

HALWELL & MORELEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 20th September 2021 at 7pm

PRESENT: Councillors: D. Treeby, N. Palmer, J. Collins, M. McInerney, H. Reeve, R. Widger, P Westlake
 In attendance: Cllr. R. Gilbert, S. Winstanley (Clerk in attendance)

OPEN FORUM – Four members of the public attended.

- The Parish Council was asked to try and help with speeding through the village. It was explained that Highways had carried out several speed checks and in fact very few vehicles were actually speeding (the average speed being 21mph). Highways will not make a further check until 2022. If drivers are using the road legally, no action can be taken to limit numbers. Meantime, as reported last meeting the PC has agreed to install a portable Vehicle Activated Sign which can be moved to different locations in the Parish which is considered the most effective way of trying to limit speed. Cllr. Gilbert offered to help with this from his locality budget.
- A request was made that the Parish Council should support efforts to have Church Road redesignated to a 'B' road.
- Such is the nuisance from traffic noise and the danger that one Parishioner who lives near the Church in Halwell, that if it does not diminish that he will sell his home.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- The refuse collections remain the same. No brown bin collection will be made in the near future. The biggest problem is when an agency is used.
- Planning - a tidy up to improve the consideration of planning applications has taken place and more officers have been employed to improve enforcement.
- A £500 Climate Change Fund is available and could be used towards flower seed. Discussion took place about how the ground opposite the Old Inn could be prepared for seeding with quotes being obtained for the seed and other sites where it might be possible to sow seed were discussed. P. Westlake and J. Collins will organize.
- SHDC have had a request to donate money to Kingsbridge Food Bank.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT –

- Population numbers on the electoral role in 2017 were 370 and in 2021 the number is 391.
- Healthy Start – Some Parishioners may be entitled to free fruit and vegetables to encourage them to eat healthy food.

1. APOLOGIES – J.Mussen, R. Tozer. M. Hicks was absent.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 19th July 2021. It was proposed, seconded and **Resolved** that the Vice Chair 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 .
 H. Reeve, N. Palmer and D. Treeby declared a pecuniary interest in planning application No. 3547/21/FUL.

4. CLERK'S REPORT –

- A volunteer is needed to keep the website up to date. M. McInerney offered to help.
- Drains have not been cleared – it was agreed that the situation be monitored and Brookings employed if necessary.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT –

- The condition of the road at Moreleigh Cross is very bad. Towards Shorts Cross 250 yds there is a big pothole which it is difficult to avoid.
- It was reported that the milestone at Moreleigh Cross had been stolen but it is still in place though covered with ivy.

6. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS –

To be considered:

H. Reeve, N. Palmer and D. Treeby left the meeting. It was agreed R. Widger act as Chair for this item.

3574/20/FUL – Halwell Business Park, Halwell TQ9 7LQ

Readvertisement (Revised plans and supporting documents received)

(Class E (formerB1 only), B2 and B8 use)

Following discussion it was agreed to recommend **Support**

H. Reeve, N. Palmer and D. Treeby rejoined the meeting.

3350/21/FUL – Lower Collaton, Blackawton, TQ9 7DW

Barn Conversion to dwelling house with ancillary accommodation

Following discussion it was agreed to recommend **Support**

2546/21/FUL – St. Leonards Hall, Halwell TQ9 7JA

Conversion of old hall to one bedroom house including parking space & repairs to

Roof (Part retrospective)

Following discussion it was agreed to recommend **Refusal**. Members have concerns about the parking arrangements and the vehicular entrance.

3035/21/HHO – Granary, Higher Poulston Farm, TQ9 7LE

READVERTISEMENT (revised plans received) Householder application for two Storey side extension.

Following discussion it was agreed to recommend **Support**

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS:-

a) To approve payment of the following bank transfers:

BT - £279.96 -S. Winstanley (Aug)

BT - £300.00 – St. Leonards Church, Churchyard Grant

BT - £300.00 – All Saints Church, Churchyard Grant

BT - £279.96 – S. Winstanley (Sept)

BT - £69.40 - HMRC

Approved

b) Cash at bank – £21712.44

8. To discuss a sustainable Halwell

As above but it was also agreed that the bank by the bus stop be strimmed once a month.

The remainder of the area, having been seeded with wild flowers should be cut once a year to create a meadow.

- 9. **To discuss planting wildflower seeds** (as above)
- 10. **To discuss the type of VAS required.**
It was agreed that 3 quotes be obtained for a portable VAS to be used in probably, 4 positions in the Parish.
- 11. **To discuss replacing the dog waste bin with a multi use bin in the play area and provision of a toddlers’ play area.**
Members visited the play area and agreed a toddlers’ area and also the replacing of the bin which H. Reeve will arrange.
- 12. **To discuss lighting a beacon on 2nd June 2022 Queen’s Platinum celebration and consider purchasing a Condolence Book for use on the death of the Queen.**
- 13. **To discuss suggestions for slowing traffic in Church Street** – as above
- 14. **To discuss ways of improving the surface of Bickleigh Lane and cutting hedges.**
Clerk to check if this is a Class C road. D. Treeby and N. Palmer will have a site visit.
- 15. **To adopt the revised Code of Conduct.** *Adopted.*
- 16. **CORRESPONDENCE** - Emails re. broken wall at Diptford Turn. D. Treeby to visit the owner.
- 17. **COUNCILLOR’S REPORTS** - None
- 18. **DATE of next MEETING**– In the Village Hall at 7pm - 20th September 2021

SIGNED

D. Treeby – Chair

ACTION POINTS

Agenda items – VAS
Sustainable Parish
Planting of wildflowers

