



Minutes of the meeting of Moretonhampstead Parish Council held on Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 7.00pm at the Community Club, Moretonhampstead

Present	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
In attendance	Samantha Parkin – Parish Clerk Cllr Jerry Brooks 10 members of the public

Public Session:

The members of the public were mainly representatives from the 'Trees in Time' group which is part of the bio diversity group. They would like to propose a substantial tree planting scheme in and around Moretonhampstead with a tree guardianship community scheme to ensure sustainability. Lesley Horrel had previously sent the council a report outlining reasons why they should support the scheme. The group are proposing a 5 year programme, in year 1 they would like to obtain some trees and they would like the Parish Councils consent and support of the project. A provisional map of the tree planting was presented to the Council. There were also representatives from Chagford interested in the Trees in Time scheme who would like the scheme to happen in Chagford. The members of the public left the meeting at 19.53pm.

Item No	Agenda item	Discussion points	Outcome/action
01/2020	To accept apologies for absence.		Apologies were accepted from Cllr John Farrand-Rogers.
02/2020	To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda and requests for dispensations.		None received.
03/2020	To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 3 rd December 2019.	Draft minutes of the meeting had been circulated with the agenda.	Cllr Mike Jeffery proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 7 th January 2020 be approved and signed as a correct record. Seconded by Cllr Malcolm Chudley and resolved .
04/2020	To receive the County Councillor's report.	Cllr Jerry Brook apologised for not making December's meeting. One Sunday In December Cllr Brook came with a shovel and attempted to clean a number of areas. One such	Noted. Cllr Vivienne Hodges thanked Cllr Brook for turning out with his shovel.

		<p>area was Pound Lane where the water was running across the road. Cllr Brook cleaned the sump out and made the water go in beside the hedge to prevent the water running into the road.</p> <p>Cllr Brook acknowledged the Councils letter regarding the flooding on the A382. Cllr Brook agreed to put pressure on the landowner to remove the tree but it is a difficult process.</p> <p>2020/21 Budget – there will likely be a 2% increase in the Council tax plus a 2% ring-fenced increase for adult social services. This year they are already extremely overspent in this department.</p> <p>Issues of the environment are superseding road complaints meaning that the allocated sum obtained from central Government had not been spent so this will hopefully rectify some of the serious potholes that have developed in the last 3 months. Cllr Brooks feels that the local economy is being affected by the poor road network.</p> <p>Cllr Brooks has been asked to sit in on a pilot scheme to bring in 20mph speed limits throughout Newton Abbot. Cllr Hodges identified that the council have asked for 20mph limits in some areas of Moreton.</p> <p>Queens Rd – Core sample results have now been received. Rough costs have been calculated which are seriously frightening. Cllr Brook advised a meeting of residents to discuss their responsibilities.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Clerk to arrange a meeting.</p>
05/2020	<p>Matters arising not on the agenda – for report only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The precept request of £39,4200.00 has been sent to Teignbridge • The meeting has been arranged with DNPA for Wednesday 8th January at 3pm to discuss the cement fibre cladding at the former Gale Saw Mills • History society are going to update churchyard records. • Cllr Bas Payne advised the 	<p>The Chairman and Council representatives will be attending and will report back to the Council at the next meeting.</p> <p>This is very welcome.</p> <p>Cllr Vivienne Hodges expressed the Councils gratitude to Cllr Bas Payne and Cllr Gordy Keep for removing the</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>

	asbestos in the allotment has not been removed.	asbestos.	
06/2020	To note matters under the Chairman's discretion	Devon County Council gave the parish council surplus supplies of grit some years ago which has been kindly stored at Animal Crackers. The grit now needs to be moved. Cllr Gordy Keep will remove and store the grit but the council need to think about what can be done with it. Cllr Hodges suggested a modification to the Chairman's allowance which is currently set at £500 to £200.	Noted. Cllr Bas Payne proposed the allowance is lowered to £250. Seconded by Cllr Mike Jeffery and resolved . Cllr Hodges abstained.
07/2020	To receive the District Councillor's Report	There is a budget meeting next week. Cllr Jeffery advised that the proposed bin charges have not been before council yet.	Noted. Noted.
08/2020	To receive the Open Spaces monthly report.	The Open Spaces monthly report was tabled at the meeting. The rocking horse in the play area is awaiting repairs. Cllr Vivienne Hodges thanked Cllr Paul Dodd for his hard work and for painting seats throughout the last year which has been appreciated by many residents.	The report was received and is attached at appendix 1 on page 6. Noted.
09/2020	To consider the following planning applications: 0562/19 – Amendment to sash window design at The Maltsters, 14 Court Street, Moretonhampstead	Cllr Bas Payne gave an overview of the application. The Council are happy with the application as the amended design is more typical of Moretonhampstead.	Cllr Mike Jeffery proposed that the Parish Council supports the application. Seconded by Cllr Rose Mogeni and resolved .
10/2020	0570/19 – Erection of timber garage at Courtenay Barn, Pound Street, Moretonhampstead	Cllr Bas Payne gave an overview of the application. No objections have been received from the public.	Cllr Mike Jeffery proposed that the Parish Council supports the application. Seconded by Cllr Paul Dodd and resolved .
11/2020	0582/19 – Erection of timber garage at Courtenay Barn, Pound Street, Moretonhampstead	As above.	Cllr Mike Jeffery proposed that the Parish Council supports the application. Seconded by Cllr Paul Dodd and resolved .
12/2020	To discuss the potential adoption of the BT phone box in Ford Street	Cllr Vivienne Hodges provided a summary of the proposed BT phone box closure. Adoption of the pay phone will cost £1. BT will not charge for the electricity supply. All future maintenance costs are down to the adoptee. If the Parish Council adopt what are the potential uses for it? Cllr Mike Warner suggested it is very good value but will have liabilities for painting – it needs to have a champion to look after it. Cllr Penny Simpson asked if the allotment had	Cllr Bas Payne proposed that the Parish Council adopt the pay phone. Seconded by Cllr Paul Dodd and resolved . One councillor abstained. Clerk to ask allotment association and wider

		expressed an interest in it. Cllr Paul Dodd thinks the council should keep it as it is part of our history and an asset to the town's entrance.	community for ideas.
13/2020	To discuss the 'Trees in Time' initiative.	Documents had been previously circulated. Cllr Hodges provided an overview. Cllr Bas Payne supports the project in principle. Concerned that some of the land is privately owned and can only offer support on Parish Council land. Cllr Payne expressed the need for local seed to be used and when the trees get older who will be responsible for maintenance. Cllr Paul Dodd identified that the group need to be careful where they put the trees. Cllr Mike Jeffery pointed out that trees should not be placed too near to drains. Cllr Anna Adnitt proposed that standing orders be dropped so that the trees in time group could be part of the discussion. Seconded by Cllr Mike Warner. The group clarified that the school had given permission to use the land. The group would like to work with the council to plant trees on their land. Private land owners will be consulted. All trees will be locally sourced. The group asked for the councils support with regards to Highways. The group asked for a tree champion from the parish council. Cllr Mike Jeffery reinstated standing orders. Seconded by Cllr Paul Dodd. Cllr Paul Dodd volunteered to be the tree champion alongside Cllr Anna Adnitt.	Cllr Malcolm Chudley proposed to support the trees in time initiative and pass on to the Open Spaces committee. Seconded by Cllr Bas Payne and resolved .
14/2020	To discuss Teignbridge Councils intention to charge for the emptying of 3 litter bins and 1 dog waste bin in the Sentry	The letter from Teignbridge had been previously circulated. Cllr Paul Dodd advised of the varying litter amounts throughout the seasons. He suggested purchasing 2 new bigger bins to replace the smaller bins. Cllr Bas Payne stated that the timing of the letter is irresponsible as the precept has already been submitted. Cllr Malcolm Chudley suggested that the council remove all the bins and the public take their litter home with them.	Cllr Bas Payne proposed the council write to TDC as a matter of urgency stating that the timing of the letter is unreasonable. Seconded by Cllr Rose Mogeni and resolved . Cllr Vivienne Hodges to draft. Clerk to add item to next months agenda.
15/2020	To receive the report of the Internal Financial Regulator.	The new spreadsheet system is fully operational. There are a couple of technical irregularities. Recurring payments need to be authorised at the beginning of the financial year. At present no system for checking expected payments.	Noted. Clerk to set up an expected payments register.
16/2020	To approve the list of	The list of payments was tabled at the	The list of payments is attached

	payments.	meeting. The Clerk explained that Teign Valley Nursery cheque had to be cancelled due to the paying in machine destroying cheque.	at appendix 2 on page 6. Cllr Anna Adnitt proposed that the list of payments be approved . Seconded by Cllr Nicky Cardew and resolved . One Councillor abstained.
17/2020	To receive correspondence and to agree any response: 1.Letter from local resident concerned about the material used at the former Gale Saw Mills site 2.Email from Mary Ridgeway (Teignbridge) – arrange meeting regarding social housing	Correspondence had been previously circulated. The council agree the site is still very ugly. The matter will be the subject of the meeting with DNPA, 8th Jan. All councillors would like to attend.	Reply after the meeting. Clerk to set up a meeting provisionally 04/02/2020 at 6pm
18/2020	To receive reports from Councillors with particular responsibilities.	<u>Post Office Working Group</u> PO IT systems are still in a dreadful state. Cllr Mike Warner is putting maximum pressure on the PO to do something. There will be a few months gap in service. Bovey Tracey and Chagford both have open Post Offices. <u>Climate Change Working Group</u> The Working group has organised a public meeting to be held on 03/02/20 at 7.30pm. The meeting will be an opportunity for local groups to see what is going on to tackle the climate change emergency. Cllr Mike Warner suggested that the group produce a list of actions for the public as few people know practically what to do. Cllr Vivienne Hodges requested the working group have a small budget for expenses. Cllr Bas Payne pointed out that the budget has already been set for the year. Cllr Vivienne Hodges would like to support the Devon Climate Declaration. Cllr Bas Payne commented that zero carbon as currently defined is dishonest as it excludes CO2 we cause to be generated outside the UK, allowing us to claim a decrease in CO2 generation even if we achieve this by generating more CO2 outside the UK." Cllr Mike Warner concerned about the possibility of an accident due to the volume of cyclists coming from the Wray Valley Trail on the blind bend on Pound Street.	Update to go in News in Moreton. Cllr Vivienne Hodges proposed the working group are allowed to spend up to £200 and write to the Devon climate change group in support but the council have reservations. Seconded by Cllr Nicky Cardew and resolved . Cllr Vivienne Hodges to write to Devon Climate group. Clerk to add item to February Agenda.

Public session			
The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm.			
Signed: (Chairman)			
Next meeting: Tuesday 4th February 2020			

MPC Minutes 07.01.2020 Attachment no. 1 – Open Spaces report January 2020

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

Inspection carried out by: Paul Dodd
Date: January 2020

Area	Comments	Action
The Sentry	All OK.	None.
Churchyard	All ok	None
The Play Area	Awaits safety inspection by Playdale ltd	As shown
The Henge	Looks good	None
The Pound	Looks good	None.
Cross Tree	Awaits tree straightening	None
Geneva Island/War Memorial	Ok	Wreaths to be removed in near future from war memorial.
Wheelwright's wheel	Looks good	None needed
Allotment	Not inspected	none
Seats/benches/ Lamp posts	All ok	None
Gates and Railings	All ok.	None
Bus Shelter	Still looking good.	None
Recycling	All checked once a week	Should be emptied this Wednesday

Minor litter pick around the town.
Out of date posters removed.

MPC Minutes 07.01.2020 Attachment no.2 – List of payments January 2020

MANDATORY PAYMENTS FOR December 2019 (approved January meeting)	AMOUNT (inc VAT)	PAYMENT METHOD
MDT (office rent) - paid 01/12/2019	£308.82	Direct debit
S PARKIN (Clerk's salary 1 - 30 November 2019) – paid 30/12/2019	£923.62	Online Transfer
PENINSULA PENSIONS (employer's and employee's contribution) –paid 30/12	£270.97	Online Transfer
HMRC (PAYE and NI - next quarterly payment December)- paid 30/12/2019	£180.86	Online Transfer

OTHER PAYMENTS AUTHORISED 7 January 2020		
TALK TALK (telephone and internet) - paid 03/01/2020	£32.74	Direct debit
Hire of Community Club – 03/12/ 2019	£15.00	Online Transfer
Cllr Vivienne Hodges – Chairman allowance	£200.00	Cheque
Dawn Larner – War memorial flowers	£77.97	Online Transfer
BNC Electrical Ltd – Fairy Lights for Xmas Tree	£51.43	Online Transfer
Playdale – Annual Inspection	£234.00	Online Transfer
Sarah Jenkins – December handover hours	£52.60	Online Transfer
Teign Valley Nursery – Reissue payment/cancel cheque 2824	£288.60	Online Transfer
TOTAL		

Teign Valley cheque cancellation ref number: TMS160053019
Cheque destroyed in Lloyds paying in machine