

HALWELL & MORELEIGH ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Following the Annual Parish Meeting
Village Hall, Moreleigh
Monday 22nd May 2017 at 7pm

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

D. Treeby was nominated and seconded. There being no other nominations, D. Treeby was elected Chair and signed the Acceptance of Office.

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

N. Palmer was nominated and seconded. There being no other nominations, N. Palmer was elected Vice Chair.

OPEN FORUM No members of the public attended.

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

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

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr. M. Hicks

- It is clear to most of us that the most pressing problem facing local councils is funding.
- The national debt is around 1.37 trillion. The trade deficit contributes to an increasing national debt. The Government has decided that this would mean, amongst other things, a reduction in the grant to local government.
- SHDC is spending a lot of energy trying to save money and how it can raise money. This has resulted in a considerable reduction in staff.
- SHDC has managed so far to carry out frontline services.
- I have now resigned from the Executive but have taken on the role of Chairman of the DC and could not carry on with many of the duties I had long been carrying out.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr. R. Gilbert

- Thanks to those who voted for me.
- I am on the IFCA Committee.
- DCC formally starts work on Thursday and consequently there is very little to report.
- Adam Keay will remain the Highways Officer for the Parish.
- On the 9th June, the road between Totnes Cross to Halwell is to be resurfaced at night.
- The annual turnover of DCC is 1.28, of which £477 million is spent on schools, £215 on adult social care and 118 on children's services.
- There has been a 47% reduction in staff.

POLICE REPORT – Sergeant D. Green

Crime for H&M Parish 22/5/16-21/5/17 = 10 (total policing incidents = 69)

Crime for H&M Parish 22/5/15-21/5/16 = 9

Breakdown of 2016-2017 total:

- 1 x domestic harassment
- 1 theft
- 2 x criminal damage (one to a house, one to a parked car)
- 1 x shotgun offence
- 2 x drink drive
- 2 x non-dwelling burglary
- 1 x dwelling burglary (pedal cycle taken from garage)

3. APOLOGIES – None

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 24th March 2017

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

5. 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. None

6. CLERK'S REPORT –

- The buddle hole near Moreleigh Mounts is in the Parish – it was agreed P. Westlake would check the situation.

7. CHAIR'S COMMENTS –

The Parish Council has been involved in the following during the last year:

- The milestone was found and replaced at Moreleigh Cross
- A new path was laid to the play park to make it easier for prams and pushchairs.
- The slide steps have been replaced
- Two defibrillators have been purchased.
- Superfast broadband should be available in the Business Park but it not yet working.
- There is a vacancy on the Parish Council following Evie Wilson leaving.
- The Parish Council is trying to assist with the provision of a graveyard.
- A new solar park has been developed in the Parish
- The use of the old reservoir has caused problems with the access being so dangerous.

8. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS – None**9. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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| 1. | To approve payment of the following cheques:
622 - £1800.00 – Landmarc for slide steps
623 – £227.33 – S. Winstanley (May) | |
| 2a | To approve the Annual Governance Statement | |
| 2b | To approve the Accounting Statement | |
| 2c | To approve the annual accounts | <i>Resolved</i> |

10. To consider employing FineShine to clean road signs. *Resolved***11. To discuss clearing the buddle hole near Moreleigh Mounts. – As Clerk's report****12. Update on installing defibrillators in Halwell & Moreleigh**

The Clerk has been in lengthy negotiations with Community Heartbeat to get different cabinets supplied. Members agreed that the green cabinets were acceptable and Community Heartbeat will be contacted to provide replacements.

13. CORRESPONDENCE - None**14. REPORTS –****Halwell & Moreleigh Parish News**

The village parish news continues to keep parishioners informed on what is happening in the two villages as well as advertising local businesses and reporting on other organisations within the village such as the hall's 'social committee'. WI and Parish Council as well as the two churches.

155 copies are printed each month with various parishioners distributing them. Maybe as many as 12 copies are even sent off in the post around the country. The cost of the magazine is 45p which just about covers its costs with those that pay to advertise within it.

A handy source of information for anyone living in Halwell & Moreleigh which also holds a bit of fun if anyone is celebrating a special occasion or has some light hearted material to share.

Halwell & Moreleigh Village Hall Social Committee

The hall has a brilliant social committee where its members always come up trumps when running a village event. East Egg hunt, Sunday roast, sports day, village show/fete, mystery coach trip, pasty and quiz night not to mention the 3-4 bingos a year run by Melvyn Treeby. Halwell & Moreleigh are very lucky to have this committee prepared to give up their time to run these events for parishioners. It is fun and as we have lost a few members lately, we welcome some new ones. Happy to try different activities to suit all ages, we are here for parishioners to join us at any time so as to keep our 'village spirit' alive. People live very busy lives these days but we will endeavour to try and have these traditional village events continue for Halwell & Moreleigh.

St. Leonards, Halwell

We lost one of our main team members this last year with Eileen Barrett passing away. So with our services and annual events in the church we have certainly been missing her. The church continues to try its best at serving the communities needs but one matter which needs addressing is the possibility of the graveyard being full. Luncheon Club continues to serve a delicious two course meal for parishioners between October and April, the two day children’s activity days in the summer holidays still proves popular as does the Harvest Supper in October. One thing the church has been asked to do is to record any activity that is held within the parish for its parishioners. The more events including every wedding, funeral, coffee morning, fete, charity walk anything the better chance Halwell & Moreleigh have of getting an assistant for Rev. Sayle sooner. These events do not have to be church connected just connected to the people who live within the two villages. Unfortunately, for the time being the bell ringers are not meeting on a regular night but should bells need to be rung at St. Leonards, it can be arranged. Services continue to take place on a regular basis and we are thankful to those who make it possible. Life is full of changes and St. Leonards hopes to be able to move with them with the support of its parishioners.

All Saints Church –

There are now no wardens and there is a Parochial Church Council of just three. Financial support is needed and it is to be hoped that more Parishioners will come to the Church. The first Sunday of the month is a non communion service. A family service will be held on the first Sunday of every month. The third Sunday of each Month will be a Communion service with a priest.

Footpaths –

The footpaths in the parishes have been checked over the year with the help of several volunteers and are in a satisfactory condition. We have received a grant of £150 from Devon County Council as part of the P3 (Parish Paths Partnership) which is available to be used to improve or maintain any footpath in the parish. No expenditure has been considered necessary over the past year.

We have raised once more with Devon County Council the proposal of a new footpath from the bus stop opposite the Old Inn, running behind the Vicarage to link up with the track leading to Boreston. This was considered by them several years ago and abandoned through lack of funds. This proposal has come to a halt as the ownership of the copse and field through which the path would go cannot be established despite extensive enquiries. It is hoped that with the help of our Chairman and his local knowledge this problem can be resolved. Obtaining the consent of the owner is the required first step in establishing a new footpath. In the meantime, application has been made for a grant from Devon County Council for £2500 towards the costs of establishing this footpath.

Directional signs for footpaths and bridleways in the parishes are clearly marked and visible for members of the public and no problems have been reported.

15. DATEs OF MEETINGS for the coming year – at Halwell & Moreleigh Village Hall at 7pm

- June 26th 2017
- July 24th 2017
- Aug 21st 2017
- Sep 25th 2017
- Oct 23rd 2017
- Nov 20th 2017
- Dec 11th 2017
- Jan 22nd 2018
- Feb 26th 2018
- Mar 26th 2018
- Apr 23rd 2018 Annual Parish Meeting
- May 21st 2018 Annual Parish Council Meeting

SIGNED
D. Treeby Chair

The Village Draw took place

ACTION POINTS

D. Treeby **To speak to the land owner about an additional grave yard.**
Clerk **To contact the Solar Farm developers re. grant**