

## HALWELL & MORELEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

### Village Hall, Moreleigh Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7pm

OPEN FORUM - No members of the public attended.

TO DISCUSS WIFI IN THE VILLAGE HALL FOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS WITH PIP HALLETT  
Pip Hallett kindly attended with his projector and demonstrated how planning applications could be projected. It was difficult to see the definition and read the measurements. The Clerk pointed out that an option is to purchase an A3 printer though it would be necessary for this to be housed. M. Hicks felt that this was defeating the object of the exercise and that SHDC had not considered all the consequences of their policy. It was agreed he would express the Parish Council's dissatisfaction prior to any decision being made. Thanks were expressed to Pip Hallett for attending.

PRESENT: Councillors: D. Treeby, N. Palmer, S. Dunham, M. Hicks, J. Mussen, R. Widger  
In attendance: Cllr. Gilbert, S. Winstanley (Clerk in attendance)

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

- The leader of the DC has written to the government regarding the payment of council tax on second homes asking for the law to be changed.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr. Rufus Gilbert –

- The dropped gullies which the PC reported in Halwell, have been inspected. Apparently they are acceptable.
- It seems that Flybe will continue to operate.
- Appledore has three interested buyers.
- Broadband has been slowed again.
- The budget is not looking too bad and County will go for a 3% increase. £18 million extra will be allocated to roads. £11.3million will be allocated to B & C class roads.

POLICE REPORT – PC J. Gerrard

There has been one crime this year, that of theft from the cash machine at Totnes Cross. The Chair reported that whilst an attempt was made to break into the machine – no cash was stolen.

- 1. APOLOGIES** – J. Collins, M. McInerney, H. Reeve, P. Westlake
- 2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019** - 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. None
- 4. CLERK'S REPORT** –
  - There will be an election in May and S. Dunham has said that he does not wish to stand. Members were asked to consider whether any Parishioners might consider standing.
  - The electrics for the night landing site have been completed.
- 5. CHAIR'S COMMENTS** –
  - There was a slow sign on the road outside Moreleigh Cross Farm which has worn off. Request to Cllr. Gilbert that the sign is replaced.
- 6. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS** – None
- 7. Update on purchasing adult fitness equipment for the play park.**  
H. Reeve was absent but sent the information that the equipment would cost £5,000.

**8. Report on purchase of a VAS and meeting with Highways re. flooding.**

- Highways have reported that it will not be possible to use a VAS (vehicle activated sign) in Moreleigh. They would prefer to provide one in Halwell occasionally.
- A meeting was held with the Highways Officer to discuss the flooding occasioned by the blocking up of a gateway at the top of Moreleigh Green. He confirmed that the works department would take steps to remove the obstruction so that water could flow as it always had done. The Chair asked that Highways be requested to clear the buddle hole below the gateway.
- The Highways Officer agreed to clear the drainage ditch at Moreleigh Mounts.

**9. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

To approve payment of the following cheques:

- a) To approve payment of the following cheques:
  - 688 – £130.00 – P. Westlake for strimming
  - 689 - £247.66 – S. Winstanley (Dec)
  - 690 - £50.00 – HMRC
  - 691 - £40.00 – Information Commission
  - 692 - £84.00 – H&M Village Hall – hall hire Aug 18-Mar 19
  - 693 - £247.46 – S. Winstanley (Jan) **Approved**
- b) To agree precept for 2019/20. Members discussed the accounts and the possible responsibilities which the PC may be required to undertake. It was **resolved** to increase the Precept by 4% i.e. 94p per household per annum.
- b) Cash at bank – £23,690.88

**10. CORRESPONDENCE** – None

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

A request had been received for the PC to support computer training in the Village Hall.

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING– at Halwell & Moreleigh Village Hall at 7pm 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**SIGNED .....**  
**N. Palmer Vice Chair**

**ACTION POINTS**

**Clerk**                      **To include provision of computer training on the next agenda**  
**To contact Highways re. buddle hole and ditch, and SCARF**