

HALWELL & MORELEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Village Hall, Moreleigh
Tuesday 20th February 2018 at 7pm

OPEN FORUM No members of the public attended.

PRESENT: **Councillors: N. Palmer, J. Collins, S. Dunham, M. Hicks, J. Mussen, H. Reeve, R. Widger**

In attendance: S. Winstanley (Clerk) , Cllr. M. Hicks, Cllr. R. Gilbert

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr. M. Hicks –

- During budget setting consideration has been given to savings. Car parking charges are being looked at. The proposal is to increase the Council Tax by 5%.
- The Local Plan – all submissions will have been heard by the 21st March and the Inspectors will then consider the Plan. It appears that the Plan will not be adopted until the end of October.
- The application at Boreston Foot is being considered at present.
- Following the Chair's concerns about a dangerous tree at Boreston Foot, the Tree Officer was consulted along with Highways, who do not consider the tree to be dangerous.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr. R. Gilbert –

- Council tax will be increased by 5% which equates to £63 per year for a Band D property. (2.99% increase + 2% for adult social care)
- Some facts about DCC costs:
 Concessionary bus service costs £9 million a year
 Public transport subsidy - £3.3 million a year
 Maintenance of public rights of way - £600,000 a year
 CAB grant from CC is £400,000 per year (no change)
 Over 65s swelled by ½ million up to 10% of the population in England
 The Energy from Waste incinerator burns 54,000 tons a year (providing electricity and waste which it is planned to use in road surfaces etc)
 Residual waste (black bin) has fallen from 5.94kg to 4.94kg which is the third best in the UK. 41% of this is recyclable. It cost £120/ton to dispose at EFW incinerator.
 7,700 potholes were fixed in January – rain and frost causes delays
 £6,500 million extra in 2018/19 for highways drainage, patching and potholes.
 More money is spent by the Government on overseas aid than for Local Government
- H. Reeve said that the family from the affordable housing, had lost their appeal for their child to go to Harbertonford School and has to travel to Dartmouth each day, the mother having to walk down the road past the Village Hall up to Halwell 4 times a day.

POLICE REPORT – PC Jane Gerrard – by email

There had one crime concerning the theft of a vehicle at the Halwell Business Park.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 22nd January 2018

It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** that the Chair should sign the Minutes as a true and correct record. **Resolved**

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

Members are invited to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting. R. Widger declared a pecuniary interest in planning application 4262/17/FUL.

4. CLERK'S REPORT –

- Martin Brooking had been contacted re. clearing drains, but there had been no word about when he would carry out the work.
- There had been vandalism at the Business Park as well as the theft of the vehicle.
- A vehicle had crashed into the side of the building on the corner of the junction in the middle of Moreleigh, demolishing the side of the building. The perpetrator is unknown.

5. CHAIR'S COMMENTS – No report

**6. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS — To be considered:
4262/17/FUL – Land at SX794 546 Brook Farm, Washbourne TQ9 7UB**
Application for re-siting of an agricultural building

- R. Widger left the meeting
- Following discussion it was *resolved* to recommend support
- R. Widger rejoined the meeting

7. Update on Air Ambulance night landing site.

- The Chair of the Village Hall Committee had met with a representative of the Air Ambulance to discuss the provision of a night land site.
- As a result of the meeting he wrote a note which H. Reeve read out stating that the Village Hall Committee support the provision of the night landing site and setting out what needs to be done. Trees have to be removed but it is hoped that these can be re-sited.

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. To approve payment of the following cheques:
 655 - £150.00 – P. Westlake (strimming)
 656 - £52.66 – S. Winstanley (reimburse for 1/3 SLCC membership)
 657 - £232.80 – N. Palmer (reimburse for cost of installing defibrillators)
 658 - Cancelled
 659 - £280.00 – J. Mortimore (grass cutting)
 660 - £227.13 – S. Winstanley (Feb)
 661 - Cancelled *Approved*
2. Current finances - £19,114.46
3. A request for a grant had been received from the Churches for churchyard maintenance. It was agreed that £300 be allocated to each church.

9. CORRESPONDENCE - None

9. COUNCILLOR’S REPORTS – To receive updates from councillors on matters of special responsibility:

H. Reeve Halwell Churchyard – 3 spaces have been found and there may be a few more.

**10. DATE NEXT OF MEETING - at Halwell & Moreleigh Village Hall on
7pm Tuesday 26th March 2018**

SIGNED
D. Treeby Chair

ACTION POINTS

H. Reeve To contact Village Hall Committee re. cover to cesspit