

**HALWELL & MORELEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Village Hall, Moreleigh**  
**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7pm**

OPEN FORUM No members of the public attended .

PRESENT: **Councillors: D.Treeby, S. Dunham, M. McInerney, N. Palmer, H. Reeve, P. Westlake, R. Widger, E. Wilson**  
In attendance: Cllr. M. Hicks, Cllr. R. Gilbert, S. Winstanley (Clerk)

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr. M. Hicks

- Planning is improving at SHDC. There are still some problems with the website. There are serious problems with telecommunications and the system at SHDC has been out of action for several days – it is possible to get in touch because the system is being diverted through W. Devon.
- The Local Authority Company (LAC) will work alongside the Council so that when the government grant ceases in 2020 the Company could sell some of its services. There is no certainty the LAC will go ahead and a decision will be made next April.
- The Joint Local Plan is expected to be implemented by 2017.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'R REPORT – Cllr. R. Gilbert

- Devolution is still progressing. 17 local authorities will make up a joint authority over Somerset & Devon.
- Superfast broadband – Phase 2 is to be rolled out within a month and the contracts decided but this is not BT. There will be a Phase 3 which will mean a 99% coverage.
- Extra funding for the road to Bickleigh Farm has been found.
- Following the referendum there has been a considerable rise in hate crime.

POLICE REPORT: Sgt. D. Green (by email)

Crime for the parish since your last full meeting (06/07/16 to 26/09/16) = 0

Same period 2015 = 1 (theft)

Same period 2014 = 3 (theft & 2 assaults)

Calls to the police other than crime:

- Concern for welfare x 3
- Potential drink drivers x 2
- Road accidents x 3
- Livestock straying on highway x 2
- Broken down vehicle on A381
- Suspicious vehicle
- Male urinating in public.

Other police news:

- Marine crime continues around South Hams coast and estuaries. 4 people arrested recently on suspicion of theft of outboard engines.
- New Sector Inspector for South Hams, Insp Chris Tapley based at Totnes
- Currently carrying 3 vacancies for PCs at Kingsbridge. Awaiting replacement staff asap.

**1. APOLOGIES –** J. Mussen, G. Hallett

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016.**

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

**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.

D. Treeby, N. Palmer & R. Widger declared a prejudicial interest in planning application 2400/2401/16/FUL.

**4. CLERK'S REPORT –**

- Night landing sites for the Devon Air Ambulance were discussed.

**5. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS –**

**D. Treeby, N. Palmer & R. Widger left the meeting. H. Reeve was appointed Chair**

1. To be considered: 2400/16/FUL – Boreston Farm TQ9 7LD  
Proposed agricultural livestock building (Building 1)  
Following discussion it was resolved to recommend support  
2401/16/FUL – Boreston Farm TQ9 7LD  
Proposed agricultural livestock building (Building 2)  
Following discussion it was resolved to recommend support

**D. Treeby, N. Palmer & R. Widger rejoined the meeting**

- 2893/16/TPO – 19 Crocadon Meadows, Halwell TQ9 7LH  
Work to Tree Preservation Order Trees.  
Following discussion it was resolved to make no comment
2. Update on the development at the old reservoir. There is no further news apart from there now being 4 containers on site.

**6. CHAIR'S COMMENTS –**

- Superfast Broadband – Eric Dancer has done a lot of work to get SFB into the Parish. At a meeting with BT, it appears this may be possible. He has encouraged Parishioners to claim under a government scheme and the more people who do so the more likely the service is to be available. The PC will keep Parishioners informed.
- SFB is due to in the Business Park on the 5<sup>th</sup> October.

**7. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1. To approve payment of the following cheques:  
591 - £62.60 - HMRC  
592 - £217.57 – S. Winstanley – (Aug)  
593 - £217.37 – S. Winstanley – (Sept)  
594 - £68.40 - HMRC
2. Cash at bank – £16,082.22
3. DCC Grant towards cost of providing commemorative seat - £597.67
4. The consultation on precepts with the Proposal to cap Parish Council precepts to 2% was discussed.

**8. UPDATE ON INSTALLING DEFIBRILLATORS IN THE PARISH –**

The Parish Council need to write to confirm the order for two defibrillators at a cost of £3,240.

**9. TO DISCUSS THE PROGRESS OF SUPERFAST BROADBAND IN THE PARISH (as above)**

**10. TO DISCUSS LETTER RECEIVED FROM DEVELOPERS OF THE SOLAR FARM AT PLACE BARTON.**

Following discussion it was *resolved* to accept a Grant of £5,000 towards a Parish project.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE -**

- Email from Highways following meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> July.  
The road to Gara has been added to the ploughing list  
SLOW signs and 20 roundels & repeater signs will be discussed with the traffic team  
Enforcing the 20mph limit is not possible.  
No entry signs at Moreleigh Fork past the agricultural merchants can be arranged but the cost of applying for an order will be at least £2,000 and then there will be the cost of installing the signs.  
Severed BT ducting near Yanevernook – another site visit with BT will be arranged  
Green Lane at the top of Church Street – the Footpaths Officer had said that there is no remedy at present.  
The speed of traffic from Moreleigh Cross to Yanevernook has been monitored.  
The main road drains are sucked out twice a year, in rural areas they are not cleaned out.
- Email from a resident of Bickleigh Lane re. dog fouling. SHDC is about to consider its policy towards dog fouling very soon. Meantime, the PC could put up more signs.
- Letter re. Church Street – as per the Highways Officer's notes above
- Report re. the proposed footpath near the Vicarage. Members considered the proposed plan. The Chair thought the proposed route was impractical and will discuss with J. Mussen when he returns.

**12. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS –**

- P. Westlake - The steps up to the slide are rusty and in a very poor condition.  
The Chair will seek a quote from Landmarc to replace the steps.  
Parents with pushchairs are finding it difficult to push them over the gravel to the play area.  
Chair will provide concrete to create a path but will discuss with the Village Hall Trust.
- S. Dunham - Bickleigh Lane – the hedges are overgrown.
- R. Widger - The drains are full – obtain quotes for cleaning out

**13. DATES OF MEETINGS–**

- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm**
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm**
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7.15pm (if necessary)**
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 at 7pm**
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7pm**
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7pm**
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7pm (APM)**
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 at 7pm (APCM)**

**SIGNED .....**  
**D. Treeby Chair**

**ACTION POINTS**

- D. Treeby**
  - To investigate the possibilities of a night site**
  - To obtain a quote from Landmarc to replace the steps.**
  - To discuss the route for a pathway near the Vicarage**
  - To arrange for the hedges to be cut back along Bickleigh Lane**
  - To discuss the provision of a footpath over the gravel near the playpark.**
- Clerk**
  - To meet Highways Officer to discuss highway issues and drains**
  - To report the dip in the road near Moreleigh Cross**
  - To obtain quotes for cleaning out the drains**