

## HALWELL & MORELEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7pm**

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

OPEN FORUM – Four members of the public attended.

- A question was asked about whether the VAS had been received and when it would be installed. The Chair explained that the VAS arrived shortly before Christmas and would be installed as soon as possible.
- Complaints were made about potholes and J. Collins reported these at the meeting.

### DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- The budget will be discussed at full council in February.
- Council Tax paid has been 96%.
- There is a housing crisis to try and get through.

### COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – by email

**DCC FINANCES.** We are currently looking for a further £38.7 Million in savings.

In 2010/11 we had 6500 staff and now employ 4000 full time.

The net revenue budget for 2020/21 was £545M with Council Tax contributing £440M. Adult social Services spend was 49% Children's services 27% and highways 10%.

**Devon's Economy.** The pandemic's effects are slowly being eroded but the effects will be felt for a long time. Hospitality suffered particularly badly. The main problem now is finding people to employ and inflation.

**Waste.** I thought it might be worthwhile getting some 2020 stats out for the Energy from Waste (EfW) facility in Plymouth which processes some 65,000 tonnes of our waste each year from the South and West of the County.

- Overall Waste Processed 261,000 Tonnes.
- Electricity Generated 204,000 MWh.
- Steam Generated 57,000 MWh.
- Plant Availability 88.93% (target 91%);
- Co2 Savings 84,000 Tonnes.
- Landfill Diversion 99.9%
- Cash Savings (Vs Landfill) approx. £12million

**ROADS.** With so much rain falling these days and particularly in winter it's hard to effect any repairs. Filling potholes full of water does not work and not filling them annoys the public. Schedules slip as does quality. Please keep reporting problems via the DCC website report a problem.

**POLICE REPORT** - One incident of a public order offence.

- 1. APOLOGIES** – N. Palmer, M. Hicks, M. McInerney, P. Westlake, R. Gilbert
- 2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022.** 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 . D. Treeby declared a pecuniary interest in application Nos. 3573/21 and 00/22 and R. Tozer declared a pecuniary interest in application No. 4558/21.

**4. CLERK'S REPORT –**

- The VAS has been received and will be installed as soon as possible.
- There was flooding around Moreleigh 10 days ago. Members agreed that Brookings be asked to clear the drains from Moreleigh Fork to Moreleigh Cross, in Church Street and the drain near the phone box. Also the drains at Washbourne.

**5. CHAIR'S REPORT –**

- Flytipping has occurred in the lay by opposite the airfield and a considerable amount of subsoil.
- On the road towards Boreston, a resident has acted to prevent flooding.
- The Christmas tree in Moreleigh was lovely – with thanks to R. Tozer.
- The tree in Halwell was also lovely and provided by the Church.

**6. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS –**

**D. Treeby left the meeting – it was agreed R. Widger act as chair-**

**3573/21/FUL – The Stable, North Boreston Farm, Halwell TQ9 7LD**

Change of use of part of stable building from domestic storage to provide ancillary accommodation, complete a restoration programme, installation of bespoke doors and windows, elements of rebuilding and modest additions.

Following discussion it was agreed to recommend approval.

**0055/22/FUL – Place Barton Farm, Moreleigh TQ9 7JN**

Provision of new access to serve Class Q barns

Following discussion it was agreed to recommend approval.

D. Treeby returned to the meeting and R. Tozer left the meeting

**4558/21/VAR – Ritson Farm, Halwell, TQ9 7JG**

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning consent 2183/18/FUL

Following discussion it was agreed to recommend approval.

R. Tozer returned to the meeting.

**7. FINANCIAL MATTERS:-**

a) To approve payment of the following bank transfers:

BT - £15.00 – Kingsbridge Websites (domain hosting)

BT - £420.00 – Fineshine – (cleaning road signs)

BT - £69.40 – HMRC

BT - £279.96 – S. Winstanley (Dec)

BT - £200.00 – P. Westlake (parish work)

BT - £40.00 – S. Winstanley (Microsoft 365 x 1/2)

BT - £40.00 – Information Commission

BT - £280.00 – S. Winstanley (January) **Approved**

b) Cash at bank – £24,176.26

c) To finalise the Precept for 22/23 (budget provided)

Following discussion and considering the budget provided, it was agreed that the Precept be set at £10,000 – there having been a decrease in the Precept in 21/22.

**8. Update on installation of the VAS – as above**

**9. Update on meeting in Church Street.**

12 residents attended, Highways Officer and his apprentice, Cllrs. Gilbert, Treeby and McInerney and the Parish Clerk.

A lively discussion had taken place but as ever there is very little that can be achieved in Church Street. The Highways Officer offered to arrange a 2 week speed check which involves a digital recorder.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE - None**

**10. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS –**

H. Reeve asked that the Platinum Jubilee be included in next agenda.

**11. DATE of next MEETING – In the Village Hall at 7pm - 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022**

**SIGNED .....**

**D. Treeby – Chair**