

Minutes of the monthly Meeting of Morval Parish Council held at Widegates Village Hall on Wednesday 7th February 2024 at 7:00pm

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

In attendance: Sam Pengelly (Parish Clerk), Cornwall Councillor Toms, PCSO Billing and 27 members of the public.

02.24/01. Councillors Absent

Apologies received: none.

02.24/02. Declarations of Interest on items on the Agenda

Cllr Pengelly – item 02.24/07. Planning Applications and Related Matters - PA23/10352

02.24/03. Public Participation

- I. Steve Murdoch raised some points on behalf of Mr Little with regards to the proposed play area – these points will be covered in the later agenda item.
- II. Steve Murdoch further went on to raise points on behalf Widegates residents regarding the pre-application PA23/01310:
 - a. It doesn't comply with Morval NDP:
 - i. Small scale, infill and rounding off – don't agree with the applicant's description of rounding off.
 - ii. Rural exception – 19% increase of residences isn't small scale.
 - b. Residents do understand the need for housing but it needs to be inline with policies.
 - c. S106, sceptic regarding the written word due to being let down in the past.
 - d. There is a lack of amenities and infrastructure in the village and surrounding area.
 - e. Wonder will developers be challenged by planners at Cornwall Council if they don't comply?
 - f. Narrow vehicular access through Lydcott Lane (no through access) from Morview Road
 - i. 77 parking spaces may mean approx. 150 extra vehicular movements at least
 - ii. Not wide enough for emergency vehicles
 - g. Additional traffic at the "complex" junction of Lydcott Lane, A387 and B3253
 - i. In a report in 2017 4,966 vehicles passed through the junction daily
 - ii. The addition of the new bus stop has complicated this further
 - h. There are numerous inaccuracies in the pre-application including:
 - i. Identification of Morview Road
 - ii. Biodiversity net gain
- III. The following points were noted from emails received on the matter:
 - a. No safe pedestrian access
 - b. Would the unlit nature of the current area be maintained?
 - c. Water supply/drainage issues
 - d. Large increase in size of village
 - e. Guarantee of affordable homes
- IV. The Clerk has been in contact with the Planning Case Officer to highlight that statements in the pre-application, from Cllr Jackson, were taken out of context.
- V. Cllr Jackson responded on multiple further points raised.
- VI. One of the residents raised the issue of the two empty properties in Farriers Way – these are still tied up with Hastoes, they do not want to honour the ten-year warranty. Cornwall Council wants to purchase them for social use.

VII. A resident raised the issue of water on Morview Road – Cllr Toms is investigating.

02.24/04. Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Morval Parish Council held on 3rd January 2024

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

02.24/05. Devon and Cornwall Police Report

PCSO Billing reported the following:

- i. During January there was one crime in the public domain that was reported to the Police, that was a vehicle theft which is still under investigation.
- ii. On Friday 26th January as part of the Police week of action we joined the Community Speed Watch Team at Widegates. In the hour that we were there, there were a total of 63 vehicles recorded, with 17 of these exceeding the 30mph speed limit with speeds ranging from 35mph-41mph, the registered keepers of these vehicles will receive letters. Hopefully, we can carry out more of these, especially with the increase of traffic whilst Sandplace Road is closed.
- iii. The speed advisor is now in situ at Trenode School and will remain there for a further 4 weeks, on completion of this I will be sent the data and I shall report back once I have received it.
- iv. On Friday 15th February I shall be in attendance in the reading rooms from 1800-1900 for any member of the Parish who wish to speak to me regarding any issues that they may have.

02.24/06. Cornwall Councillor Report

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

- I. Cabinet signed off on 4.99% increase in precept. Still to go through Council.
- II. Police and Crime Panel requested 4.95% in precept.
- III. Huge overall reduction in funds from government for so costs are being passed on.
- IV. Terras Crossing will be made much safer with automatic controls for the train crossing.
- V. Smugglers Way – a walking route from Liskeard to Looe now has grant funding – watch this space.
- VI. Housing need is still high. Especially with young people and families who are currently renting.
- VII. Cllr Pearn – asked about Barrat Homes issues – private companies are now in control of building control; it seems standards are not as stringent as in the past. It's a different building company looking to extend the development.

02.24/07. Planning Applications and Related Matters

The following was noted:

PA23/10352 – Listed Building Consent for small rebuild of extension to south west elevation. Removal of chimney – The Old Farmhouse, Higher Wringworthy Farm, Morval. **RESOLVED TO SUPPORT**

PROPOSED: Cllr Collings

SECONDED: Cllr Patterson

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

Cllr Collings raised the issue of the Parish Council's "Planning – Pre-Application Protocol for Individual Applicants Policy" being outdated.

ACTION: Cllrs to review the policy in time for the next meeting.

02.24/08. Ideas for involving Parishioners in planning applications

Added in error.

02.24/09. Finance

- b) Payments approved.
PROPOSED: Cllr Pearn
SECONDED: Cllr Tamblyn

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>£25,938.70</u>
	£58,314.07
Less expenditure	<u>£15,008.32</u>
	£43,305.75 (Monthly Budget Summary)
Unity Trust as at 31 st January 2024	£43,305.75
Less payments still to be processed	<u>£ 0.00</u>
	£43,305.75 Bank Account
Scottish Widows Bank as at 1 st April 2023	<u>£30,059.64</u>
TOTAL FUNDS HELD	<u>£73,365.39</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 – Cllr Training	£108.00

- c) NALC 2023/24 pay award.
PROPOSED: Cllr Kitson
SECONDED: Cllr Pearn
ACTION: Clerk to make change and chase reason for lateness of document.

02.24/10. CAP Report

Cllrs to complete report in readiness for next meeting.

02.24/11 Grant Policy

No changes to current policy needed at this time. In light of needing evidence of monies spent Cllrs have asked Clerk to chase receipts for spend for 2022/23 and 2023/24. One identified incorrect spend.

PROPOSED: Cllr Pearn

SECONDED: Cllr Patterson

ACTIONS: Clerk to circulate details of incorrect spend of grant to be reviewed next meeting.

02.24/12. Play Park

- a) The full application is being reviewed by the gran facilitator and there will be a feedback meeting next week.

- b) No soil will be purchased prior to result of funding, otherwise all funding could be lost.
- c) The lease is currently being reviewed by the land owner and their solicitor.

02.24/13. Trenode Field

Likely rent to be in the region of £100-£150 an acre, costs to advertise with Kivells in the region of £350 plus VAT, with further costs recovered from the Tenant.

ACTION: Clerk to put advert on Facebook and Outlook for rental interest, then to advertise with Kivells if there is no interest within 10 days of publication.

PROPOSED: Cllr Pengelly – voted 5 in favour. Remaining four wanted to advertise with Kivells immediately.

02.24/14. Housing Association Estate Monitors

Awaiting further information from Cornwall Housing (18 properties)

02.24/15. Morval NDP Review

Cllr Pengelly and Cllr Kitson reviewed the NDP and the policies that have caused issues with planning over recent months.

- Policy 1 – Sustainable development:
 - Ideal change in favour of stronger wording – but this will be overruled by amendments to planning policy later this year.
- Policy 7 – Rural Exceptions – intention is to “achievable and affordable” etc:
 - The policy wording doesn’t seem to match the intention described. Could some of the detail be used in Policy 6 “Small-scale “infill and rounding off” and then stronger wording be used for Policy 7?
- Policy 8 - Design requirements, item 2 states “no more than two storeys in height”:
 - Suggested change to “buildings should be no higher than adjacent ridge lines” as we do have a large number of bungalows in the parish.
- Policy 3 - Community facilities:
 - Consider removal of specifically naming businesses ie “Tudor Lodges” as a protected businesses.

ACTION: Invite NDP Steering Group to review proposed issues and request feedback.

02.24/16. Maintenance of verges and grass and pathway areas in parish

Received example SLA.

ACTION: Cllrs and Clerk to review prior to next meeting.

02.24/17. Parish footpaths/verges/bridleways etc

LMP paperwork received. Cllrs agreed in principle.

ACTION: Clerk to respond. Cllrs and Clerk to review prior to next meeting.

02.24/18. A387 Venton Vanes to Morval surface water

Email received with photographs during week of heavy rain. Highways informed that this type of field run needs to be reported to the Environment Agency at the time, they will speak to the landowners about managing surface water.

02.24/19. 20mph Phase 3 Stakeholder Meeting - Liskeard & Looe

Invitation received to Teams meeting next month

ACTION: Email reminders to Cllrs.

02.24/20. Road calming through Widegates

Cllr Hutchins is still concerned about behaviour of some traffic through the village. This will be added to the Parish Councils report to CAP. There is also hope that continued Speedwatch sessions will encourage people to consider their actions.

The Community Speedwatch team have been successful in finding a volunteer coordinator. The individual has undertaken multiple training sessions and will hopefully start to support the Looe area group very soon. This should make it easier for the volunteers in Widegates to perform more sessions.

02.24/21. Clerk Annual Review Proposal

Cllr Collings suggested that the Clerk’s workload etc should be reviewed annually. There is detail of an appraisal which hasn’t taken place in recent years. This will now be booked in annually following the summer holidays. This will be a separate closed session held by the Parish Council recruitment panel...

PORPOSED: Cllr Collings

SECONDED: Cllr Fullalove

02.24/22. Training for Councillors and Clerk

Briefing reminder: Wed 28 Feb 2024 at 4pm-5.30pm: Preparing for a new Local Plan for Cornwall

02.24/23. Dates for the Diary

Next meeting: Weds 6th March 19:00 – Widegates Village Hall.

The meeting closed at **21:30**

Approved by the council members.

Chair: _____ Date: _____