

Minutes of a virtual meeting of Morval Parish Council held on Wednesday 04th November 2020 at 7:00pm

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.

In attendance: Robert Larter (Parish Clerk), Mr Willmott and 2 members of the public.

11.20/01 Apologies for Absence

Cornwall Cllr Richard Pugh.

11.20/02 Declarations of Interest on items on the Agenda

None

11.20/03 Public Participation

Mr Willmott advised the council that the Remembrance Service will be delayed until the first Sunday after the end of lock down, which is the 06th December. This is subject to change.

11.20/04 Minutes of a Meeting of Morval Parish Council held on Wednesday 07th October 2020

Mr Willmott had previously emailed the Clerk to advise that the minutes for the NDP report did not capture item 2 correctly. This was subsequently amended by the Clerk.

The site visit for the planning application **PA20/06972** was conducted by Cllr Kitson and Cllr Collings, not Cllr Hutchins.

Otherwise, it was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the rest of the minutes of the meeting held on 07th October 2020 were an accurate record of the meeting.

Cllr Pearn was concerned that the new signs for the Bindown Road did not show a weight limit of the HGVs and would like this rectified, the Clerk will contact Cllr Pugh and advise.

Cllr Pearn wanted clarification as to whether all meetings in the future would start at 7:00pm as stated in the minutes. The answer is no, and should read as 'until further notice'.

Cllr Kitson sought agreement that, as there were a couple of Councillors who would not be present for part of the meeting, the agenda would be moved around to accommodate those Councillors (please note - I have kept the order in the minutes the same as the agenda).

11.20/05 Co-option of new Councillor

There were two candidates. To help with the selection Cllr Kitson asked the applicants to identify areas where the council could focus some attention, which may benefit the community.

The candidates were then asked to temporarily leave the meeting so the Councillors could discuss and vote.

The Councillors invited Mr Andrew Jackson to join the parish council.

Cllr Kitson asked the other applicant to apply again in May 2021 as all Councillors will need to go through the election process.

11.20/06 Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Councillors had been emailed nine policies within the draft NDP and were asked to provide feedback to the NDP committee.

There was much discussion regarding what had been completed and the general consensus was that the policies were too generic and not Morval Parish specific.

There were concerns with the understanding and strength of the policies and therefore it was agreed that the best way forward is to wait until after lock-down when Councillors could meet on a face-to-face basis and discuss each policy thoroughly.

Councillors were advised that the consultant is currently preparing the rest of the draft policies and requested that these were made available as soon as they are ready.

It was felt that the feed-back to the NDP committee should be given by the council, as a whole, rather than individual Councillors.

11.20/07 Planning Applications and Related Matters

None

11.20/08 Finance

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 2020	£29,288.57
Add Income	<u>£24,703.63</u>
	£53,992.20
Less expenditure	<u>£ 8,426.05</u>
06th October 2020	£45,566.15 (Monthly Budget Summary)

Current a/c as at 18 th October 2020	£47,034.00 (Bank Statement no.349)
Less Unpresented cheques	<u>£ 1,467.85</u>
	£45,566.15 Bank Account
Scottish Widows Bank as at 04 th April 2020	<u>£30,000.00</u>
TOTAL FUNDS HELD	<u>£75,566.15</u>

The following payments were authorised:

Cheques

101082	Andrew Chudleigh – parish council maintenance	£98.00
101083	Robert Larter – clerk expenses	£74.77
101084	Morval Estate – Remembrance Wreath	£21.98
101085	Andrew Chudleigh – parish council maintenance costs	£51.00

The Clerk advised that he still needed some personal details from each of the Councillors who will be authorising the transactions. Cllr Kitson asked the remaining Councillors whether they would be happy to provide the information now. Cllr Tamblyn and Cllr Dennis agreed to do so.

11.20/09 Precept 2021/22

A Councillor mentioned that we may need to consider putting money towards a new bus shelter, and Cllr McFadzean reminded all that the cost of play equipment was very expensive which is why we need to continue to earmark the funds already held for the future new play area.

Cllr Pearn read through the latest budget monitoring report and identified that the parish council had not spent a great deal of money on items that had a budget, and felt that it may not be necessary to increase the precept. Cllr Pearn was reminded that we were not looking to agree the precept during this meeting, the purpose of this being on the agenda was to identify other new initiatives that will need future funding.

The Clerk requested assistance from one or more of the Councillors to help prepare the precept, however, none were forthcoming at this time.

11.20/10 Cornwall Councillor Report

None

11.20/11 Climate Action Group

Cllr McFadzean suggested that the NDP may be interested in looking at the policy that was deferred at the last meeting (The Future Must Be Green policy). The Clerk was asked to email it directly to Mr Willmott.

11.20/12 Ongoing Matters and to raise any other matters since publication of this summons.

(a) Village Hall long term management options – Councillors still held reservations as to whether the parish council should take over the management of the village hall. There were concerns about the future financial implications and the day-to-day management. Other concerns were the legal obligations of individual Councillors, and how good Health and Safety procedures could be maintained.

A suggestion was made that it may be possible to encourage volunteers from the Community to take over the running of the committee, as it stands. The parish council should be the last resort if the village hall needs saving.

The Councillors were not keen to spend money on initial legal advice at this time.

(b) Bus Stop – A387

The clerk advised that he had been in touch with Cornwall Council (Transport) who have advised that they could look to provide a bus stop post by the layby to enable fitment of a flag and timetable case. The Clerk should proceed to request this. Also, there may be funds available to help pay for a bus shelter, however, the positioning of a bus shelter will need to be approved by highways. The Clerk is to start work on this.

(c)

Cllr Dennis was thanked for the work he completed in cutting back the hedgerow along Trenode field that was getting in the way of pedestrians.

(d)

The Councillors would like to thank those who organised and carried out the work completed with the Poppy Display on the Village Green. Everyone felt that it was very effective.

11.20/13 Dates for the Diary

02nd December 2020 – Parish Council virtual meeting

Under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, it is proposed that because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for agenda item 14.

The Clerk handed over the hosting of the meeting to Cllr Kitson, and left the meeting.

11.20/14 Clerk’s Contract

It was resolved that the Clerk’s remuneration should increase to level twelve on the ‘spinal column points’ subject to satisfactory performance review to be held at the first possible opportunity post Covid-lockdown restrictions. The review will be conducted between the Clerk, Chair and Vice Chair. Any increase agreed will be backdated from the 1st October 2020.

Approved by the council members.

Chair: _____ Date: _____