

HALWELL & MORELEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Village Hall, Moreleigh

Wednesday 2nd March 2016 at 7.15pm

OPEN FORUM No members of the public attended .

PRESENT: **Councillors: N. Palmer, S. Dunham, M. McInerney, H. Reeve, P Westlake
R. Widger, E. Wilson**

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

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - Cllr. R. Gilbert

- Members were reminded about the Locality Budget if there are any schemes which need additional funding.
- There is still no news about the resurfacing of the road from Totnes Cross to Halwell.
- A discussion took place about the works being carried out at the old reservoir on the A381 near Ritson Lane. It was agreed enforcement be informed, together with the Police & Highways because of the access on a dangerous bend.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr. M Hicks

- Meeting with head of Strategic Planning agreed that the Neighbourhood planning system needs reinforcing.
- The enforcement system has received extra financial support so that additional staff can be taken on to reduce the backlog.

POLICE REPORT: by email – Sgt. D. Green

- No crimes have been reported in the parish since your last FCM on 03/02/16. In fact the last reported crimes were the ones I told you about at the January meeting, namely the 2 domestic assaults on Christmas Day, and the garage burglary where a lawn mower and chainsaw were stolen in early December.
- It is always important to report crimes, even after the event, as without this we cannot hope to investigate, nor can we build up an accurate picture of crime in rural localities.

1. APOLOGIES – D. Treeby, G. Hallett, J. Mussen

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 2nd March 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 –

- Members profiles need to be emailed for the website.
- The Transparency Code equipment (PC and printer) have been received.
- The Chair is seeking damages from DCC for the cost of two car wheels damaged in a pothole on the Boreston – Harbertonford road, which had been reported weeks ago.

5. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS – None

6. CHAIR'S COMMENTS –

- Attention was drawn to the works being carried out at the old reservoir – as above

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 1. To approve payment of the following cheques:
569 - £101.00 – HMRC
570 - £196.54 – S. Winstanley (Mar)
571 - £544.73 – Transparency Code equipment **Resolved**
- 2. Cash at bank – £14,254.73 (not including Transparency Code grant £1,102.16)

8. UPDATE ON INSTALLING DEFIBRILLATORS IN THE PARISH

- The defibrillator in Halwell can be sited in the adopted phone box.
- The Moreleigh phone box is not suitable but the New Inn have offered to house it.
- R. Widger will meet with H. Reeves to discuss which scheme to adopt.

9. UPDATE ON THE STATE OF THE ROAD NEAR MORELEIGH CROSS – as above

10. To discuss applying for a grant for emergency equipment.

It was agreed to apply for a grant for gully grabs, drain rods etc.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- A letter from the proprietor of the Old Inn had been received complaining about silt from a field below Totnes Cross flowing down and into his parking area. It was agreed that Members of Parish Council would contact the complainant to obtain a clearer picture of the problem before approaching the farmer.

12. COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS –

Congratulations were expressed to Paul Westlake for the successful name of the affordable housing development – Moreleigh Heights.
Helen Reeve – The road hedge near Moreleigh Cross has been cut – discussion took place as to whether residents should be charged for this or the cost borne by the

PC.

The Village Hall Committee want to extend the parking at the side of the hall

and

are seeking a contribution of half the cost from the PC.
Members were asked to consider presenting the youth of the Parish with a commemorative coin for the Queen’s 90th birthday.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING– 6th April, 2016 Halwell & Moreleigh Village Hall at 7.15pm

SIGNED

D. Treeby Chair

ACTION POINTS

Clerk To include in next agenda the old reservoir
 parking “ “ “ **a request for 1/2 contribution to cost of additional**
 the Parish “ “ “ **presenting commemorative coins to the youth of**