

**MINUTES OF THE MORETONHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CLUB ON THE 5 JANUARY 2016**

Members present :

Chairman Cllr Willis, Cllrs Jones, Jeffery, Dodd, Payne, Hodges, Wimberley, Willis, Chudley, Simpson, Musialski, and Arnold (part).

In Attendance: Cllr Gribble

Five members of the public were present. One member expressed his objection to planning application 0639/15 2-4 Ford Street highlighting a number of concerns and the lack of detail in the application. In particular he felt the glass conservatory and railings were not appropriate. The applicant responded stating that most of his concerns had already been answered but went through the points individually. The application will not be in direct competition with cafes and will be a Sherlock Holmes themed coffee house aimed at tourists. The applicant stated they had consulted with the Dartmoor National Park Authority who validated the application presented for consideration.

The Chairman opened the meeting

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.15pm.

Item 01/2016 Apologies

An apology was accepted from Cllr Austin.

Item 02/2016 Dispensation requests

None.

Item 03/2016 Minutes of the last meeting (01/12/15)

Cllr Chudley proposed accepting the minutes as a true record, seconded by Cllr Arnold and carried.

Item 04/2016 Matters arising from the approved minutes

1. Wray Valley Trail - Ian James, Devon County Council, confirmed April 2016 is the start date of the next 1 mile phase.
2. New website launch 3/12/15 – the Chairman thanked Councillors for supporting the event which was reasonably well attended given the terrible weather that evening.
3. Cllr Dodd attended the switching on of the Christmas Lights on 5/12/15. The Clerk will be attending a meeting with the MBA to discuss this year's arrangements.
4. Housing (Item 195/2015) a letter was sent to Hastoe as agreed.
5. Superfast Broadband (Item 196/2015). Only 2 responses to the article in News in Moreton have been received. Response from the Business Associate is expected soon.
6. Tourism Grant bid (Item 197/2015). The application has been prepared and will be submitted by the deadline. The MDT/MBA will be informed if they have got through the first round in 4 months and 12 months if they are successful. It is a large bid which includes festivals, walking, arts & craft and cycling.

Item 05/2016 Matters under the Chairman's discretion

The Chairman reported that the Steward Wood planning application appeal is planned for April at the DNPA offices at Parke in Bovey Tracey. The DNPA stated Parke is an acceptable venue for the meeting because it is accessible by public transport. It was agreed Parke is not easily accessible by public transport and that it is more appropriate that it be held in Moretonhampstead. Previous appeals have been held at the Parish Hall in town. A request will be made for it to be held locally.

Item 06/2016 Housing Update

1. Housing Working group meeting – Cllr Jones
Draft minutes of the meeting held on 7th December had been circulated for information. At that meeting the Housing Bill implications were discussed. There are a number of uncertainties

until legislation is finalised after which it is still hoped to hold a public meeting. There was nothing to report on any potential developments.

2. Devon Home Choice – Cllr Willis

Graham Davey, Teignbridge District Council, and the Clerk met to discuss the possibility of being involved in a pilot scheme to improve the perception of the Devon Home Choice scheme. Housing allocation is often criticised. The pilot is an opportunity for the Parish Council to get involved in promoting vacancies and influence allocation criteria. The Parish Council supported the suggestion which will be followed up by the Housing Working Group.

Item 07/2016 Bowring Library Building Consultation Update – Cllr Bas Payne

Cllr Payne thanked everyone for helping distribute the consultation forms. The very wet weather prevented the planned Saturday morning Co-op events and a recent event held at the library was not well attended. An article was put in MDA including photographs. 65-70 responses have been received so far, the deadline is 17th January. The Clerk will approach the Primary School to ask if the questionnaire can be put in the children's book bags.

Cllr Arnold left the meeting for the following item.

Cllr Willis handed the Chair to Cllr Jeffery for the following item.

Item 08/2016 Planning Applications for consideration

Cllr Jeffery confirmed all Councillors could take part in this item. All applications had been available in the Parish Council office and DNPA website.

- (i) 0639/15 2-4 Ford Street, Moretonhampstead – change of use from former cottages to cafe with addition of glazed front extension and rear toilet extension
Following a fire the site has not been redeveloped for approx. 8 years. The plans, DNPA Design Brief dated 2011 and photographs were circulated and discussed. The following points were made:
- a. The application is welcomed and the purpose should be supported
 - b. The site has been an eye sore for too long
 - c. The glass conservatory is unattractive and not in keeping with the town
 - d. New business is beneficial to the town
 - e. The application doesn't comply with the design brief
 - f. The frontage line, with the conservatory, is not appropriate
 - g. It is important to look forward as well as conserve the past
 - h. The proposal could encourage coaches to stop which has been an aspiration of the Info Centre for sometime
 - i. The site has previously been a garage, café and antiques shop
 - j. It is not an economical site to rebuild following the design brief
 - k. The town has other rebuilds which reflect the period in which they were rebuilt – this application is no different
 - l. The images give a cold, bare impression but once completed could be very attractive and enhance the town
 - m. The economic realities of the site need to be taken into consideration

The Parish Council were keen to embrace the application but were very mindful of its central position in the town. Cllr Payne proposed the following:

The Parish Council recommends the purpose of the application which is very welcome but requests substantial rethinking of the building, in particular the conservatory.

Cllr Wimberley seconded the proposed which was carried with 7 in favour and 3 against

- (ii) 0654/15 2-4 Ford Street, Moretonhampstead – erection of sign
An image of the proposed sign was circulated. Cllr Willis proposed supporting the application, seconded by Cllr Simpson and carried.

- (iii) 0625/15 Lowton Barn, Moretonhampstead – erection of timber carport, utility and plant room with reclaimed metal roof
It was agreed that the application was a discreet development appropriate to the size of the barn. Cllr Hodges proposed supporting the application seconded by Cllr Payne and carried.

Cllr Arnold returned to the meeting.

Cllr Jeffery handed the Chair to Cllr Willis for the remainder of the meeting.

Item 09/2016 Internal Financial Regulator’s Report – Cllr Bas Payne

Cllr Payne stated when bank statements are received the accounts check will be done.

Item 10/2016 Open Spaces – Cllr Paul Dodd

Cllr Dodd’s checklist had been circulated, the following points were noted:

1. The bin and seat for the play area will be fitted when the weather improves.
2. The Union Jack will be erected on 6th February.
3. Speed survey results of Station Road have been received. Average speed reported to be 28.9mph therefore no further action will be taken.
4. Cllr Dodd offered to electronically report pot holes and street lighting faults.

Item 11/2016 County Councillor’s report

County Cllr Gribble reported:

1. A382 closure has been postponed so not to coincide with other main road closures.
2. Flooding issues and pot holes remain a problem.
3. Wray Valley Trail work which starts in April will include a road sign at the Moretonhampstead entrance.
4. The boundary commission decision will be announced this month which may result in Moretonhampstead being moved to Teign Valley Ward.
5. A 2% rise in Council tax will be proposed by DCC to cover the rise in minimum wage.

Item 12/2016 Correspondence

All correspondence had been circulated by email and available in the Parish Council office.

Item 13/2016 Payment of Accounts

Cllr Chudley proposed approving the accounts, seconded by Cllr Jones and carried.

MANDATORY PAYMENTS DEC 2015 (JAN 2016 MEETING)	
OFFICE RENT (Green Hill - by direct debit)	£308.82
OFFICE RATES	£0.00
CLERKS SALARY (Lammin)	£982.81
OTHER PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION	
TOR Creative (website)	£1,109.39
VIKING (ink, stationery, stamps for the library consultation)	£122.45
COMMUNITY CLUB (venue hire for 5.1.16)	£12.00
THE UNION INN (website launch event on 4.12.15)	£159.00
AMY'S FLOWERS (anniversary flowers)	£30.00
MORETON SPORTS CENTRE (mini bus hire for TDC public meeting re. refuse)	£12.40
BEN PELL (supply and erect Christmas tree)	£150.00
MDT (PAT testing - 9 electrical items)	£17.00
TALK TALK (telephone and internet)	£22.32
J LAMMIN (Dec expenses - stamps and stationery)	£24.33
TOTAL	2,950.52

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.18 pm.

Chairman..... 2 February 2016.