



**Minutes of the meeting of Moretonhampstead Parish Council held on Tuesday 4th February 2020 at 7.00pm at the Community Club, Moretonhampstead**

<b>Present</b>	Cllr Anna Adnitt Cllr Malcolm Chudley Cllr Vivienne Hodges (Chairman) Cllr Gordy Keep Cllr Penny Simpson Cllr Mike Warner Cllr Rose Mogeni Cllr Paul Dodd Cllr Nicky Cardew Cllr Bas Payne Cllr John Farrand-Rogers Cllr Mike Jeffery
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<b>In attendance</b>	Samantha Parkin – Parish Clerk Cllr Jerry Brooks 2 members of the public
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**Public Session:**  
*The members of the public were representatives from Baker Estates. They attended to support their letter of complaint (item 33/2020, point 2).*

<b>Item No</b>	<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Discussion points</b>	<b>Outcome/action</b>
19/2020	To accept apologies for absence.		None
20/2020	To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda and requests for dispensations.		None received.
21/2020	To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2020.	Draft minutes of the meeting had been circulated with the agenda.	Cllr Mike Jeffery proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2020 be <b>approved</b> and signed as a correct record. Seconded by Cllr Bas Payne and <b>resolved</b> .
22/2020	To receive the County Councillor's report.	Cllr Brook reported on the 20/21 Budget. Central Govt. has increased the budget by 8.7%. 10% increase for adult services, 8.5% for children and 5% for highways. The SEND (special educational needs and disability) bill is in excess of £21 million overspend. This is a Govt. issue and every council is facing the same issue. If a solution isn't found, DCC could be looking at a £45 million overspend next year.	Noted.

		<p>Reserves – DCC have £14 million in direct reserves which allow them to operate for 4 days. DCC have £110 million in strategic reserves. Children and young people services ran away with them this year therefore it is prudent to have these reserves. Adult services and children and young people services consume 75% of the budget, they represent only 3% of the people in Devon. Council tax will rise by 3.99%, this will raise band D by approximately £54.</p> <p>Pot holes are a serious problem after the recent rainfall. DCC have doubled the number of visits to manholes and drainage.</p> <p>Cllr Anna Adnitt informed Cllr Brook the response received re flooding on the A382 was inadequate. Cllr Brook advised the council to go through South West Water.</p> <p>Cllr Vivienne Hodges thanked Cllr Brook for agreeing to attend the Queens Rd meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> February.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
23/2020	<p>Matters arising not on the agenda – for report only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report of DNPA meeting re cement fibre cladding at the former Gale Saw Mills.</li> <li>• Grit has now been removed from Animal Crackers by Cllr Gordy Keep</li> <li>• BT have been informed of the Councils wish to adopt the payphone</li> <li>• Queens Road meeting will be held on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm</li> <li>• Clerk is in the process of inviting organisations to apply for the 1<sup>st</sup> round of grants</li> </ul>	<p>DNPA informed the council that had they known now how the cladding would have looked they wouldn't have approved the application. DNPA have no obligation to consult the council over changes to applications that are not material. A letter has been sent to the developer to encourage the developer to finish the site.</p> <p>Cllr Hodges thanked Cllr Keep.</p> <p>The grant applications will be discussed in March. Encourage local organisations to apply if they need funding for a particular project.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted</p>
24/2020	To note matters under the Chairman's discretion	The Clerk will be attending a Cemetery Management Course on February 25 <sup>th</sup> as agreed by the Chair. Cllr Hodges informed the Council, Cllr	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Clerk will give notice of the</p>

		Nicky Cardew has tendered her resignation as from February 7 <sup>th</sup> due to family commitments that make her role within the Council difficult. Cllr Hodges accepted her resignation and thanked Cllr Cardew for all her hard work during her time on the Council including her role as Chair of the Finance committee and all her hard work on policies.	Casual Vacancy on Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February. A copy will be displayed within the Parish and forwarded to the Electoral Services Office.
25/2020	To receive the District Councillor's Report	Cllr Jeffery informed the Council that all new build properties will have to pay for their waste bin. This will be a one off charge of £80. Up to May, Teignbridge were the top recycling authority in Devon, we have now dropped to 4 <sup>th</sup> or 5 <sup>th</sup> .	Noted.  Noted.
26/2020	To receive the Open Spaces monthly report.	The Open Spaces monthly report was tabled at the meeting. Cllr Dodd provided an overview of the report. He noted that the hedges in the Sentry have been cut nicely.	The report was received and is attached at appendix 1 on page 6. Noted.
27/2020	To discuss the safety of users of the Wray Valley Trail.	Cllr Mike Warner gave an overview of the meeting with the Wray Valley Trail engineer. Cllr Warner discussed the council's concerns over the safety of users exiting Brinning Lane on the blind corner. Devon Highways have agreed to install warning triangles outside the old fire station to warn drivers of the new hazards. They are very pleased with the success of the trail. Cllr Penny Simpson is concerned about the multi-use of the trail by pedestrians and cyclists and enquired if signage would be installed to highlight the issue. Cllr Mike Jeffery stated that information boards will be installed before the official opening of the trail stating that it is a community path. Cllr Nicky Cardew asked if the padlocks on the gate had been discussed with the engineer. The padlocks are being looked into by the highways and they will address the matter with the emergency services. Cllr Anna Adnitt enquired about the future maintenance of the trail. Cllr Jeffery confirmed this will be DCC responsibility. Cllr Vivienne Hodges said that a complaint had been received from the Sports Centre that users of the Trail had been parking in the Sport's Centre car park.	Noted.  Noted.  Noted.  Noted.
28/2020	To consider a new website for the Council	A document had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Vivienne Hodges gave an overview of the existing website	Noted.  Clerk to add the 'Visit Moreton'

		which is actually a sub-section of the Visit Moretonhampstead site. Cllr Mike Warner informed the council that 3 quotes had been received. Cllr Bas Payne was concerned that the companies had not been given any specification to base their quotes on. Cllr Vivienne Hodges suggested a small working group be set up to look at the quotes and specifications.	site to March Agenda.  Cllr Mike Warner, Cllr Bas Payne, Cllr Vivienne Hodges and the Clerk will discuss the quotes and bring to the Finance committee.
29/2020	To discuss the possibility of a Police Community Advocate.	A document had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr John Farrand-Rogers can't see the purpose or advantage of a Police Community Advocate.	Cllr John Farrand-Roger proposed that the Council <b>do not</b> have a Police Community Advocate. Seconded by Cllr Anna Adnitt and <b>resolved</b> . One abstention.
30/2020	To discuss the meeting with the trustees of the sports centre attended by Cllr Hodges and Cllr Warner	Cllr Warner gave an overview of the meeting. The Sports Centre invited the Council to the meeting to discuss the Fireworks, they are a charity and last year the fireworks nearly made a loss and they wonder if the fireworks have run its course. Cllr Vivienne Hodges agreed with them. Cllr Malcolm Chudley suggested the Sports Centre apply for a grant. Use of the outside areas was discussed and the Council stated they were disappointed that the football pitch wasn't used more.	Noted.
31/2020	To receive the report of the Internal Financial Regulator.	Nothing further to report from last month. Internal checks will be carried out next week.	Noted.
32/2020	To approve the list of payments.	The list of payments was tabled at the meeting.	The list of payments is attached at appendix 2 on page 6. Cllr Mike Warner proposed that the list of payments be <b>approved</b> . Seconded by Cllr Bas Payne and <b>resolved</b> .
33/2020	To receive correspondence and to agree any response: 1.WBW letter re Land Registry Application, proposal of reduced costs  2.Baker Estates letter re planning comments	Correspondence had been previously circulated.  Cllr Mike Warner provided an overview of past events. Lack of communication was an oversight on the part of the Council and lessons have been learnt.  Cllr Vivienne Hodges gave an overview of the letter and the planning meeting held on 21 <sup>st</sup> January. She added that the planning committee advises the Parish Council as to what decisions to make. 5 members of the Planning committee accepted Cllr bas Payne's comments as an accurate reflection of the discussion before they were submitted to DNPA. Baker Estates are requesting that the comments are retracted and a further more accurate	Cllr Mike Warner proposed the Council <b>pay</b> the bill. Seconded by John Farrand-Roger and <b>resolved</b> .  Cllr Mike Jeffery proposed the council <b>support</b> the planning committees support comments. Seconded by Cllr Anna Adnitt and <b>resolved</b> . 3 Abstentions. Cllr John Farrand-Rogers proposed a <b>vote of confidence</b> in Cllr Bas Payne as chairman of the planning committee. Seconded by Cllr Mike Warner and <b>resolved</b> .

	3. Teignbridge reply re emptying of bins in Sentry	<p>response submitted. Cllr Bas Payne commented that he made copious notes on the planning meeting discussions. He feels that the comments submitted were a fair reflection on balance of what was said at the meeting on both sides. The comments reflected the decision that the Parish Council supported the application.</p> <p>Cllr Mike Jeffery doesn't have a problem with the comment. Cllr Hodges read the letter. Cllr Mike Jeffery commented the costs had not been confirmed by Teignbridge. A discussion took place regarding the frequency of emptying bins needed and the amount of bins needed.</p> <p>'We're watching you' campaign was discussed and a sign was shown to the council. The campaign was recommended by the council's contractor, Mr Austin.</p>	<p>Cllr Vivienne Hodges to draft a reply to Baker Estates reinforcing our support and reiterating the councils concerns. This reply will be circulated to the Council before submitting.</p> <p>Cllr John Farrand-Rogers proposed the issue be <b>delegated to open spaces</b> committee and brought to the Finance committee to discuss. Reply to be submitted by March 6<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Clerk to investigate the campaign and signage to deter dog fouling.</p>
34/2020	To receive reports from Councillors with particular responsibilities.	<p><u>Post Office Working Group</u></p> <p>An advice note has been submitted to the News in Moreton and displayed around the town. The Post Office is processing an application. Cllr Penny Simpson suggested a copy of the note is put on the door of the Post Office.</p> <p><u>Climate Change Working Group</u></p> <p>The Climate Change emergency meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> February was well attended and very useful, lots of positive feedback has been received. Cllr Penny Simpson felt very proud of the community. The working group gathered information to make a directory of the different organisations. The next stage will be to make a parish plan to reflect the emergency.</p> <p><u>Bowring Library</u></p> <p>The trustees met and hope to provide more detailed recommendations next meeting.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Cllr Anna Adnitt is drafting a thank you note to all the organisations that attended.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
Public session			
The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm.			
Signed: (Chairman)			
Next meeting: Tuesday 3rd March 2020			

**Moretonhampstead Parish Council  
Open Spaces Monthly Inspection Report**

Inspection carried out by: Paul Dodd  
Date: February 2020

Area	Comments	Actions
The Sentry	Hedge needs cutting	Exeter road and hedge in Sentry all cut back
Churchyard	Bio-blitz group walk around.	Area to be left uncut Finalized.
The Play Area	All Ok	Awaits inspection by Playdale
The Henge	Looks good	None.
The Pound	Looks good	None
Cross Tree	Tree still leaning	Contractor given instruction to straighten it.
Geneva Island/War Memorial	OK	None
Wheelwright's wheel	OK	None
Allotment	Ok	None
Seats/benches/ Lamp posts	All ok	New memorial bench to be fitted in Court Street
Gates and Railings	None	None
Bus Shelter	Looking good	None
Recycling		.

**MPC Minutes 04.02.2020 Attachment no.2 – List of payments February 2020**

	AMOUNT (inc VAT)	PAYMENT METHOD
<b>MANDATORY PAYMENTS FOR January 2020 (approved February meeting)</b>		
MDT (office rent) - paid 02/01/2019	£308.82	Direct debit
S PARKIN (Clerk's salary 1 January - 31 January 2020) – paid 31/01/2019	£904.86	Online Transfer
PENINSULA PENSIONS (employer's and employee's contribution ) –paid 31/01	£264.85	Online Transfer
HMRC (PAYE and NI - next quarterly payment March 2020)		
<b>OTHER PAYMENTS AUTHORISED 4 February 2020</b>		
TALK TALK (telephone and internet)	£34.40	Direct debit
Hire of Community Club – 07/01/ 2020	£15.00	Online Transfer
Hire of the Parish Hall (Peter Gunning room) – 21/01/2020	£15.00	Online Transfer
S Parkin - Postage Expenses	£1.06	Online Transfer
DNPA Planning Admin – George Bidder Memorial	£116.00	Cheque
T.A.Sutcliffe – Road closure for Xmas light switch on event	£180.00	Online Transfer
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1839.99</b>	