

Minutes of a virtual meeting of Morval Parish Council held on Wednesday 3rd March 2021 at 7:00pm

Present: Cllr John Collings, Cllr Roger Dennis, Cllr Stuart Hutchins, Cllr Andy Jackson, Cllr John Kitson, Cllr Sara McFadzean, Cllr Clive Pearn, Cllr Ben Pengelly.

In attendance: Cornwall Councillor Richard Pugh, Robert Larter (Parish Clerk), and 2 members of the public.

03.21/01 Councillors Absent

Apologies received - Cllr Davies

Apologies not received – Cllr Tamblyn

03.21/02 Declarations of Interest on items on the Agenda

None

03.21/03 Public Participation

A resident of the parish stated her support for the parish council using social media to help communicate important information (agenda item 09(g)).

03.21/04 Minutes of a Meeting of Morval Parish Council held on Wednesday 3rd February 2021

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd February 2021 were an accurate record of the meeting.

03.21/05 Looe Marine Conversation Association

Presentation by Amelia Bridges - reference to PA20/08375 (Looe-Liskeard Cycle Path).

Amelia presented the findings of the LMCA and encourages parish councils to study the proposals carefully, to understand the implications of putting a cycle path in place. A number of alternate solutions of actual location were presented with their respective good and bad points. The potential impact on the local environment was highlighted.

03.21/06 Planning Applications and Related Matters

The following was noted:

PA21/00457 – Notification of prior approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house (class 3) and for associated operational development – Snapps Cottage, Morval.

03.21/07 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>£25,226.64</u>
	£54,515.21
Less expenditure	<u>£ 18,053.45</u>
3rd March 2021	£36,461.76 (Monthly Budget Summary)

Current a/c as at 18 th February 2021	£37,094.84 (Bank Statement no.353)
Less Unpresented cheques	<u>£ 633.06</u>
	£36,461.76 Bank Account
Scottish Widows Bank as at 04 th April 2020	<u>£30,000.00</u>
TOTAL FUNDS HELD	<u>£66,461.76</u>

The following payments were authorised:

Cheques

101098	Andrew Chudleigh – parish council maintenance	£98.00
101099	Cornwall Council – Clerk salary	£535.08
101100	Mr M Willmott – NDP expenditure	£518.64
101101	Robert Larter – Clerk expenses	£119.50
101102	SLCC – membership fee	£130.00

NDP refund of Locality Grant funds – the Clerk gave a quick summary of how we need to handle the refund of unused grant monies (previously emailed to Councillors)

Mr Willmott provided an update on progress with the NDP highlighting:

- Mailshot is currently going out
- Making every effort to obtain ways in which they can reach out to all residents in the parish
- Reiterating the need to ensure that the NDP is what the parishioners want
- In association with the consultant, putting together a Consultation Document (a full analysis of the evidence accumulated to support the policies)
- Green space assessment is currently being done

The Clerk advised that the IPADS had been delivered to the school and will be distributed during the week to the children.

03.21/08 Cornwall Councillor Report

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

- (a) Cornwall Council will not be adopting Farriers Way. It will therefore be treated as a private road which may have financial implications for the residents of the new properties.

03.21/09 Ongoing Matters and to raise any other matters since publication of this summons.

(a) Bus Stop on the A387

The Clerk reported that he and Cllr Jackson attended a site meeting with Lee Quinney (Cornwall Council) and a member of the Cormac team who will provide a plan for the proposed new bus shelter, hopefully by the end of March.

During the meeting enquiries were made regarding placing a bus stop sign, of any size, on the other side of the road for the buses driving in the other direction. Cormac advised

that they considered it to be a dangerous location for members of the public to stand on the road and therefore not happy to consider this. Also, when the buses stop at the road junction, Cormac also considered this dangerous as there is nowhere that a member of the public can stand safely. Councillors tended to disagree and did not see that this was a safety issue, and may wish to follow this up when the plans for the bus shelter are available.

(b) Local Maintenance Partnership (Footpaths)

A few of the Councillors reported back their findings following their expeditions along the various footpaths in the parish (as agreed at the last meeting).

The general consensus was that there was an appetite to join the LMP, for foliage strimming, however there was generally a lack of signage and a need for repairs to be completed on a number of structures. The Councillors would like to know that these would be addressed before proceeding. Also, it was highlighted that not all footpaths need to be maintained.

It was agreed by the Councillors who researched the footpaths that they will contact the Clerk and advise him as to:

- which paths they are happy for the parish council to maintain
- which paths they are not happy for the parish council to maintain
- which paths will be considered again in 12 months' time

Once received, the Clerk will tabulate the results and discuss further with the LMP.

(c) Farriers Way Development

The Clerk provided an update, advising that we now have a good link of communication with the owners of the development and Hastoes and it is very important that our relationship with them is not jeopardised by individuals, who have run /are running out of patience regarding the completion of the development, becoming antagonistic. The Clerk will continue to liaise with the firms and communicate further developments as they happen. It is in everybody's interest that the development is completed as soon as possible. The best way, in the Clerks opinion, of progressing this further is to focus on what is happening now rather than looking back at what has/hasn't happened in the past, with the knowledge that all legal obligations by the owners of the development must be honoured as per the original agreement. The Clerk has determined that there is no need for any other members of the council to become more involved at this time.

(d) Redundant Grit Bin

It was decided that the bin would be put into storage for the time being as an ideal, and accepted, location for it has not yet been determined.

(e) Old finger-style signpost

Cllr Collings reported that he was needing to wait until the school gets back to some normality before any further progress can be made.

(f) Parish Maps for Councillors

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** to spend up to £100 for the provision of parish

maps which the Councillors can use in their own homes, and bring along to future face-to-face meetings. The maps will remain the property of the parish council and must be returned in the event of a Councillor no longer standing. It was agreed that Cllr Dennis would provide the Clerk with the details of the map he has, as it has the right amount of detail required to make it a very useful map to refer to.

(g) Should the parish council consider using Social Media?

There was a general mixed feeling about the use of social media platforms, taking into consideration issues that have arisen with the use of them (by other institutions) if not actively managed to a high standard. However, there was an agreed overall view by all Councillors that the communications between the parish council and the residents of the parish was poor, even though we have our own website and encourage residents to attend the monthly meetings. Councillors were puzzled as to how the council could improve the communications without the use of social media. It was felt that the Outlook magazine, on its own, is not sufficient. Possibly, we could try and make the website more informative (the Clerk will discuss this further with the website support team). Maybe, the council should use the notice boards more effectively.

03.21/10 Dates for the Diary

7th April 2021 – Annual Parish meeting, starting at 7:00pm

7th April 2021 – Parish Council meeting, immediately following the Annual Parish 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 07(d)

Maintenance Contract

The Clerk had previously provided the Councillors with an updated copy of the Maintenance Agreement.

It was agreed that the existing contract should be extended for a further 12 months due to the current lockdown restrictions in place and, overall, the Councillors were happy with the current agreement.

Approved by the council members.

Chair: _____ Date: _____

