



Morwenstow Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the monthly Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday 20th October 2021 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre

2021/20/10.1 Attendance: Cllrs. J Hobbs (Chair), K Jones, J Payne, J Phipps, R Savage, N Steer, S Tilbey and G Worden, a member of the public and the Clerk.

2021/20/10.2 To receive apologies for absence: Apologies received from Cllrs. K Boundy and M Hodgson.

2021/20/10.3 The previously circulated minutes of the Monthly Parish Council meeting held on 15th September 2021 were agreed and signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

2021/20/10.4 Matters Arising from the Minutes and updates– **for information only:** The resident that had raised the issues about heavy lorries speeding, road safety and quarrying gave permission for his concerns to be forwarded to Cornwall Council. They were sent to Oliver Jones who sent an officer to investigate. The officer found no sign of any of the issues. The resident has been advised and given Cormac e-mail details. The resident has got back to the Clerk and is unhappy with the response from Cormac. The Clerk will get back to Cornwall Council and our Ward Member, C Cllr. Tilbey, has asked for the details to be forwarded to him to look into.

2021/20/10.5 Disclosures: To receive declarations of interests from Members relating to items on the agenda in accordance with Morwenstow Parish Council's Code of Conduct: None received.

2021/20/10.6 Dispensations: To consider requests from Members for dispensations: None received.

2021/20/10.7 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:

There was no public participation.

2021/20/10.8 To receive a report from our Cornwall Councillor:

C Cllr. Tilbey advised that he is a member of the group discussing the overnight opening of the Minor Injuries Unit at Stratton Hospital. The issue of the overhanging trees and hedgerows at Chapel Levels was raised again and the fact that the landowner should be paying for them to be maintained. Cllr. Tilbey to liaise with Cllr. Boundy for details of the landowner and then take the matter up with Cornwall Council. Cllr. Tilbey was also asked to look into the camp site signs on the Cornwall Council verges at Crimp.

2021/20/10.9 Parish Maintenance and Matters for discussion:

a) To compare quotes and approve work for repair of playpark fence:

Only 1 quote was received. It was proposed, seconded and **Resolved to accept the quote for labour of £160 to remove and take away 7 rotten posts and to fix 7 new posts to the existing rails.** The posts will cost between £12 and £15 each and will be purchased by the Parish Council. Insurance details and risk assessment to be provided by M Hoare. It was mentioned that several people had complained to Councillors that children climb on the fence which is not only dangerous but detrimental to the fence and that while it was being repaired it would be a good idea to erect notices asking children not to climb on the fence. Cllr. Savage to obtain quotes.

b) To discuss replacement of bench at Crosstown and erection of bus shelter:

Cllr. Hobbs made some enquiries regarding likely costs. A hardwood bench will cost in the region of £300 and an arbour for the bus shelter around £1000. Cllr. Hobbs to obtain 3 quotes for the November meeting.

c) To discuss repairs needed to noticeboard at Woolley:

A Parishioner had brought to the Councils attention that the back of the noticeboard at Woolley had rotted away. Cllr. Hobbs had been to look at the noticeboard and confirmed it needed urgent repairs. It was proposed, seconded and **Resolved that the noticeboard should be repaired straight away.** Cllr. Hobbs to contact PSJ to carry out repairs. Cllr. Hobbs will check on the other noticeboards in the Parish and report at the next meeting if any others need attention.

- d) 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 Clerk. New sheet to be started by Cllr. Hobbs.
- e) To note playpark log completed:
To note playpark log completed: Playpark inspections for the last month were completed by Cllr. Savage and log checked at the meeting. It was noted that the D shackles onto the wood on the tower are looking in poor condition. They will need attention at some time and to see what the next annual inspection recommends. Sheet signed and retained by Clerk. New sheet to be started by Cllr. Savage.
- f) To discuss marking Queen's Platinum Jubilee:
Mr Evans has agreed that the beacon can be sited at Middlefields. Arrangements for the beacon and celebrations to commemorate the Jubilee to be discussed at a the January meeting.
- g) To note defibrillator to be sited at Eastcott:
For information. Noted that the residents of Eastcott have received funding to site a defibrillator in the hamlet.

2021/20/10.10 To discuss and agree responses to consultations/proposals received:

- a) Bude Coastal Community Team - Bude Economic Plan

Resolved to respond with the following: It was felt that the plan whilst presenting commendable aims was overly long and reiterated throughout many of the points raised and could be made more user friendly by presenting these once and succinctly. It was also felt that most of the focus was on the Bude/Stratton area with much less attention given to the Parishes. This is reflected in the document title and a more inclusive title may reflect the area that it covers (possibly "An EDP for Bude and Surrounding Parishes")

Whilst all of the aims that the community wishes to see attained are addressed there is very little priority and substance in the potential answers.

The main priorities as most people are aware are the need for housing that is affordable, of a good standard and in the right place for local people on local incomes to be able to live, work and form part of a vibrant cohesive community. To achieve this developers must start to demonstrate that they are building to fulfil local needs and not service an increasingly expanding residential buy to let or holiday home rental market.

In addition, an extensive and comprehensive connectivity network and suitable infrastructure should be in place to enable people to work, study, obtain medical treatment and provide better, more well-paid employment.

If these two priorities are addressed then other aims will follow on the back of increased prosperity and better social inclusion. This is clearly demonstrated by the fact that people in affluent areas live longer as outlined in the latest life expectancy data from the Office of National Statistics.

Additionally given the Sustainability and Climate Change agenda recently set by Cornwall Council more information regarding what this would entail and the steps necessary on a local level to achieve those aims and possibly more would be desirable.

The challenge is how to achieve these aims and it is vital that as well as the support on a local level which already exists the initiative will also require substantial support by County Council and National Government to level up the opportunities offered to what is an isolated and deprived area of the country. This will ultimately have the desired effect of making Bude and the surrounding Parishes a better place to live, work and visit.

- b) Bude Stratton Town Council – Housing proposals:

Resolved - not to pass resolution but to include comments regarding housing in the response to be sent to Cllr. Barry Jordan.

- c) Bodmin Town Council – Planning proposals:

Resolved - not to pass resolution but to include comments regarding housing in the response to be sent to Cllr. Barry Jordan.

- d) Barry Jordan – Views on Cornwall Council:

Resolved to respond with the following:

Planning: In general we feel that Cornwall Council does listen. It is useful when they come back to us with the reasons decisions are made within the National Planning Policy Framework. The Council should be ensuring that there is an infrastructure to support large scale developments (schools, doctors, jobs etc.). Perhaps when things return to 'normal' face to face meetings might be useful before consultation.

Devolution: We don't feel that we have been affected by this to any extremes.

Waste & Recycling - We are quite happy with current system. The collections are regular and updates are available.

Roads: Roads locally are in a reasonable condition generally apart from a couple of problem areas although repairs are usually made quite quickly when notified.

Housing: Whilst the council can not interfere with the market, we need more houses to be built. Improving support for businesses so that workers can be paid a wage closer to levels in the south east would reduce the gap between the have's and have not's.

Second Homes: Second homes should be subject to full rates and council tax payments.

Corona Virus Pandemic: We feel that this was handled reasonably well, but feel more was done on a local level in many areas.

2021/20/10.11 To discuss Football Club lease:

The lease that was drawn up between the Parish Council and Morwenstow Football Club for the use of the playing fields is out of date and a new lease will need to be drawn up. Cllr. Tilbey offered to make initial enquiries into this.

2021/20/10.12 To agree to appointment of Playpark Inspector and Internal Auditor for 2022:
Playpark: It was proposed, seconded and **Resolved to approach Mr Adams again to carry out the annual inspection in 2022.**
Internal Audit: It was proposed, seconded and **Resolved to approach Mr Larter again to carry out the annual internal audit in 2022.**

2021/20/10.13 To approve appointment of new Clerk/RFO:
The Chairman, Vice Chair and Clerk interviewed 4 very worthy applicants for the position. It was proposed, seconded and **Resolved to appoint Sheridan Rosser to the role with effect from 1st November.** There will be a handover period of up to 3 months, with the current Clerk receiving remuneration for training given during this time. Best wishes to Sheridan in her new role.

2021/20/10.14 Correspondence

1. Cornwall Council - Notice of intended closure of lay-by on A39 Crimp to Sturston Cross, 10th-18th January 2022
 2. Cornwall Council - Lets Talk Leisure survey open until 31st October 2021
 3. Cornwall Council - Lets Talk Homes survey open until 8th November 2021
 4. Cornwall Council – Reuse opportunities questionnaire open until 8th November 2021
 5. Healthwatch Cornwall – Waiting times survey
 6. Cornwall Rural Community Charity – Inclusion Matters Service
 7. Active Plus – Health Works for Cornwall
 8. Macmillan – Community Navigation Training for Councillors
 9. Bude Climate Partnership – Local Food Strategy
 10. CNP - Cross Border Health Meeting via Teams, 2nd November 10.30-12.30
 11. Citizens Advice Centre – Autumn Newsletter and details of survey
 12. CEE – Climate and Ecology Emergency Bill
 13. CALC – Recommendations of the Board of Directors
 14. NALC – Elections for committee and leadership posts 2022/23. Closing date 25 October 2021
 15. CNP – Minutes from meeting 6th October 2021
 16. Cornwall Council – Notice of free parking in Cornwall Council car parks on Saturday 4th December 2021
 17. Residents – Mounted Treasure Hunt
- All the above were noted. Items 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,11 and 16 are to be put on our website. Items 1,4,9 and 17 are to be put in Hamlets.

2021/20/10.15 Finances: To confirm accounts spreadsheet with bank statements and agree payments due. Review expenditure against budget:
It was proposed, seconded and **Resolved to approve the statement of accounts as at 30 September 2021 and payments due**, of £30 to Aquiss for the C C broadband; £76.00 to the Community Centre for room rent and storage; £308.43 to S Francis for cleaning the public toilets at the playpark; £151.19 for website hosting; £36.00 to CALC for training. Also **Resolved to approve the spending to date against the Budget Forecast** that showed as previously that although costs were above estimated in some cost centres, overall expenditure was well within the projected spending limit.

2021/20/10.16 Planning:

Applications received for consultation by members to agree a consultee response to be submitted to Cornwall Council:
No applications for comment received.

Planning notifications received from Cornwall Council for information only:

PA21/06309 APPROVED

Proposal: Erection of a detached double domestic garage
Location: 2 Jacques Cottages Shop Morwenstow EX23 9SH

PA21/07058 REFUSED

Proposal: Outline application with some matters reserved for a single dwelling
Location: Stone Park Woodford Morwenstow EX23 9JA

In response to a protocol email from the planning officer, taking into account the reasons given for the decision Morwenstow Parish Council chose option 1, to agree with the planning officer's recommendation.

PA21/08183 APPROVED

Proposal: Variation of condition 2 of decision PA20/07726 dated 03/11/2020 Single storey flat extensions to rear and side. First floor loft conversion with dormer extension to rear and access over single storey extension as roof terrace.

Location: Hennacliff Cottage Morwenstow EX23 9SU

Comment submitted by Morwenstow Parish Council: There are no objections from Morwenstow Parish Council to this application

PA21/02225/PREAPP CLOSED – ADVICE GIVEN

Proposal: Pre-application advice for change of use of land for the siting of a shepherd's hut for holiday use

Location: Land East of Rectory Farm Crosstown Morwenstow EX23 9SR

All the above were noted.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm