

Minutes of a virtual meeting of Morval Parish Council held on Wednesday 05th August 2020 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr John Collings, Cllr Yvonne Davies, Cllr Roger Dennis, Cllr Stuart Hutchins, Cllr John Kitson, Cllr Sara McFadzean, Cllr Clive Pearn, Cllr Ben Pengelly, Cllr Graham Tamblyn, Cllr Aurea Wilks.

In attendance: Cllr Richard Pugh (Cornwall), Robert Larter (Parish Clerk) and 2 members of the NDP committee.

08.20/01 Apologies for Absence

None

08.20/02 Declarations of Interest on items on the Agenda

None

08.20/03 Public Participation

None

08.20/04 Minutes of a Meeting of Morval Parish Council held on Wednesday 01st July 2020

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 01st July 2020 were an accurate record of the meeting. However, a request was made for the Clerk to amend the spelling of Mr Willmott's surname.

08.20/05 Neighbourhood Development Plan

The chairman of the committee presented an up-date on progress:

- 1) The response rate to the questionnaire was well above the 30% threshold which was good news as it would help in the evidence and justification of the new policies for the plan.
- 2) Arrangements have been made for the consultant, Mr Paul Webber, to prepare the policies based on the analysis of the questionnaire that he completed.
- 3) The committee would like assistance from parish Councillors during the next few months as they have a broad knowledge of the parish which would be helpful when writing-up the historical background of the parish. Councillors were happy to assist if required.
- 4) There will be opportunities during the periods of Consultation to make any specific adjustments to the plan, but they can only be made if they are backed by evidence.
- 5) The bid for a second grant from Locality has been successful.

The Clerk sort clarification from the Councillors as to when they would like to inspect the plan. Councillors felt that as the committee were doing a really good job, they are happy not to get in the way of progress and allow them to continue as they are currently doing.

Councillors are happy to wait until the final stage, to check the policies, before the plan is submitted to Cornwall Council for approval and signed-off.

Once again, the Councillors expressed their thanks to Mr Willmott and the team for the work that has been done so far.

08.20/06 Cornwall Councillor Report

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

- (a) Had we received the Expression of Interest form for year 4 of the Community Network highways Scheme?
- (b) As there are elections next year it is important that all residents are on the electoral roll.
- (c) Planning has been up-dated with a revised Permitted Developments policy, where 2 storey extensions can be built.
- (d) Wanted to know what action the parish council was taking regarding the planning application that was going to committee.

Cllr Kitson agreed for the council to discuss planning application PA/20/01706 – Block of 4 stables, Land North East of Lower Trenode Farm, Widegates.

Cllr Dennis requested that he was moved from the meeting during these discussions.

Further discussions clarified:

- a) Previous development on the site was more than 4 years old and therefore did not have a bearing on this new application.
- b) A revised plan of the stables had been received from the agent, and approved by the planning officer, with the central structure being lowered.
- c) The application was specifically only for the erection of 4 stables.
- d) No other consultees had raised any issues.

Therefore, as a result of these discussions, the council has decided not to take it to committee.

Cllr Kitson brought forward item 09 which relates to the complaint received from the applicant of the above planning application which challenged the integrity of the council.

08.20/09 Complaint received

Cllr Kitson and the Clerk conducted a site visit on Thursday 30th July, meeting up with the applicant and her partner. All present were able to state their views on the journey of this application, and how it could have travelled an easier path.

As a result of the discussions it was agreed by the Councillors that we would, in future, revert to an old procedure where the Councillors always invited applicants and/or their agents to present their applications to the parish council at the meeting it is to be discussed. Firstly, this will allow the applicant/agent to have the opportunity to meet the Councillors and endorse their application. Secondly, this will enable the Councillors to gain a greater understanding, and obtain further clarification if required, of what is being proposed which will help with the decisions they need to make.

Cllr Dennis was brought back into the meeting.

08.20/07 Planning Applications and Related Matters

Note:

PA19/10857 – New Barn Stud, Cutparrett, Widegates – **Approved**

PA20/01055/PREAPP – Pre application advice for single storey kitchen extension with roof terrace – **Closed, advice given**

PA20/01979 – Cosynook, Sandplace - **Approved**

08.20/08 Finance

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

Bank Reconciliation

Balance C/F from 31 st March 2020	£29,288.57
Add Income	<u>£ 9,386.37</u>
	£38,674.94
Less expenditure	<u>£ 5,092.94</u>
04th August 2020	£33,582.00 (Monthly Budget Summary)
Current a/c as at 18 th July 2020	£34,665.00 (Bank Statement no.346)
Less Unpresented cheques	<u>£ 1,073.00</u>
	£33,582.00 Bank Account
Scottish Widows Bank as at 04 th April 2020	<u>£30,000.00</u>
TOTAL FUNDS HELD	<u>£63,582.00</u>

The following payments were authorised:

Cheques

101069	Cornwall Council – clerk salary (May)	£535.08
101070	Cornwall Council – clerk salary (June)	£535.08
101071	Andrew Chudleigh – parish council maintenance	£70.00
101073	Robert Larter – clerk expenses	£270.30

(Cheque no. 101072 had a error and was therefore cancelled)

08.20/10 Ongoing Matters

Grit Bins - Cllr Collings raised the issue of the grit bin that was moved from Morview Road. A resident, Mr Phillips, advised in the meeting that he had moved it after seeking agreement from Cllr Kitson to move it to the telephone kiosk by the lay-by on a temporary basis. Mr Willmott agreed to ask the NDP committee whether they had some ideas as to where it can be located on a permanent basis.

Speed Monitor – Councillors were disappointed with the positioning of the monitor as it was believed that it would be further out towards the school. However, when the Clerk challenged this with Highways they stated that it was positioned as agreed with Cllr Kitson when they met on site. The Widegates sign, 30mph sign and camera sign will be moved further out towards the school. The Clerk advised that he was led to believe that the Dragon

Teeth were not going to be painted, due to costs. The Clerk has been tasked to find out who made that decision, if it is correct, and why. The Clerk has also been asked to find out what is happening at the other end of the village regarding the 30mph signage as the Clerk advised that the developers had paid the £5,000 to Highways last year.

Maintenance Agreement – Cllr Kitson and the Clerk met with Andrew Chudleigh on Thursday 30th July in Widegates to identify where additional work could be completed. Due to the need to allocate extra hours just to put the verges etc. back to a normal state it was agreed for Andrew to submit a separate invoice for the work once completed (Cllr Kitson suggested it would be 10 hours work). The Councillors can then agree what additional hours, each month, will be required to maintain the additional areas. It was also stated that the bench had still not been repaired.

Ragwort Invasion in Morval – Cllr Pearn was concerned that as Cornwall Council have reduced the number of cuts from 5 to 2 in a year that the Ragwort present will have the opportunity to spread rapidly in the verges and beyond. The Clerk will contact Highways (Cllr Pugh suggested Tim Bird who covers ‘invasive plants’) and ask them to increase the number of cuts.

Defibrillators – Cllr Collings requested an up-date regarding the unit that was supposed to be in position at Shortacross. The Clerk advised that Duchy were having a great deal of difficulty trying to get in touch with the owner of the garage. Numerous messages had been left, with no reply. Cllr McFadzean sent a message to the Clerk, during the meeting, which confirmed that the key to the garage should be available next week. It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** for the Clerk to purchase two defibrillator signs for the telephone kiosk in Sandplace.

Future management of the Village Hall – Cllr Kitson advised the Councillors that he had made some enquiries with the village hall committee regarding the long-term management of the hall, and wanted to hear some thoughts as to whether Councillors would consider taking it on under their wing. Discussions took place regarding the implications, and possible consequences of doing this, and it was agreed that everything should be done to ensure that the village hall survives for the benefit of the whole community. The Clerk advised that he had made some tentative enquiries with solicitors who specialise in looking after parish councils in dealing with similar situations, and will come back to the councillors when he learns about the possible options and potential costs of transferring the management responsibilities.

08.20/11 Grant funding for Footpaths / Rights of Way

Cllr Davies gave a short presentation of her research to-date. What was needed is for all the footpaths to be identified and establish how much work is needed to bring them back to a usable standard. There are some concerns that for some of the paths the costs would be excessive, however, we will not know for certain until each path identified for maintenance is researched. Cllr Davies stated that she is happy to continue on her own with this project, but may ask for help from other Councillors later on. The Clerk also suggested that the Councillors need to consider not only the initial costs of making the paths accessible but also the long-term maintenance.

08.20/12 Report from the Clerk

Email received from Looe Town Council regarding the Governments plans to overhaul the Planning System - Councillors felt that as there is insufficient information available at this time the parish council will not be taking any action for the time being. The proposals have not been clarified and the significance of their effect on the parish has not been necessarily identified as negative.

08.20/13 Dates for the Diary

02nd September 2020 – Parish Council virtual meeting

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Approved by the council members.

Chair: _____ Date: _____