

HALWELL & MORELEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Village Hall, Moreleigh
Monday 28th November 2016 at 7pm

OPEN FORUM No members of the public attended .

PRESENT: **Councillors: S. Dunham, G. Hallett, M. McInerney, N. Palmer, J. Mussen
P. Westlake, E. Wilson**
In attendance: Cllr. M. Hicks, S. Winstanley (Clerk)

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr. M. Hicks

- At South Hams, things are improving in the Planning Department. The additional staff which have been employed has helped.
- The Joint Local Plan – Land will not be allocated in villages, but 1000 houses are required to be built in the villages overall in the next 20 years.
- At the end of February, the Joint Local Plan will be published for comments from the public. The comments will go before the Inspector and it is hoped the approved plan will be completed by the end of the year.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'R REPORT – No report

POLICE REPORT – No report

1. APOLOGIES – H. Reeve, D. Treeby, R. Widger

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 24th October 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. None

4. CLERK'S REPORT –

- G. Hallett has resigned from the Parish Council and this will his last meeting.
- A further letter of complaint about the speed of traffic in Church Street with a request that the road be closed above Crocadon. Highways will be approached to see if this is possible.

5. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS – None

6. CHAIR'S COMMENTS – (N. Palmer)

- At the site of the old reservoir there are now three caravans, three cars and four containers. There has been no word from enforcement.
- Thanks were expressed to Pip Hallett for all his hard work for the Parish Council.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

To approve payment of the following cheques:

- 596 – £1 – BT payment for Halwell phone box
- 597 - £317.86 E. Dancer (broadband)
- 598 - £217.57 – S. Winstanley – (Nov)
- 599 - £33.00 – G. Hallett – postage to parishioners (broadband)
- 600 - £40.00 – RG & HWM Reeve (hedge cutting)
- 601 - £300.00 – J. Mortimore – Grass cutting
- 602 - £200.00 – C. Reeve – Grass cutting play area
- 603 - £120.00 – Grant Thornton for audit
- 604 - £70.00 - HMRC

2. Cash at bank – £18,828.41

- 3. To set the Precept for 2017/18 (budget proposal provided)
Following discussion it was **resolved** to raise the Precept to £8,500 (which represents an amount of £2.19 per elector). The additional amount is to pay For repairs to the play equipment, tidying the bus stop, gulley sucking, tidying the site when the telephone box is removed from Moreleigh and the initial phase of a footpath from the Vicarage.

8. UPDATE ON INSTALLING DEFIBRILLATORS IN THE PARISH – No report

- 9. **Provision of a footpath from the parking area to the play area at the Village Hall**
After discussion it was agreed that a new swing seat should be ordered. The Chair will organise the footpath across the gravel.

10. CORRESPONDENCE - None

11. COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS –

- J. Mussen – will meet the Chair to discuss the footpath from the Vicarage.
- S. Dunham - Debris in Church Street has come into Crocadon Meadows.
The reflective signs on Vicarage Bends need repair.
- G. Hallett - Broadband for the Village Hall has been applied for.
- M. McInerney - Bickleigh is now almost impassable on foot.
- E. Wilson - Expressed concern that the Parish Council was paying to have the hedge from the the turning to Diptford when it is the landowners responsibility. It was agreed the the matter would be reviewed next time.

13. DATES OF MEETINGS– Monday 20th December 2016 at 7pm in the Village Hall (if necessary – other wise) 23rd January 2017.

SIGNED
D. Treeby Chair

ACTION POINTS

- D. Treeby** To meet with . Mussen to discuss the footpath.
- Clerk** To contact Highways re. Church Street and funding
- To contact footpaths officer re. Bickleigh Lane