saturday 1st July and whether it was recorded with the police. It's not the first one in this same place this year.

ACTION: Clerk to contact PSCO Billing.

07.23/07. Cornwall Councillor Report

Cllr Toms gave an overview of his activities that may affect the parish since the last meeting:

- I. Will speak to highways regarding the concerns raised about the B3252 to see if there is anything that can be done.
- II. Highways have experienced huge cuts this year, having impact on repairs etc
- III. Will speak to Grace Church regarding concerns raised by Mr Tudor.
- IV. Highlighted ongoing development at Derriford hospital and also that A&E waiting times have reduced significantly as well as overall performance improving.

- V. Housing, still a major issue ongoing, including active cases in our Parish.
- VI. Cost-of-living is having a huge impact on local businesses.

07.23/08. Planning Applications and Related Matters

The following was noted:

PA23/04709 Full Plans application for 5no additional dwelling houses (9 in total) – Land North of Little Chimneys, Widegates.

RESOLVED TO REJECT based on non-compliance with Morval NDP:

The following comments were noted:

In line with policy 1 solar panels and grey water recycling should be provided on each dwelling.

In line with policy 4 the development must be able to demonstrate a net gain in biodiversity across the site. To the rear of the site there is an opportunity to link the areas of retained natural habitats through the introduction of a continuous Cornsih hedge across the site.

In line with policy 7 we require affordable housing in this Parish. The starting point is 100% affordable, however, as four properties have been advertised on the open market we require the proposed additional five plots are affordable. We strongly appose a payment in lieu as mentioned in the planning documentation as this will not benefit our Parishioners.

In line with policy 8 the ridge lines of plots 6,7 and 8 are significantly higher than the previously approved four plots. The ridge levels of the adjacent properties are not shown in these drawings therefore their relationship cannot be interpreted. Policy 8 states, "The development must demonstrate how it will integrate into the existing surroundings."

In accordance with the original planning application for this site and the reason this was supported by the Parish, was the need for bungalows.

Policy 8 also states, "The development should make provision for adequate well-designed external amenity space including refuse and recycling storage, and car and bicycle parking" These must be provided.

There is currently no external lighting plan to check compliance with Policy 8 regarding light pollution affecting night skies.

According to policy 9, where in addition to any garage space they provide: ii) a minimum of 2 off-street parking spaces for dwellings with 3 or more bedrooms; and iii) 1 additional off-street visitor parking space for every 2 dwellings for proposals of 4 or more dwellings. This criteria has not been met.

Morval Parish Council would welcome the opportunity to comment on revised proposals.

PROPOSED: Cllr Kitson

SECONDED: Cllr Hutchins

ACTION: Clerk to update Cornwall Council Planning Portal and other entities

07.23/09. Finance

- b) Payments approved.

PROPOSED: Cllr Kitson

SECONDED: Cllr Pearn

The Monthly Budgeting Report and an up-to-date Bank Reconciliation was presented by the Clerk.

Bank Reconciliation

Balance C/F from 31 st March 2023	£32,375.37
Add Income	<u>£12,872.27</u>
	£45,247.64
Less expenditure	<u>£ 4,426.57</u>
	£40,821.07 (Monthly Budget Summary)
Unity Trust as at 28 th June 2023	£40,821.07
Less payments still to be processed	<u>£ 0.00</u>
	£40,821.07 Bank Account
Scottish Widows Bank as at 1 st April 2023	<u>£30,059.64</u>
TOTAL FUNDS HELD	<u>£70,880.71</u>

The following payments were authorised:

Andrew Chudleigh - Monthly Maintenance	£126.00
Sam Pengelly – Clerk Expenses	£26.00
Cornwall Council	£812.49
Widegates Village Hall – Hall hire	£24.00
Cornwall ALC Ltd – Chairman Training	£36.00
Widegates Village Hall – Coronation Celebrations	£582.46

07.23/10. Flower tub

Some new/additional plants are needed to brighten up the tub. Donations would be much appreciated.

ACTION: Clerk to arrange “bring a plant” day.

07.23/11. Name for Looe, Liskeard and Cornwall Gateway CAP

The Parish Councillors agreed the most sensible would be 1. South East Cornwall CAP.

ACTION: Clerk to respond.

07.23/12. Training for Councillors and Clerk

None currently required.

07.23/13. Dates for the Diary

Next meeting: 6th September at 19:00 – Widegates Village Hall.

The meeting closed at **20:30**

Approved by the council members.

Chair: _____ Date: _____

Bodmin Moor: World's 1st Dark Skies Landscape, but what's that got to do with Morval?

Because business opportunities stretch into peripheral areas like Morval (if we're ready)!

Bodmin Moor International Dark Sky Partnership:

- Steering Group: discusses and votes on decisions
- Consultation Group: kept up to date and consulted on all key matters

Steering Group members:

Cornwall Council

Cornwall AONB Unit

International Dark-Sky Association

South-East Cornwall Tourism Association

Bodmin Moor Commons Landowners

Caradon Observatory

Cornwall Chamber of Commerce

CPRE Cornwall

South-West Lakes Trust

Visit Cornwall

Key Objectives

- preserve/enhance Bodmin Moor's dark night sky, & demonstrate its importance
- become a focal point for astronomy education and outreach in Cornwall
- support astro-tourism opportunities

Key Purposes

- Provide a strategic lead to protect/enhance the Bodmin Moor Dark Sky Landscape
- Prepare, implement, monitor and review its management plan, and funding
- Engage with communities and businesses and develop groups/organisations links
- Agree and support an education outreach programme.
- Advise on installation and maintenance of designation signage
- An appreciation that business opportunities extend beyond Bodmin Moor itself

What the Steering Group is currently working on

Background: facts about Galloway, Scotland

- Summer tourism has historically been its principal economic driver
- In 2009, Galloway was designated an International Dark Skies Park (IDSP)
- By careful, coordinated management, the Winter economy has been transformed
e.g. 'bed-nights': 1000 pre-IDSP → 2400 post-IDSP, Galloway 'kite mark', etc.

Current focus

- Ensuring we take the necessary action so that Bodmin Moor keeps its IDA designation
- Logo, advertising: adding new winter opportunities to existing summer business
Sunny Summer days → Sunny Summer days & Stunning Winter night skies
- Hotel/B&B 1-day courses, to help tentative DS enquiries → confirmed DS bookings
- Cornwall Dark Skies Kite mark: guarantee of quality pottery, art, jewellery, etc
- Creative outreach e.g. commissioning orchestral music for promotions, etc
- Host the IDA International Conference in the near future

Purpose and focus of tonight's presentation to Morval Parish Council

- brief the parish council about opportunities provided by Bodmin Moor's IDA status
- initiate a discussion about how best to develop and seize new business opportunities
- encourage useful feedback at next parish council meeting (and in the interim period)