

HALWELL & MORELEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 15th November 2021 at 7pm

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

OPEN FORUM – Five members of the public attended.

- The Chair explained the Parish Council's Standing Orders regarding the Open Forum and invited comments about subjects other than Highways first, because of the need to end the Open Forum within 15 minutes.
- A question was asked about whether the raised 20mph being obscured – the Chair confirmed that Members had completed this task.
- A question was asked about the 20mph road markings and it was explained that Highways have been informed and these will be repainted if they fall within Highways definition of needing repair.
- A request was made that the Parish Council invite school children or others to design posters to encourage drivers to slow down.
- Cllr. Gilbert explained how easy it is to report problems with Highways and a an image was presented showing all the different aspects of highways which could be reported on the DCC – Report a problem – Webpage.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- Brown bins will not be collected until spring of 2022 at the earliest. If Parishioners have a complaint this should be made on line – copy to Cllr. Reeve.
- Planning – enforcement and planning has had a shake up and it is to be hoped that things will improve.
- Organising slow down signs would be a good idea and the PC might provide a prize for the best designs. Road signs have once again become dirty – it was agreed Fine Shine be instructed to clean them once again.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT –

- Covid-19 have been forwarded.
- Bickleigh Lane – as per email from the Footpaths Officer the lane is scheduled for resurfacing where necessary.
- Church Street – despite concern about the speed of vehicles, there is no chance that it will be rescheduled to a Class B road.

1. APOLOGIES – R. Widger

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 20th September 2021. It was proposed, seconded and Resolved that the 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 . None

4. CLERK'S REPORT –

- Thanks were expressed to M. McInerney for taking over the website.
- Highways report that the main road drains have been recently cleared but the drains down toward Moreleigh Cross are not scheduled until next year. It was agreed that Brookings be contacted when Members feel that it is necessary.
- Cllr. Gilbert forwarded a TTRO showing that the road from Totnes to Churchstow will be closed from 7pm 8th November to the 12th to maintain road studs.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT –

- Email received from J. Mussen who wishes a replacement be found as Member responsible for footpaths. Thanks were expressed to M. McInerney who has volunteered to take on the role.
- A load of soil has been deposited in the layby opposite Halwell Barns making it difficult for vehicles to use the layby.
- Thanks were expressed to James Collins for his digital skills in providing overhead images.

6. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS –

To be considered:

3688/21/HHO – Redstone, Ritson Barton Farm TQ9 7JG

Application for proposed new garage building.

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 (Sept) **Approved**

b) Cash at bank – £26,076.93 – including £4,700 2nd Precept payment

8. Update on wildflower seed areas

James Collins and Paul Westlake will undertake the work and have agreed the areas to be seeded. James provided photos of the mixture of seeds which will be used.

9. To agree the type of VAS required. (Members were provided with 3 quotes)

It was **agreed** that the quote from Elancity be accepted and provision made for 4 poles to be erected.

10. Update on ways of improving the surface of Bickleigh Lane and cutting hedges.

As above and the Chair and Vice Chair feel that the hedges do not need cutting and for most of its length the surface is walkable.

11. CORRESPONDENCE - Email re. Bickleigh Lane as above**12. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS –**

There is a problem with the footpath off Church Street which will be reported on line.

13. DATE of next MEETING – In the Village Hall at 7pm - **15th November 2021**

SIGNED

D. Treeby – Chair