

## **Minutes of the monthly Meeting of Morval Parish Council held at Widegates Village Hall on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7:00pm**

**Present:** Cllr John Collings, Cllr Andy Jackson, Cllr Jasmine Fullalove, Cllr Stuart Hutchins, Cllr Debra Kirkland, Cllr John Kitson, Cllr Clive Pearn and Cllr Ben Pengelly.

**In attendance:** Sam Pengelly (Parish Clerk), Councillor Armand Toms and 5 members of the public.

**Copy of reports received in the Annual Meeting can be found at the end of these minutes.**

### **05.23/01. Appoint a new Chair**

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Andy Jackson as Chairman

PROPOSED: Cllr Pearn

SECONDED: Cllr Hutchins

### **05.23/02. Appoint a new Vice-Chair**

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr John Collings as Vice-Chairman

PROPOSED: Cllr Pearn

SECONDED: Cllr Kitson

### **05.23/03. Councillors Absent**

Apologies received – none.

Apologies not received – Cllr Tamblyn.

19:40 Cllr Hutchins left the meeting.

### **05.23/04. Declarations of Interest on items on the Agenda**

None.

### **05.23/05. Open Forum/Public Participation**

- i. Mr Tudor requested that the Parish Council look to identify the boundary of the village of Morval in reference to his recent planning application.
- ii. A member of the public raised the issue of the future use of Trenode field and asked that it be sold and funds used to pay for an all-weather pitch, village hall and maybe community shop near the proposed play area site in the middle of the village.
- iii. A representative from St Wenna's highlighted they have submitted another grant application and there will be an open garden at Churchtown on 14<sup>th</sup> May in aid of the Flower Festival at the church in October.
- iv. A member of the public raised the issue of the future use of Trenode field and asked that it be used for dog walkers. A Councillor asked if they had any ideas for income if it's needed for maintenance etc and the reply was that perhaps dog walkers could pay towards it.

**ACTION:** Clerk to contact planning to try to identify village boundary.

### **05.23/06. Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Morval Parish Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

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

PROPOSED: Cllr Kitson

SECONDED: Cllr Collings

### 05.23/07. Devon and Cornwall Police Report

No report received.

### 05.23/08. Cornwall Councillor Report

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

- I. Road safety issues at Horningtops, Trewidland and St Keyne Parish Council very active on this.
- II. At cabinet in Truro, brought up issues of A38 lack of funding until 2030.
- III. Asked for A38 and Tamar bridge to be added to priority list going forward.
- IV. 20+ potholes reported last week...and continuing to do so.
- V. Last Friday met with head of planning. Not currently happy with the planning department. There needs to be a big change. Enforcement information is still confidential and can't be shared with Parish Councillors, which is very frustrating. Will be writing letters and taking this further.
- VI. Thank you for Coronation Party invite, was very much enjoyed.

### 05.23/09. Planning Applications and Related Matters

Change of antennas at Bin Down – the Parish Council have no comment.

**ACTION:** Clerk to feedback

### 05.23/10. Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2022/2023

No update at this time

### 05.23/11. Finance

Payments approved.

PROPOSED: Cllr Pearn

SECONDED: Cllr Kitson

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

#### Bank Reconciliation

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| Balance C/F from 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023 | £32,375.37                                 |
| Add Income                                   | <u>£10,848.57</u>                          |
|  | £43,223.94                                 |
| Less expenditure                             | <u>£ 18.00</u>                             |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023</b>               | <b>£43,205.94</b> (Monthly Budget Summary) |

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| Unity Trust as at 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2023            | £ 43,164.30                    |
| Less payments still to be processed                   | <u>£ 1,466.59</u>              |
|   | <b>£45,162.64 Bank Account</b> |
| Scottish Widows Bank as at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2023 | <u>£30,059.64</u>              |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS HELD</b>                               | <b><u>£75,222.28</u></b>       |

#### The following payments were authorised:

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| Sam Pengelly – Clerk Expenses        | £30.99  |
| Andrew Chudleigh Monthly Maintenance | £98.00  |
| Widegates Village Hall – Hire May    | £24.00  |
| Cornwall Council – Clerk Salary      | £812.49 |

**05.23/12. Internal Audit**

All queries have been resolved. Report expected any time now.

**05.23/13. Plan for Trenode Field Consultation**

The Councillors and Clerk will be completing the following activity over the coming months to consult on the future of the field:

Open days in the hall, information on the new noticeboard, information in Outlook and on the PC website. Voting functions may be used further down the line.

**ACTION:** Clerk to follow up.

**05.23/14. Insurance**

Agreed to use Zurich with policy premium being £536.01.

PROPOSED: Cllr Pearn

SECONDED: Cllr Fullalove

**ACTION:** Clerk to action

**05.23/15. CIL (error, should've been CNP)**

Councillors to consider items for the next round of funding by the next meeting

**05.23/16. Training for Councillors and Clerk**

**ACTION:** Clerk to forward new timetable when it is received.

**05.23/17. Dates for the Diary**

Next meeting: 7th June at 19:00 – Widegates Village Hall.

The meeting closed at **20:34**

**Approved by the council members.**

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Chairman's Report

It has been a privilege to serve as your chairman for almost the past two years. I always knew that following in the footsteps of Cllr Kitson would be a nigh-on impossible task but with the support of my vice-chairman and the clerk we have just about made it...

The past year has been a mixed and sometimes difficult one. Sadly we lost former respected councillors Harold Gillbard and Bill Matthews and, more recently, we heard of our one-time clerk, Lynne Sutton's passing. We still remember them and their devoted service and our thoughts remain with their families and friends.

I had the sad and rather daunting task of representing the parish during the official period of mourning for our late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II – only months after some memorable platinum jubilee celebrations, complete with our beacon lighting and the presentation of commemorative mugs.

The Queen's death, while not totally unexpected at the age of 96, was nevertheless a sad occasion and to be asked to read the proclamation of Prince Charles' succession as King Charles III filled me with a combination of historic sombreness and personal pride.

To later discover that someone had recorded the event on video for future generations was a little unnerving, although I'm told that views of said footage have yet to trouble the fan base of Cristiano Ronaldo, K-Abby La Mah (No, me neither!) or Elon Musk.

On a more serious note, the past year has seen the adoption of the Morval Neighbourhood Development Plan – a professionally endorsed and prepared document which will give the parish of Morval far greater say in planning matters and determine how our parish may look in the next ten years.

Well, that's what it said on the tin... it's just a pity that, to date, Cornwall Planners seem to have bought their tin from a different store. We can only hope their shopping habits change. And soon.

We have celebrated other achievements, too. A good rating for Trenode CoE School from Ofsted; an evening of defibrillator training; a welcome increase of young people attending the Remembrance Sunday wreath-laying and service and, more recently, the Coronation celebrations on the Village Green.

But overall my term as chairman has been a frustrating one. The wheels of local government always did turn slowly but, at times here in Morval, they seem to have ground to a halt.

Speed restrictions in Widegates village and the wider Morval parish; tree felling concerns; public footpath signposts and maintenance; the state of the official Morval road sign; dropped kerbs on the Morview estate, our redundant telephone kiosk, the new play area...

Not all the fault for failing to resolve these matters can be laid at Truro's door – and certainly I mean no criticism of our esteemed County Councillor Armand Toms (in fact, he has been one of the best we've ever had) but the disappointment of not being able to bring issues and desires like the aforementioned to a conclusion has made for something of an irksome and depressing journey.

Back in 1974 we were told that Liskeard Rural District Council and the five other neighbouring town and rural councils were no longer for for purpose and the future was a bigger and better Caradon District.

Then, later, Caradon, too, fell out of favour with our government masters and everything was packed up and sent down the road to Truro. Bigger (again), better (or so they said).

But I believe that our Truro-based local authority civil servants and some of the politically-led county councillors do not treat Morval parish with the respect with which it deserves.

I know and truly appreciate the passion of those who sit around these tables every month; who work voluntarily every hour that is needed, to improve the well-being of this parish and those who live here.

You deserve better. And so do all the parishioners and council taxpayers of this wonderful parish.

Thank-you.

### **Morval NDP Report**

The Morval NDP Steering Group were extremely pleased and relieved to produce our neighbourhood development plan (and all the necessary associated documents) in only 3½ years. As Chairman of this group, I must applaud and thank other members of the group, and all others who helped in completing this project in far less time than the usual time (which is 7 – 9 years).

Also, when Cornwall Council organised for the Referendum to be held outside the parish, it was good to see how parishioners rallied round to help getting parishioners to Nomansland Hall (to vote) and we are particularly grateful to Councillor Toms, and the Looe Lions, for their help in making the Looe Lions minibus available to us on Referendum day. All this 'bore fruit' and the official turnout was well above the usual for an NDP referendum, and with over 86% were in favour, the Morval NDP has been formally adopted.

Finally, the Steering Group have volunteered to create a NDP User's Guide, to assist people in exploring the scope of the NDP, and to help those who wish to locate a particular section or quickly find and check a particular point.

### **Outlook Magazine Report**

The editors have continued to produce the magazine as usual over the last year, and we are grateful to Sue at Liskeard School for printing the magazine for us (although it was necessary for two editions to be printed elsewhere, due to Sue's absence from school).

The editors variously deal with collecting contributions for inclusion, formatting the magazine, organising for its printing and coordinating its distribution to every home in the parish. We also have our vitally important distribution team, who ensure that all parish homes received the magazine in a timely fashion, (whatever the weather!). We'd also like to thank John Collings for producing the Morval Parish Council page; it's so helpful to know that this will arrive, appropriately formatted, ready for us to use.

We have some challenges ahead. Some of our long-term sponsors have retired from business so we are working on finding new sponsors who would like to advertise, and Sue is also retiring meaning that we will need to find a replacement for her.

Nevertheless, we are confident that we will be able to rise to these challenges – The first edition was produced in July 1991, and we are in the process of formatting edition number 332 and intend to continue to help keep the parish informed of local and relevant news with a magazine that is delivered to every parish home.

## **St Wenna's Church, Morval Report**

In common with other organisations, the continuing impact caused by the Covid-19 pandemic lasted for some time, and one principal effect was for people to feel less empowered than they had pre-pandemic to socialise, and in concert with others, we have made it a priority to accommodate those who had concerns about their health. That said, we feel we have been able to develop the new pastoral grouping of Morval with Looe, Duloe & Herodsfoot, under the guidance of the Rev'd Ben Morgan-Lundie, who has been our priest since Easter 2022.

We have just had our 5-yearly quinquennial inspection undertaken by a qualified professional and await this report which will focus on the physical and structural state of our church, and will identify those aspects that will need investigation, prior to the next inspection in five years' time.

We continue to work with local schools and our benefice Open-the-book team leads monthly assemblies in Trenode, Duloe and Looe Primary Schools, and we also host events in church for Trenode School, such as Christingle, Easter and Harvest.

There is a service every Sunday at St Wenna's, apart from the fifth Sunday in the month (when there is one) when a service is held in one of the churches in the benefice. We are fortunate in having Ben lead one Communion service a month and Rev'd Clive Gilbert lead another. The other two services each month are led by a committed group of Local Worship Leaders, two of whom are undertaking further leadership training. Our congregations average 15 for regular services but are obviously much larger for special services. The church provided a parish focus on the death of HM QE2, as it always does for Remembrance, and engaged with the wider parish with our community altar frontal as well as flower and Christmas tree festivals. Rev'd Ben, having completed his first year with us, particularly values the creative approach to worship at St Wenna's, with our focus on innovative music and on our Celtic heritage.

Our Church Facebook page and Church website page continue to outreach far beyond these shores. We have had requests from people in Canada, Australia, the USA and elsewhere, for assistance in tracing ancestors who came from Morval. Some have also included St Wenna's Church in their itinerary as they visit the UK and have been delighted when we have been able to help them identify their ancestors' graves and gravestones.

The PCC is responsible for the lower and upper churchyards across the road from the church, whilst the churchyard around the church itself is the responsibility of Cornwall Council, although we appreciate that they are not able to keep it in the condition we would prefer. Hence we are incredibly grateful to Councillor Jackson and Councillor Toms for their labours in looking after the churchyard around the church.