



Minutes of Full Council meeting 7th March 2017

Present	Chairman Cllr Willis, Vice Chairman Cllr Dodd, Cllrs Jones, Simpson, Chudley, Arnold, Payne, Wimberley, Hodges, Jeffery and Musialski		
In attendance	County Councillor Gribble and Julie Lammin (Clerk)		
Apologies accepted	Cllr Austin		
Dispensations	None		
Public Session:	One member of the public was present.		
Item No	Topic	Discussion points	Outcome/action
26/2017 Cllr Jane Willis	Draft minutes of the Council meeting dated 07.02.17	Draft minutes had been circulated with the agenda.	Proposal: Accept as a true record Proposer: Cllr Jeffery Seconder: Cllr Dodd Carried with one abstention
27/2017 Cllr Jane Willis	Matters arising from approved minutes: 1. Item 02/2017 no.1. Car Park Grit bins	Despite chasing no grit bins have been delivered. Cllrs Willis, Chudley and members of the Local Federation of Young Farmer re-bagged and distributed 2/3 of the grit stored at Animal Crackers.	Cllrs Willis and Jeffery will continue to chase
Cllr Jane Willis	2. Item 15/2017 Annual Parish meeting date	Sat 20 th May at the Parish Hall. The main items will be the Housing Survey report and the Sentry Seating project. Cllr Willis will prepare a written account of the Council's activities over the last year for public information.	Noted
Cllr Jane Willis/Cllr Paul Dodd	3. Item 17/2017 Devon Air Ambulance (DAA) helipad night landing site	Cllrs Willis and Dodd and Lyn Bartlett meet with a representative from DAA to discuss site options. The site must be at least 50m ² and requires 30ft flood lights in a specific direction. The Sports Centre, although not in the centre of town, appears to be the best option. DAA will cover installation costs. Lynn Bartlett will co-ordinate fund raising to cover material costs.	Noted
Cllr Bas Payne	4. Item 19/2017	A meeting with Libraries	Noted

	Bowring Library Group	Unlimited is planned for Thursday 9 th March. A fuller report will be presented at April's Council meeting.	
28/2017 Cllr Jane Willis	Matters under the Chairman's discretion 1. Police services – cut in Police Community Service Officer (PCSO) provision 2. Moor Otters - Dartmoor National Park Public Arts Initiative 3. Court Street Car Park – review car parking spaces and bus/coach parking	PCSO Paul Wilson reported at the last meeting that there are plans to cut rural PCSO time in favour of urban coverage. A draft letter was circulated challenging the plan particularly given the rise in Council Tax. The project is to sponsor 100 superbly painted Otter sculptures around the National Park and Gateway Towns from 1st June to 15th Sep 17. The sponsor cost is £500.00 + VAT. The DNPA is encouraging towns to get involved. The response from Councillors was unenthusiastic, however Margaret Spittles had expressed an interest in personally sponsoring an otter provided it could be positioned on the Square. It was suggested to investigate whether redesigning Court Street car park could increase the number of spaces.	Proposal: To send a letter challenging plans to cut PCSO time in the town, to the Chief Constable, Police and Crime Commissioner, MP Mel Stride and the Mid Devon Advertiser Proposer: Cllr Chudley Seconder: Cllr Hodges Carried with one abstention Proposal: To accept and support Margaret Spittles offer of sponsoring an otter. For Cllr Dodd to liaise with Margaret regarding it's siting in the Square Proposer: Cllr Dodd Seconder: Cllr Jeffery Carried Action: Cllr Jeffery will make enquiries with Teignbridge District Council
29/2017 Cllr Jane Willis	Publically Accessible Defibrillator <i>Decision on whether the Parish Council should provide and maintain equipment</i>	At the last meeting it was agreed to defer a decision until statistics were available. Cllr Willis reported last year the fire brigade responded to 8 calls requiring a defibrillator, 5 of these were in the centre of the town, 4 were successfully helped. The average call out time from making a 999 call to attending the patient was 3.5 minutes. It was felt that the town is adequately covered with defibrillators held by the health centre, fire brigade, dentist and Tristan Denman. Whilst this is a useful service, it was agreed that the additional benefit would be marginal and it would be difficult to justify the cost at present with so many other calls on Parish Council grant monies.	Proposal: Not to fund public accessible defibrillator at present Proposer: Cllr Willis Seconder: Cllr Payne Carried
30/2017	Housing Working Group	Standing orders were	Proposal: To thank the members of

John Willis	<i>Housing Study survey report and recommendations</i>	<p>suspended to allow John Willis who is the Housing Study lead to present this item. John highlighted some of the points for undertaking a new Housing survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The last housing need survey took place in 2010, updated 2013 and therefore out of date • No planning proposals for the designated sites in the Dartmoor National Park Authority's (DNPA) Development Plan have been received • Interest in sites not in the DNPA's plan have been received <p>The HWG commissioned a consultant to carry out a survey. It was promoted using all avenues available. John went through the report and answered questions. There were no surprises in the report conclusions (Attachment No.1). The official definition of "affordable" is 80% of current average price but affordability means many different things to many people. Based on the report conclusions the HWG made a number of recommendations to the Parish Council. Standing orders were reinstated.</p>	<p>the HWG for their work. To accept the Housing Study Survey report and accept the HWG recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Council should send the report to the owners of the sites listed in the study and invite them to meet with the Housing Working Group to discuss the possibility of working with the Parish Council on proposals for meeting housing needs. It is highly likely that not all land owners will be interested 2. In addition, the Council could consider providing an alternative site or sites for public allotments and utilise the existing allotment site for development 3. The proposals would be incorporated into a draft Housing Study which would then go out to public consultation after which a final report would be submitted to the DNPA. The DNPA have indicated they will take this into consideration when making future planning decisions about housing in Moretonhampstead <p>Proposer: Cllr Jeffery Secunder: Cllr Payne Carried</p>
31/2017 Cllr Paul Dodd	On Street parking regulation changes	<p>DCC were requested to change all ½ hour slots to 1 hour with no restrictions on Sundays. Pound Street and Court Street were missed. DCC Highways Officer has apologised for the administrative error. The process to change parking restrictions is lengthy and it could be 2018 before the error can be rectified. Councillors were extremely dissatisfied with the situation and concerned that the error will cause confusion resulting in parking tickets. Also double yellow lines that were due to mark the entrance to Sawyers Walk were not included.</p>	<p>Action: County Cllr Gribble will enquire if the correction can be considered at the next HATOC meeting</p> <p>Action: To inform the community of the changes via New in Moreton and social media</p>
32/2017 Cllr Hugh Arnold	Finance and Policy Committee <i>2017/18 1st round Grant recommendations</i>	<p>F&P minutes which included 1st round grant recommendations were circulated for discussion. Awards totally £1,590 was</p>	<p>Proposal: Agree F&P's 1st round grant recommendations as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Moorhealth £100.00 2. MAY £400.00 3. Patient Participation Group

		recommended from a budget of £2,500.	<p>£100.00</p> <p>4. Scouts £100.00</p> <p>5. Parish Hall £250.00</p> <p>6. Morecare memory café £100.00</p> <p>7. Morecare – defibrillator £0.00</p> <p>8. Skate and ride £250.00</p> <p>9. Tennis Club £0.00</p> <p>10. Info Centre £90.00</p> <p>11. Swimming Pool £200.00</p> <p>Proposer: Cllr Chudley Seconder: Cllr Payne Carried</p>
33/2017 Cllr Bas Payne	Internal Financial Regulator's Report	February's accounts have not yet been checked. Cllr Payne and the Clerk recently met with Sian Colridge to review and simplify the process which also takes into account internet banking.	Noted.
34/2017 Cllr Paul Dodd	Open Spaces Monthly Report (Attachment no. 1)	Cllr Dodd summarised the checklist already circulated. In addition: 1. The mosaic replacement will be completed by 9/3/17.	Noted.
34/2017 Cllr Mike Jeffery	District Councillor's Report	Nothing to report.	Noted.
35/2017 County Cllr George Gribble	County Councillor's Report	Cattle grids at Stiniel and Langaford in neighbouring parishes will be installed soon. Wray Valley Trail public seating	Action: Cllr Gribble will check that DCC has no objections to public seats/benches on the trail
36/2017 Julie Lammin Clerk	Approve accounts (Attachment no. 3)	A list of payments was circulated.	Proposal: Agree payment with the amendment Proposer: Cllr Jeffery Seconder: Cllr Arnold Carried
37/2017 Julie Lammin Clerk	Correspondence	All correspondence had been circulated by email	Noted.
The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.27 pm			
Signed:		Cllr Jane Willis (Chairman)	Date:

Housing Study Feb 2017 - 6 Study Conclusions

1. 85% of respondents support the building of new housing in the town, provided that it meets locally identified need, specifically:

- Genuinely affordable housing – particularly important for workers in care and hospitality who are crucial for our local economy;
- Housing for people with local connections – 75% of responders said this should be a priority;
- Housing for young people (single and families) – either for rent or purchasing, helping them get on the home ownership ladder;
- Housing for older people – including smaller open-market units for people who are downsizing and sheltered housing; and
- Self-building - 20% of respondents expressed an interest.

2. Some respondents emphasised that new housing ought to be well-designed and environmentally friendly; some that it should be linked to improved facilities (e.g. parking); and some that their support would depend upon which sites were chosen.

3. A significant number of individuals or households (around 60) reported being in some degree of housing need, of which 14 preferred to rent and 46 to buy. Different ages/ household groups had different concerns. Older people voiced concern about being able to manage in their homes, and whether there were other options, such as downsizing, bungalows and sheltered accommodation. Family connection and being close to family for support were concerns for both households with children and older people. Some younger families and single people faced issue like overcrowding, unsuitable accommodation, being forced out of the area by a lack of suitable accommodation and living at home with parents as young adults.

4. There is a strong sense of local identity in Moretonhampstead. People are keen to preserve the high quality of the natural and historic environment.

5. Respondents also had concerns such as parking, traffic congestion, public transport, medical services and social / recreational facilities.

6. There are a range of views about the different sites that would be most suitable for development. Many respondents added comments in favour of small infill sites where 1 or 2 homes could be built.

Area	Comments	Action
The Sentry	All OK.	None.
Churchyard	All ok Rob Austin reported some fly tipping – 7/8 Christmas trees.	Looks very tidy.
The Play Area	All good	None needed
The Henge	Looks good	None
The Pound	Looks good	None.
Cross Tree	Looks good	None
Geneva Island/War Memorial	Ok	None
Wheelwright's wheel	Looks good	None needed
Allotment	All fine.	None
Seats/benches/Lamp posts	All look good	None
Gates and Railings	Library railings have been damaged by vehicles No details available.	DCC have given us permission to remove damaged sections which are the 2 bottom ones.
Bus Shelter	Still looking good.	None
Recycling	All checked once a week	Cardboard emptied. Plastic bottles and glass bottles nearly full. Will check and report if necessary.

MANDATORY PAYMENTS FEB 2017 (MAR MEETING)	AMOUNT	PAYMENT METHOD
MDT (office rent)	308.82	Direct debit
OFFICE RATES	0.00	
J. LAMMIN (Clerk's salary)	949.27	Online transfer
PENINSULA PENSIONS (employer's and employee's contribution)	280.32	Cheque
HMRC (PAYE and NI)		
OTHER PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION		
TALK TALK (telephone and internet)	25.93	Direct debit
COMMUNITY CLUB (venue hire 7/3)	15.00	Cheque
MORETONHAMPSTEAD INFORMATION CENTRE (town map - first contribution from Marketing Moreton budget)	600.00	Online transfer
ARNOLDS (hardware)	15.89	Online transfer
OLD MILL (payroll administration fee for 2016/17)	378.00	Online transfer
GEORGIANA LINGARD (social media updates - Feb)	50.00	Online transfer
J LAMMIN (Annual off site backup fee - Dropbox)	79.00	Online transfer
AMYS FLOWERS (Bennet/Pike/Jeffery)	95.95	Online transfer
LEMON GAZELLE (Housing survey - final payment) subject to the Housing Working Group's sign off	1,800.00	Online transfer
R J AUSTIN (cemetery hedges & tree maintenance work)	585.00	Online transfer
TOTAL	5,183.18	