

## HALWELL & MORELEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7pm**

PRESENT: Councillors: D. Treeby, N. Palmer, J. Collins, J. Mussen, H. Reeve, R. Tozer, R. Widge  
In attendance: S. Winstanley (Clerk in attendance)

OPEN FORUM – Three 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 while the traffic appeared to be speeding because of narrow roads, in fact very few vehicles were actually speeding. Historically, the Parish Council have discussed the problem many times over many years. Physically, it is now possible to erect a Vehicle Activated Sign which was prohibited until last year. Rumble strips would cause a considerable increase in traffic noise as vehicles with trailers crossed them.

Parishioners feel that the huge increase in vehicle numbers and a lack of skill in negotiating the country roads is contributing to the problem. The huge machinery used by the industrial farms is also a clear problem.

It was also suggested that more of an effort be made to enforce the 20mph limit but this would require Police presence and there is very little chance of that.

A Member of the PC asked if a request could be made to highways to get the 20mph roundels repainted.

### DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- The refuse collections are getting better- but the contractors have had many employees isolating due to Covid.
- Devon County Council is asking Parishioners to choose whether they wish to have verges cut or left for the sake of wildlife. Visibility splays will continue to be cut in any event.
- Suggestion that the Parish Council consider whether the Parish could engage with a wild flower project.
- Motor caravans now have specialized parking sites and the most popular is the Cattle Market in Kingsbridge.

### COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – by email

I guess the point I wanted to ask you is: Has there been an improvement at Shorts Cross with the new signage? Members feel that the sign is not sufficiently visible and that a second sign should be put up opposite. The chair reported that vehicles are coming out of Pears without paying any attention to the give way sign and coming from Short Cross it is necessary to be very cautious before taking the bend in the road.

- Also please remember to keep reporting pot holes on line...particularly now it's dry, which gives better quality filling. Repairs are catching up after the lockdowns and wet spring.
- The A379 has now at long last been patched between Harbertonford and Totnes to a good standard. Still awaiting the bit approaching Totnes to be completed and Western bypass lights/repairs to be removed. Also the lights and repairs between Modbury and Yealmpton have been removed thereby work completed.

1. **APOLOGIES** – M. McInerney, M. Hicks, P. Westlake, R. Gilbert
2. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 24<sup>th</sup> May.** 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 an interest in planning application No. 3547/20/FUL  
R. Tozer declared an interest in planning application No. 1997/21/FUL
- 4. CLERK'S REPORT** – No report
- 5. CHAIR'S REPORT** –  
D. Mortimore had been contacted to deal with the moles on the playing field.
- 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.  
**3547/20/FUL - Halwell Business Park TQ9 7LQ**  
READVERTISEMENT – Revised plans received) Provision of new industrial warehouse building 9Class E (former B1 only)B2 and B8 use)  
Following discussion it was agreed to recommend *support*.  
H. Reeve, N. Palmer and D. Treeby returned to the meeting  
R. Tozer left the meeting  
**1997/21/FUL – Ritson Farm, Halwell TQ9 7JG – Barn at S 78367 52194**  
Demolition of barn and construction of replacement dwelling with associated access and Landscaping (previous approval 2240/18/PDM).  
R. Tozer returned to the meeting.
- 7. FINANCIAL MATTERS:-**  
a) To approve payment of the following bank transfers:  
BT - £279.96 -S.Winstanley (June)  
BT - ££69.40 – HMRC  
BT - £400.00 – Kingsbridge Websites for website  
BT - £247.20 – Community Health (defib spares)  
BT - £280.16 – S. Winstanley (July) *Approved*
- b) Cash at bank – £22,941.76
- 8. To discuss a sustainable Halwell**  
H. Reeve asked that the PC be awake to any suggestions as to how the Parish might have a more sustainable future.
- 8. CORRESPONDENCE** - Emails concerning the theft of the milestone from Moreleigh Cross and a request that the ground opposite the Old Inn at Halwell be cut later so that wildflowers could set seed.
- 9. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**  
H. Reeve – DCC have grants for reconnect and recover. Clerk to check out. Also suggest the PC fund an all day event in the Parish to draw the community together.

10. **DATE of next MEETING**– In the Village Hall at 7pm - 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**SIGNED** .....

**D. Treeby – Chair**

ACTION POINTS

Agenda items – VAS  
Sustainable Parish  
Planting of wildflowers



## HALWELL & MORELEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Village Hall, Moreleigh  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7pm**

PRESENTATION by Airband re. highspeed broadband. The proposed costs were displayed and if sufficient members of the Parish are prepared to sign up for highspeed broadband then the cost of installation may be covered by a government voucher. Parishioners were encouraged to spread the word so that as many people sign up as possible.

OPEN FORUM – Ten members of the public attended.

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

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr. H. Reeve

- Delighted that the PC has now provided a TV so that planning applications can be properly viewed. Thanks were expressed to J. Collins and R. Tozer for working to purchase and install the TV.
- Recycling materials must not be contaminated by waste – such as pizza boxes.
- There are still a few days to contribute to the climate change initiative.
- The chief executive of SHDC is leaving and a replacement is being sought.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr. R. Gilbert

- There has been a lot of interest in tendering for provision of highspeed broadband in Devon & Somerset. There is a determination to provide 95% of properties with the opportunity of high speed broadband. There is a voucher system to help with the connection charges of highspeed broadband.
- Parsonage Lane is to be resurfaced.
- The road from Moreleigh Fork to the A381 -the minutes of the HATOC will be emailed to H. Reeves and Highways representatives will meet with Members to discuss arrangements.
- There has been much discussion about rainwater runoff all the way down Moreleigh Green resulting in flooding. The PC requested that when planning permission was granted for two new houses adjacent to Island House, that a pipe be constructed to take the rainwater runoff but the construction of the pipe was inadequate and is so high that it does not take runoff even in the severed downpours of late.

POLICE REPORT – from Police website page 2 crimes

- One burglary
- One other theft

3. **APOLOGIES** - N. Palmer, R. Widger
4. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 9.12.20** - It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** that the Chair should sign the Minutes as a true and correct record.
5. **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.
6. **CLERK'S REPORT** –
  - A further delivery of salt had been requested but had not arrived.

- The new register of electors has been ordered.

## **7. CHAIR'S COMMENTS – No comments.**

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## **8. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS – To be considered**

3951/19/HHO – Abbey Moor, Back Road, Moreleigh TQ9 7JW  
Extension and alterations to existing property  
Following discussion it was resolved to recommend support.

## **7. FINANCIAL MATTERS:-**

- a) To approve payment of the following cheques:
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    - 731 - £265.78 – S. Winstanley - Jan
    - 732 - £168.00 – H&MVHT – Hire of Hall
    - 733 - £200.00 - C. Reeve – 2yrs cutting play area.
    - 734 - £90.00 – P. Westlake – village maintenance
  - b) Cash at bank – £19,609.27

## **8. To discuss the continuing flooding resulting from run off down the Boreston to Moreleigh road.**

As above.

## **14. To discuss the planting trees and the provision of a community orchard.**

Following discussion it was agreed that some fruit trees be planted near the play area and on the ground opposite the Old Inn. Clerk to check ownership of the Halwell land.

## **15. To discuss hedge cutting in the Parish.**

The hedge in Moreleigh from Moreleigh Cross to Diptford Turn had been cut and the PC will bear the cost.

The brambles at the top of the road from the Village Hall to the A381 had been cut back and the PC will bear the cost.

It was also agreed that the brambles beside the Police House could be cleared. Highways will be contacted to make sure this is agreeable.

## **16. CORRESPONDENCE – None**

## **17. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS – To receive updates from councillors on matters of special responsibility:**

Request that the drains from Stanborough to Moreleigh should be cleared and the drain in the Village Hall Car park be included. Also the drains at Crocadon.

## **13. DATE of next MEETING – at Halwell & Moreleigh Village Hall at 7pm – 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

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

**ACTION POINTS**

**CLERK    To contact Highways re. banks in Halwell and tree planting**  
**To contact Brookings re. clearing drains.**