

## Halwell & Moreleigh Annual Parish Meeting followed by

### HALWELL & MORELEIGH ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7pm**

1. **District Councillor – Helen Reeve**

It has been an exceptional year for everyone as Covid 19 completely turned everyone's lives upside down.

The council has managed to carry on without too much disruption to their services with many of the staff working from home. Extra pressure on their workload has been dealing with the thousands of grant applications. Many businesses in the South Hams have been able to survive thanks to these grants from the government but they did take up a lot of council time. The council has supported Fusion Leisure Centres across the area as it was felt this was very important for residents well being. The council has also been very sympathetic with those struggling to pay any council related bills by supporting these residents and working with them through this difficult time.

The summer of 2020 will not be forgotten with the extra visitors coming into the area. This caused problems with wild camping, a lot of rubbish and generally high maintenance trying to keep the South Hams as we know it. To help the hospitality trade outdoor seating was allowed for cafés and restaurants and pop up campsites were allowed for up to 56 days. Learning by last year and moving forwards a motorhomes policy has been formed (on trial) and extra locality officers have been employed to help with this influx of holiday guests which may last for several years.

2. The refuse collection has had problems. It was needed to change the route of the lorries in preparation for the new recycling system. Unfortunately, this did cause problems with some waste collections being missed. The new system too also has or will have teething problems, change is hard but the idea is to have all of Devon with the same and much more efficient recycling system. In the long run it will be a much greener service which helps towards climate change. Enforcement cases have increased by 20% in 2020 which will explain the frustration of cases not being solved. More attention is being put to enforcements so we should see a better service there.

As we move out of lockdown monies are becoming available to help towns and villages recover from the pandemic and district councillors are also being allocated £3000 each to put towards worthy climate change and biodiversity projects within their ward.

Although the council has managed to survive covid and thanks to it's excellent financial team kept sound financially and kept services up, it is the parishioners who have been the real heroes in the last 12 months. They have all pulled the stops out to help one another. Village shops, pubs, community groups and residents have gone beyond their duty to look out for those needing help.

It was mentioned at a council meeting what plan could be formed to address a situation like this again. We soon realised you don't need a plan because human nature kicks in, goodness spills out and everyone naturally does all they can to help each other. The council thanks residents for their terrific efforts. We now look forward to better times ahead.

## 2. **County Councillor**

- 1) The past year has been dominated by Covid-19 for DCC as it has for all of us. I have sent you various weekly reports updating you on the situation which I hope you have found helpful.
- 2) A 379 traffic lights and road works are ongoing, but hopefully all work will be completed soon. Edmeston looks to be near completion.
- 3) 2021/22 will prove financially challenging for DCC post covid with an emphasis on helping the economy get back on track.
- 4) Post lockdown for communities will create stresses this summer for local residents, with a quite probable larger than normal influx of visitors. DCC will do all it can to help, alongside SHDC
- 5) Shorts Cross white lines were done and I'm awaiting up update on new signage installation.
- 6) Parsonage ane has finally been repaired, which I know pleases Mike Hicks and hopefully his near neighbours..!
- 7) Various drainage issues are being addressed through Moreleigh.
- 8) I finish by saying thank you to all those who voted for me on May 6<sup>th</sup> which resulted in my maintaining 60% of the vote.  
I look forward to continuing to serve Halwell & Moreleigh Parish for another four years.

## 3. **Police Report**

I don't provide detailed reports. Too many parishes and too little time. What I can say is that we have very few calls to the Halwell and Morleigh parishes. Across our entire area volume went up with COVID, second home breach reports, gatherings on beaches etc and normal summer issues around inconsiderate parking. I don't think we've had too much marine based theft yet. Generally we are starting to see a rise in acquisitive crime particularly in the quieter rural areas. Theft from insecure barns, garages, grounds or houses etc, effectively where people are getting complacent and leaving property outside. Reminder to all that it will be a busy summer, with lots of visitors to our area and some of them will take opportunities to acquire a nice paddle board or kayak if its left lying around, to steal a quad bike from an insecure barn, or take plant if left insecure on a site.

Other than that I hope you all have a safe and prosperous summer.

## 4. **Chair's Report**

The year has been dominated by Covid and the PC made two grants towards the cost of producing PPE in the Parish.

The PC considered 18 planning applications

The road past Pears continues to dominate discussions

Meetings to reduce the flooding in Moreleigh Green took place

The PC made a grant towards the cost of felling a dangerous tree in Moreleigh Churchyard

A grant was made towards the cost of providing a Christmas Tree in the Churchyard

The new waste collection service is causing many and widespread problems locally.

The planning system at SHDC appears to be on a go slow.

## **Annual Meeting of Parish Council**

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

### **1. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Denys Treeby was nominated and seconded. There being no other nominees, Denys Treeby was duly elected Chair and signed the Declaration of Acceptance.

### **2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**

Neil Palmer was nominated and seconded. There being no other nominees, Neil Palmer was duly elected Vice Chair.

OPEN FORUM – One member of the public attended.

- It was noted that the defibrillator in Moreleigh was not available for several weeks. It was explained that the defibrillator had been removed for maintenance and for an electricity supply to be installed.
- It was also commented that planning at SHDC was unacceptably slow.

### **3. APOLOGIES – J. Mussen, M. Hicks**

### **4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 1<sup>st</sup> March.** It was proposed, seconded and **Resolved** that the Vice Chair 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 . None

### **6. CLERK'S REPORT –**

- James Collins has agreed to be co-opted back onto the PC and the co-option will appear on the next agenda.
- A new Code of Conduct is being agreed and the PC will need to adopt this when it is published.
- The celebration of the Queen having been 70 years on the throne, will be celebrated next year and it was suggested that the PC mark the occasion by planting trees – perhaps 70 in the parish to celebrate.
- The Parish Council agreed to continue with the delegation of powers to the Clerk to represent the views of Members for the time being.
- It was also agreed that payments by Bank Transfer should continue.

### **7. CHAIR'S REPORT – as above**

**8. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS –****Recommendations using delegated powers:**

0239/21/CLE Moreleigh Parks Farm TQ9 7JN

Lawful development certificate for existing material commencement of building operations for permanent agricultural workers dwelling following planning consent 3912/20/ARM (resubmission of 0934/20/CLE) (No comment)

0665/21/FUL – New Inn, Moreleigh TQ9 7JH

Provision of a new dwelling (resubmission of 0911/219/FUL) (part retrospective)

Recommended approval

**To be considered:****1732/21/FUL – Spring Barn, Blackdown Farm, Blackawton TQ9 7DN**

Replacement of existing barn with new dwelling.

Following discussion it was **resolved** to recommend support.**9. FINANCIAL MATTERS:-**

To approve the following::

a) To approve payment of the following bank transfers:

£200 – C. P. Reeve – grass cutting

£14.39 – S. Winstanley – reimburse for Zoom

£269.10 – S. Winstanley – April

£264.08 – S. Winstanley - annual expenses

£107.27 – DALC - subscription

£229.20 – Community Health Trust – defib spares

£291.02 – S. Winstanley – May

***Approved***

b) Cash at bank – £24,293.48 (including £4,700 Precept, £94.97 VAT)

c) To approve the annual accounts

d) To approve the Annual Governance Statement

e) To approve the Accounting Statement

f) To approve the Certificate of Exemption

g) To increase the Clerk's pay scale one band to SCP21 ***Approved*****11. CORRESPONDENCE - None****12. To discuss the content of the new website.**

Members were happy with the new disabled accessible website which will be brought up to date with all the latest information.

**13. Update on Airband internet provision**

Some parishioners who wanted faster internet have been successful in having it installed and are receiving speeds of 30mbps.

**14. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

H. Reeve – reported that the trees marked for removal at Moreleigh Heights have been felled or will be.

P. Westlake – a branch is leaning over the road beyond Halwell towards Totnes X. Chair will arrange removal. Members agreed that PW should go ahead and cut the bank by the bus stop. The play equipment has been checked.

**12. DATES of next MEETINGS for the coming year** – In the Village Hall at 7pm

- 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021
- 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021
- 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021
- 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021
- 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022
- 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022
- 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022
- 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – Annual Parish Meeting
- 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022 – Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

**SIGNED .....**

**D. Treeby – Chair**

ACTION POINTS



## 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.**