



Morwenstow Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting

The Monthly Parish Council Meeting was held on
Wednesday 15th February 2023 at the Community Centre at 7:30pm.

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| 1. | Attended by: Cllrs. J Hobbs (Chair), J Phipps (Vice-Chair), N Steer, G Worden, J Payne, C. Myers, K. Boundy, R. Savage, K. Jones, S. Tilbey, and the Clerk – S Rosser |
| 2. | To receive apologies for absence: None received. |
| 3. | The previously circulated minutes of the Monthly Parish Council meeting held on 18 th January 2023, were approved and signed by the Chair. |
| 4. | Matters arising from the minutes and updates: all addressed below – for information only. |
| 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. <i>None were received.</i> |
| 6. | Dispensations: <i>None were received.</i> |
| 7. | Public Participation: <i>No public were present.</i> |
| 8. | <p>To receive a report from our Cornwall Councillor: Shorne Tilbey.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the Devon & Cornwall Crime Panel meeting, this was about budget setting and precepts. It was agreed to accept a rise of 6.08% which equates to £15 per year on a Band D house (or £1.50 per month). A lot of debate was had and many questions asked before this was accepted, it was supported well. • Spoken with Cllr. Oliver Monk (Housing Cabinet Member) re the housing crisis and have looked at potential sites for development – another meeting is planned next week. <i>Cllr Steer requested that infrastructure is part of these discussions.</i> • A Teams meeting had taken place with Cllr. La- Broy (Cllr. Chopak was unavailable) regarding the Good Growth Fund Framework delivery via CAP's. It was agreed to have 'precise projects ticking boxes'. A meeting with all Parishes will be arranged in due course. Neighbourhood Plans(NP) were something that were talked about in this meeting. It was thought to be better to have a NP and a question was asked of joining with another Parish. <i>This wasn't an agenda item for discussion, so it has been requested as such for a future meeting.</i> • The next Bude Area Community Network Panel Meeting is on Monday 6th March – Morwenstow are always well represented. There will be 23 Parishes when the BACNP join with Camelford. • Next week there will be a Full Council meeting in Truro to attend which will look at the 2023/24 budget. • Ambulance response times are improving. • Request has been made to the Stratton League of Friends for a speaker at our open Parish Meeting in May. • The Clerk was thanked for attending the Devolution meeting the week prior. • The camping sign at Crimp has been reported. • Cornwall Council now have data for all registered land owners of the 'Gladwish Land' which is some 40 plots. <i>Cllr. Boundy felt that progress is often slow on items reported to CC.</i> An update will hopefully be available for the next meeting. Half term has made follow-ups with officers across the board difficult this week. |
| 9. | <p>Parish Maintenance and Matters for discussion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Parish hedges – a general update was covered above in C.Cllr. Tilbey's report; b) To note completed tree log; checked and signed by the Clerk – nothing to note. c) To note completed playpark log; checked and signed by the Clerk – nothing to note. d) To note completed overall grounds log; to be forwarded to the Clerk – nothing to note. e) LMP & SWCP paper work offers have been received; this amounts to £1402.06 for the South West Coast Path and £2,623.74 for the Local Maintenance Partnership. Paperwork will be completed as usual. Cllr. Boundy would like to make slight alterations to the schedule – resolved to agree to this. f) Quotes received for toilets maintenance for 2023; <i>from Mrs S Francis for the sum of £1252.24 for the year for the public toilets at Morwenstow Playing Fields. The sum of £25.00 per visit was tendered for the public toilets at Duckpool. Resolved to continue on this basis.</i> g) Update on the Arbour – <i>the site has been dug out, however Cllrs. Tilbey & Savage weren't content on the location that had previously been agreed at the site meeting. A change of location was agreed and left for Cllr. Savage to organise this with David Miles. Agreed to put the Arbour together quite soon.</i> h) Discuss maps – terms and conditions of the offer from Kresen Kernow; <i>the Chair has had further discussions with Alan Rowland of the History Club. Alan confirmed that all maps have already been digitised and suggested that a closer location should the maps be moved could be at The Castle & Heritage Centre in Bude. Further thought required.</i> i) King Charles III Coronation – Saturday 6th May 2023. – <i>official plans released; Sat 6th May – Coronation, Sun 7th May –</i> |

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| | <p><i>Big Lunch, Mon 8th May – Big Help out. The Morwenstow Community Centre Committee would like to host a similar ‘Picnic’ style event to the Jubilee. The Parish Council would like a working party of Councillors and MCCC Members. Cllrs. Phipps, Payne, Myers & Tilbey have agreed to help make this event happen. Clerk to let the MCCC Secretary know. Suggestion was made to plant approx. 90 trees as ‘Coronation Saplings’ possibly on Woolley Green. Logistics of that with School children could be very difficult – there is also very little time to organise that in the current planting season. Trees could be planted and a map of the trees and a name for each child. Many considerations such as deer fencing etc. Perhaps Commemorative Coronation coins could be an idea. Further research needed.</i></p> <p><i>j) Broken turbine update – appears to be working again although intermittently, no need to remain on the agenda at present;</i></p> <p><i>k) Litter picking – any further research to be discussed; there appears to still be a lot of litter around. Further discussion took place around whether this would be a voluntary or paid position, linking with seasonal fluctuations. A piece to go in the Hamlets to increase awareness.</i></p> <p><i>l) Salt bin request – update; the situation has changed since the last meeting; funding was allocated elsewhere so this was not requested on the advice of Chris Sims – Community Link Officer</i></p> <p><i>m) Dedicated social media account; this is to be carried out by the Clerk</i></p> <p><i>n) Flag pole – update. Cllr. Savage to address this along with others, Cllr. Boundy is happy to be help. The Flag will not be flown until repairs are carried out. A piece is currently missing but parts can not be ordered until the pole has been removed and assessed.</i></p> |
| 10. | Morwenstow Football Club Lease progression update. – <i>Trustee details are now with the Solicitor – awaiting progress.</i> |
| 11. | Cornwall Council Devolution Deal Update and questionnaire – <i>The recent devolution meeting took place at The Falcon Hotel on Monday 6th February. It wasn’t hugely attended but had a good attendance rate in comparison to other evenings across the Duchy. Deadline for the questionnaire responses is Friday 17th February - all Councillors were encouraged to take part.</i> |
| 12. | Emergency Plan update: <i>Cllrs Phipps & Steer are looking into things and will report back. A potential linked Environment Agency training session was brought to our attention; via an online reader of the Hamlets. <u>Tuesday 28th March 5-8pm in Weare Giffard.</u></i> |
| 13 | <p>Health & Well-Being Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>General Update from the Chair; grant bids have all been submitted, the initial response from the Community Levelling Up Programme (CLUP) was that the bid is good, but match funding may halt things. The other grants have been submitted in response to this; but the outcomes won’t be reached until after the CLUP has been decided. The Community Centre committee have agreed to pledge the shortfall in the meantime; pending the outcome of the bids and granting of planning. Planning permission has been applied for. The tractor is being looked at again as the leftover item for the play area. Costs have soared on that – funding potential for East Youlstone but only for the tractor and not the additional trailer slide item. Mrs Denise May MBE has been working on submitting this application. The Steering Group were thanked by the Chair.</i> • <i>Public Works Loan Board; a loan will be necessary to facilitate the implementation of the H & WB Project, this wouldn’t be entered into without the funding in place, to retrospectively repay it. Cornwall Association of Local Councils are the statutory body for guidance with this. It is not possible to determine an exact figure as yet; but the loan would be for approximately £120,000.00. This would be repaid within the same financial year with the funding money. Resolved to follow this route - if funding is awarded.</i> • <i>Requirement for an equality & diversity policy, along with a sustainable development policy. As part of the requirements with the CLUP fund – there is a need for the aforementioned policies. The Clerk will distribute the templates for consideration of adoption at the March Meeting.</i> |
| 14. | North Kernow Housing: Update following subsequent meeting. <i>This was covered in C.Cllr. Tilbey’s report. Kivells are interested in helping to make this happen. There are two areas of interest, one in Morwenstow and one in Bude. 16 residents in Morwenstow require housing.</i> |
| 15. | Annual Parish Meeting speaker confirmations. <i>Confirmations are awaited at the moment.</i> |
| 16. | Training available to Councillors : Requests to be received and actioned. <i>No requests were received.</i> |
| 17. | <p>Review of policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code of Conduct • Complaint Handling Policy • Data Protection Policy • Health & Safety Policy • Statement of Internal Control • Website Privacy & Terms of Use Policy • Morwenstow Community Centre Wi-Fi <p><i>Policies had been distributed prior to this meeting. Policies were viewed on the projector and all agreed.</i></p> |
| 18. | <p>Correspondence: <i>(yellow highlight denotes action may be required)</i></p> <p>* Cornwall Council: BACNP Meeting Agenda & Previous Minutes; Chris Sims re salt bins; Positive Planning; LMP/SWCP offers; East Area Sub Committee updates</p> |

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| | <p>* Cornwall ALC: Training; AGM Papers (21st Feb – Bodmin) Community Growing Space Audit; Electoral services focus group; Section 137 expenditure limit; Local Council Planning Training.</p> <p>* NALC: CEO Bulletins; Open letter; Newsletters & Job Listings.</p> <p>* Health & Wellbeing Project: Various; Letters of Support; Parish Borrowing; Quotes.</p> <p>* Coronation Sales; various companies offering products; Official Details for the weekend & Zurich Insurance.</p> <p>* Morwenstow Community Centre; Big Breakfast Advert – Saturday 18th February.</p> <p>* South West Coast Path newsletters.</p> <p>* Rural Service Network; various newsletters & Cost of living survey.</p> <p>* Martin Group Services; advance notice of closure.</p> <p>* The National Trust – re Duckpool toilets.</p> <p>* Parishioner Emails: re planning process queries and parish greens.</p> <p>* Queens Green Canopy – logo photos.</p> <p>* Thank you's from Morwenstow Church and Shop Chapel.</p> <p>* Tamar Toll Action Group – asking for support. No action required.</p> |
| 19. | <p>Finances & Admin:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holsworthy Rural Transport – <i>Following the January meeting where it was resolved to grant £250 per year for the next three years to this charity, a televised interview had been seen the following day that stated that the services were now being cut. The Clerk is to contact the charity to ascertain whether a service is still being offered in our Parish before the cheque is signed and sent.</i> To confirm accounts spreadsheet with bank statements and agree payments due. It was not possible to confirm that the spreadsheets agreed with the bank statement as the statement did not arrive in the post. Payments were agreed for the following: Aquiss; Broadband - £30.00, Bude Computers; HDMi Cable - £14.99, Parish Magazine Printing; Hamlets - £59.16, Planning Portal; Health & Well Being Project Planning Application fee – 263.20. The cheque was written for Holsworthy Rural Transport for £250 but as detailed above, the payment was deferred to the March meeting and not signed. Cllr. Hobbs checked and signed all invoices, Cllrs. Phipps & Boundy signed the cheques. Cllrs. Savage & Jones checked the limited information available on the statement of accounts spreadsheet. This will be updated in the March meeting following receipt of a newly requested statement for the February period. To review and confirm the budget. The budget was reviewed and is looking okay. Emergency repairs have pushed two estimates over the usual anticipated figures; but all in all the Council is in a sound position. |
| 20. | <p>Planning Applications received for consultation by members to agree a consultee response to be submitted to Cornwall Council: No planning applications were received.</p> <p>For information only: Cornwall Council Decision Approved/Withdrawn: No applications had been decided.</p> |
| 21. | Date of next monthly meeting – Wednesday 15 th March 2023. |

With there being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:23pm.