

## HALWELL & MORELEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7pm**

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

OPEN FORUM – Two members of the public attended.

- A question was asked concerning the provision of a second VAS. It was again explained that the advice from Highways is that moving the VAS is far more effective than having a static sign, that it requires skill to move the signs and that the only sure way of reducing speed is for the Police to carry out checks. There are insufficient Police to carry out the task.
- A comment was made about the possibility of speed bumps. Cllr. Gilbert explained that speed bumps are not an option in Moreleigh due to the noise.
- It was agreed that 3 more poles should be erected and that Dave Mortimore be asked to carry out this task and arrange for the VAS to be moved every 2 months.

### **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – H. Reeve**

- The green waste collection is now in operation and if there are any problems please get in touch.
- Photographic identity is necessary for anyone going to a voting station. It is possible to have a postal vote.
- SHDC – Reception will continue to be unmanned but will remain as a warm hub.
- There is help for people who are struggling financially.
- Have concerns over white lines on some of our roads, - the lack of them.
- Look forward to the pole being put in place at the Moreleigh Church end of the village ready for the VAS.
- Adam Dagleish has suggested two sites for a community renewable generation hub. These were considered unsuitable by Members but they were urged to consider where such a hub could be sited.
- S. Balsdon is very keen to get the milestone reinstated at the triangle at Moreleigh Cross. Members agreed that a sum of £500 be provided to get the stone repositioned.

### **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

- In the budget the Local Enterprise Partnership was disbanded and the tasks will now come to local councils because the government believes that local councillors will be able to account better for how public money is spent.
- Gara Bridge has suffered major damage. A senior Highways Officer was on site within hours and DCC immediately closed the bridge. The CCTV cameras should reveal the culprit. The bridge was to be closed in April for the repairs which were necessary from the last collision and these will be included with the repairs for the latest damage – the cost of which will be very considerable – 8ft of the parapet having been knocked into the river.
- £200m extra has been provided to repair potholes of which £9.4m has been allocated to Devon.

- Primrose Line footpath – there is another move to open up the footpath for walkers & cyclists to which there is a huge amount of opposition.

**POLICE REPORT** - No report.

1. **APOLOGIES** – D. Treeby, R. Tozer, R. Widger
2. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 20th<sup>th</sup> February 2023** 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** – A reminder that the nomination papers need to be at Follaton by 4pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> April.
5. **CHAIR’S REPORT** – N. Palmer (Vice Chair)  
Gara Bridge as above.
6. **PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS – to be considered:**  
**0099/23/FUL – Land at Higher Ritson, Halwell TQ9 7JG**  
Provision of temporary agricultural workers dwelling  
Following discussion it was agreed to recommend support  
**0517/23/ARM – Land adjacent to Tor View, Moreleigh TQ9 7JQ**  
Application for approval of some reserved matters following outline approval reference 0175/23/OPA – relating to landscaping for erection of three adjacent detached houses  
Following discussion it was agreed to recommend support
7. **FINANCIAL MATTERS:-**
  - a) To approve payment of the following bank transfers:
    - £100.00– S. Winstanley (Reimb for purchase of printer)
    - £325.88 – S. Winstanley (Mar)
    - £103.80 - HMRC
    - £80.00 – I. Judge (website hosting)
    - £200.00 – C. P. Reeve – grass cutting playing field
  - b) Cash at bank – £21,102.54
8. **CORRESPONDENCE** - None
9. **COUNCILLOR’S REPORTS** –  
**H.Reeve** - The footpath sign at Boreston needs to be replaced.  
**M.McInerney** – The notice board needs a new hasp.

**12. DATE of next MEETING** – In the Village Hall at 7pm **17<sup>th</sup> April 2023.**

**SIGNED .....**  
**N. Palmer Vice Chair**