



Morwenstow Parish Council

Minutes of the monthly Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday 21st July 2021 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre

2021/21/07.1 Attendance: Cllrs. J Hobbs (Chair), K Boundy, J Phipps, R Savage and S Tilbey, Mr G Worden, Mrs J Steer, Mr N Steer, Mr A Teare, Mrs S Teare and Mrs S Joyner (Clerk).

2021/21/07.2 Apologies for absence were received from Mr K Jones.

2021/21/07.3 The previously circulated minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th June 2021 were agreed and signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

2021/21/07.4 Matters Arising from the Minutes and updates– **for information only:**

The Clerk has authorised the repairs to the tower in the playpark to be carried out as soon as possible. Outdoor Playpeople will be coming to fit the 2 missing manufacturer's labels to the play equipment.

Correspondence received from a resident regarding a planning application discussed at the June meeting has been responded to by the Clerk.

2021/21/07.5 Disclosures: To receive declarations of interests from Members relating to items on the agenda in accordance with Morwenstow Parish Council's Code of Conduct:

Item 2021/21/07.11 P5 PA21/06309: Cllr. Tilbey declared an interest as he is the agent for the applicants.

Item 2021/21/07.11 P6 PA21/06671: Cllr. Tilbey declared an interest as he is the agent for PA21/06309, which is next door to the property being discussed.

Item 2021/21/07.11 P6 PA21/06671: Cllr. Savage declared an interest as a close friend of the applicant.

2021/21/07.6 Dispensations: To consider requests from Members for dispensations: None received

2021/21/07.7 Public Participation:

To receive questions from members of the public relating to items on the agenda, in accordance with Council's Code of Conduct and Standing Orders:

Mrs S Teare addressed the meeting with views on planning application PA21/06671.

To receive a report from our Cornwall Councillor:

C Cllr. Tilbey confirmed that Stratton Hospital M I Unit would remain open for the current hours for longer than had been planned. This is to give time for the Bude/Holsworthy Cross Border Health Committee to gather data for discussion before the next meeting which will be held on 29th September 2021.

A Cllr. Remarked that there seemed to be a lack of co-ordination between Cormac and the Parish Councils with regard to road repairs issues and verge cutting on main roads. C Cllr. Tilbey will look into. The Chairman advised that if anyone has a problem with pot holes etc. they should report it on the Cornwall Council website to be looked into.

2021/21/07.8 Parish Maintenance and Matters for discussion:

a) **To discuss request to accommodate voluntary work for a DOE participant**

We have been asked to consider a request from a local lad who is participating in the Gold Duke of Edinburgh programme. It has been suggested that he could volunteer to do some litter picking. The Council would be happy to consider the request and had hoped to have more information about the requirements to discuss the request but this had not been supplied. No further action at present.

b) **To agree further details of the request to have a bench at Crosstown installed by a resident**

Site visit to be arranged. Put on September agenda to discuss further.

c) **To discuss the missing bench outside the Parish Church**

It was noted that the bench outside the church had disappeared. It transpired that the bench had been reported as unsafe to use and had been removed, unknown to the Parish Council. The bench will need to be replaced with funds being allocated in next year's budget. Prices to be obtained. Put on September agenda.

d) **To agree quotes and contractor for the Playpark repair works**

Only 1 quote was received for the works. Total cost of labour and materials will be £500. Parish Council to purchase the materials. Proposed, seconded and Resolved to accept quote.

e) **To discuss repairs to fence at playpark boundary**

It has been noticed that several of the fence posts of the fence between the playpark and the road are rotten and need replacing. Quotes to be obtained to carry out the repairs. To be put in Hamlets. Contact Cllr. Hobbs.

f) **To note report of incident in the playpark**

It has been brought to the Council's attention that two youngsters injured themselves whilst using our playpark. The Chairman has contacted Outdoor Playpeople and our registered playground equipment inspector. We will be sending a response wishing the children well, confirming that we are grateful for being informed about the issues and that they are being looked into.

g) **To discuss hedgerows in the Parish**

We have received a report that hedgerows are not being trimmed as they should be. It was pointed out that this does not just refer to farmer's field but also to residential properties where some hedges do not appear to have been trimmed for several years. Along some of the narrow roads overgrown hedges are causing problems for cyclists and vehicles are having to drive in the middle of the road. A note is to be put in Hamlets to remind all hedge owners of their responsibilities. Hedges can be cut after 1st September.

h) **To discuss the re-opening of the Community Centre public toilets and Duckpool toilets**

Proposed, seconded and resolved that the public toilets outside the Community Centre should be reopened as soon as the cleaner had been able to carry out a deep clean.

We have not had anyone apply to clean the toilets at Duckpool. Clerk to advise The National Trust and Kilk P C. (Current N T guidance is that their toilets are to be cleaned a minimum of twice a day).

i) **To discuss participation in the tree planting programme to mark Queen's Platinum Jubilee and prospective site**

A Councillor has offered 5 young oak trees that can be planted in the Hamlets around the Parish. Clerk to look into the scheme.

j) **To note tree log completed**

Tree inspections for the last month were completed by Cllr. Hobbs and log checked at the meeting. There were no issues. Sheet signed and retained by Cllr. Hobbs.

k) **To note playpark log completed**

Playpark inspections for the last month were completed by Cllr. Savage and log checked at the meeting. The only issues were those that are already being dealt with. Sheet signed and retained by Cllr. Savage.

2021/21/07.9 Correspondence

1. **Resident** – Enquiry about a concern over decking that resident had reported to Cornwall Council

Clerk confirmed that Cornwall Council enforcement team had received the resident's complaint and that they were dealing with it.

2. **Resident** – Concerns over noise and disturbance possibly caused by quarrying

No follow up from complainant

3. **Member of the Public** – Family history enquiry

Referred to Alan Rowland

4. **D&C Police** – Request for 2 Councillors to be liaison officers

To be out on the September agenda

5. **Ashley Jones MBE** - Regional Fraud Protect Advisor offering advice

Clerk to contact with view to asking him to speak at 2022 APM

6. **20's Plenty for Cornwall** – speed limits in Cornwall

Noted. Details to be put in Hamlets

7. **Cllr. Barry Jordan** – to complete enquiries concerning views on Cornwall Council

Councillors to respond at September meeting. Clerk to ensure all new councillors receive email.

8. **CNP** – Bude Area Draft Economic Plan workshop virtual meeting July 22nd

Noted

10. **CALC** – To note Finance training available to Councillors

Course completed by Cllr. Hobbs and Phipps

11. **DEFRA** – Coastal Access report response

Noted. Cllr. Boundy, who had prepared the response to the consultation, was of the opinion that some of the proposed work was unnecessary, the costs were far greater than had been anticipated and that other parts of the coast path needed more attention.

12. **AONB** – Update and upcoming events

Noted. Details to be put in Hamlets

13. **Cornwall NHS** – Healthworks for Cornwall programme

Noted. Details to be put in Hamlets

14. **Anonymous letter** – Concerning a planning matter (Unable to discuss or disclose content as no contact details supplied)

Letter sent to Chairman concerning a planning application. As the letter was anonymous it was not shared with any of the other councillors and was not discussed at the meeting. Anyone having concerns over a planning application or any other issue must make their views known through the proper channels.

2021/21/07.10 Finances: To confirm accounts spreadsheet with bank statements and agree payments. Review budget expenditure: It was proposed, seconded and resolved to approve the statement of accounts as at 30 June 2021 and payments due, of £30 to Aquis for the C C broadband; £2086.20 to Outdoor Playpeople for the balance of the infants assault course; £120 to CALC for Cllr.

Training; £89 to Community Centre for storage and room rent. Also resolved to approve the Budget Forecast that showed although costs were over in some columns overall expenditure was well within the projected spending limit.

2021/21/07.11 Planning:

Applications received for consultation by members to agree a consultee response to be submitted to Cornwall Council:

P1 PA21/05495

Proposal: Reserved Matters application for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following approval of outline application PA19/05328 dated 16 10 19 (outline application for the erection of a dwelling)

Location: Westlands Shop Morwenstow EX23 9SG

Morwenstow Parish Council feels that the proposed dwelling is overbearing and dominates the site. It's scale and proportionality is totally out of character with the nearby residential properties, particularly the farmhouse next to the site. The application shows that the proposed dwelling would be concealed by deciduous trees but this would only apply for the time that the trees were in leaf. The Parish Council still has concerns about the access road emerging out onto the narrow rural road very close to a pronounced bend. For these reasons the Parish Council is unable to support this application.

P2 PA21/05639

Proposal: Removal of three wooden garden outbuildings/sheds and replacement with one larger wooden garden outbuilding/shed positioned in the same location and approximately the same ground area as the original three wooden outbuildings/sheds combined

Location: 2 Chapel Close Woodford Morwenstow EX23 9JR

Morwenstow Parish Council supports this application.

P3 PA21/04807

Proposal: Change of use of two holiday cottages to unrestricted residential use free from occupancy restrictions

Location: Land West of Killarney Farm Morwenstow EX23 9PX

Morwenstow Parish Council supports this application.

P4 PA21/05612

Proposal: Proposed dwelling (demolition of existing dwelling)

Location: Killarney Springs Morwenstow EX23 9PX

Morwenstow Parish Council applauds the applicant for wanting to tidy up the site. However, the council feels that the proposed dwelling would not sit comfortably within the landscape. The site is in the highest part of the Parish and the dwelling would be clearly visible from the A39. It would be out of keeping with the applicants other buildings within the site as a whole, nearby dwellings and the rural landscape. The Parish Council supports, in principle, a residential property being built on the site but does not believe that the proposed dwelling would be appropriate and, therefore, could not support this application.

P5 PA21/06309

Proposal: Erection of a detached double domestic garage

Location: 2 Jacques Cottages Shop Morwenstow EX23 9SH

Cllr. Tilbey left the meeting whilst this application was being discussed and returned after the decision had been made.

Morwenstow Parish Council supports this application.

P6 PA21/06671

Proposal: Erection of dwelling

Location: Land North of 3 Jacques Cottages Shop Morwenstow EX23 9SH

Cllrs. Savage and Tilbey left the meeting whilst this application was being discussed and returned after the decision had been made.

Morwenstow Parish Council acknowledges that this proposal may fit with Cornwall Council's planning guidance but feels that this is a large, ambitious project for this very small site. The proposed dwelling has been 'shoe horned' into a very cramped space with little amenity area. There is a marked difference between the ridge heights of the host house and the proposed dwelling and this would result in a loss of privacy to the host house and have a detrimental effect on the street scene. There are also concerns surrounding the vehicular access for two vehicles as illustrated and parking for the existing property. The loss of off street parking for the host house will mean there will be more vehicles parking on the narrow lane to the front of the host dwelling. For these reasons the Parish Council is unable to support this application.

Planning notifications received from Cornwall Council for information only:

PA21/04428 PLANNING PERMISSION REQUIRED

Proposal: Notification for Prior Approval for a proposed change of use of existing steel frame agricultural building to a dwelling house (Class C3) and for associated operational development

Location: Land South Of Falcon Lodge Morwenstow EX23 9PS

P1 PA21/03597 APPROVED

Proposal: Proposed replacement dwelling and associated landscaping

Location: White Oak Farm Morwenstow EX23 9JL

PA21/05904 DISCHARGED

Proposal: Submission of details to discharge Condition 5 in respect of Decision Notice PA18/07700 dated 13th November 2018

Location: G C H Q Morwenstow Bude Cornwall EX23 9JJ

PA21/01825/PREAPP PENDING CONSIDERATION

Proposal: Pre-application advice for the change of use of the land for the siting of 2 holiday lodges or glamping yurts

Location: Land South West of Brook Farm Shop Morwenstow EX23 9PD

PA21/06541 PENDING CONSIDERATION

Proposal: Submission of details to discharge conditions 3,4,5,6,7 and 8 in respect of Decision Notice PA17/08555 dated 19th December 2018

Location: Land North of West Beckon Close Shop Morwenstow EX23 9SF

PA21/04291

Proposal: Installation of a solar energy facility with variation of Condition 19 of approved Decision Notice PA10/08695 dated 18/04/2011

Location: Land South Of Woolley Barrows Morwenstow

In response to an enquiry from the Planning Officer Morwenstow Parish Council chose option 2, to agree to disagree with the Planning Officers decision

2021/21/07.12 To discuss applications received for Co-Option to the Parish Council. If more applications are received than the number of seats available, an election process in accordance with the Council's standing orders will take place:

5 co-option applications had been received and were discussed. It was resolved to accept all 5 of the candidates. Paperwork will be sent to each of them and they will officially take up office when they sign their Declarations of Acceptance of Office before the start of the September meeting. Congratulations were extended to Greg Worden, Kevin Jones, Nigel Steer, Matthew Hodgson and Jaik Payne.

2021/21/07.13 Exclusion of Press and Public: To consider and if appropriate, to pass the following resolution: That in accordance with section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, and as extended by Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public, including the press, be excluded from the meeting because of the confidential nature of the following business to be transacted.

2021/21/07.14 To discuss the Clerk vacancy and changes required to job role

It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the Clerk vacancy would be advertised immediately, with a closing date of 6th August. To be advertised at 9 hours per week at SCP 14-18. Interviews to be held in August. Separate Confidential Minutes.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm