

HALWELL & MORELEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 18th September 2023 at 7pm

PRESENT: Councillors: D. Treeby, N. Palmer, J. Collins, J. Mussen, H. Reeve, M. Hicks
P. Westlake, A. Dalglish
In attendance: S. Winstanley (Clerk) Cllr. R. Gilbert, Cllr. S. Rake

OPEN FORUM – One member of the public attended. She thanked the PC for arranging for the VAS to be moved to the Diptford Road site which has made difference to traffic speed.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – S. Rake

Household waste – it was hoped that the new unified system would be in place by October but there has been a delay with the new vehicles. All households will be supplied with the new boxes, food waste containers and a bag at the end of September. Information will be provided about when these should begin to be used.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – R. Gilbert

- You will be aware that the 20mph speed restrictions is moving up the agenda countrywide.
- The Local Enterprise Partnership is a quango that feeds government funds to local businesses. Local Councils will now take up that responsibility.
- Apologies that the white lining has not been completed – need to chase up the Highways Officer.
- Devon County Council is in good shape.

1. **APOLOGIES** – - M. McInerney, R. Tozer

2. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 17th July 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. D. Treeby & N. Palmer declared interest in planning apps 2653/23/FUL and 0147/23/FUL

4. CLERK'S REPORT –

The death was announced of a long standing Member of the PC – Stuart Dunham. Stuart's funeral will take place on 26th September at Torbay Crematorium at 2pm. Sincere thanks were expressed for all the work which Stuart did for the Parish Council.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT –

- Bickleigh was badly affected by the rain when silt filled the basement of a house.

6. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS – to be considered:

Denys Treeby and Neil Palmer left the meeting.

2653/23/HHO – Knowle House, Hr. Poulston, Halwell TQ9 7LE

New garage & store

Following discussion it was resolved to recommend support.

0147/23/FUL – Land at SX786 540

Replacement dwelling following class Q approval

Following discussion it was resolved to recommend support

D. Treeby & N. Palmer returned to the meeting.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS:-

- a) To approve payment of the following bank transfers:
 - £68.34 - Community Heartbeat – replacement batteries
 - £343.40 – S. Winstanley – Aug.
 - £768.00 – Plastics Company – picnic table
 - £108.00 – Touch of Claas – for hedge trimming
- b) Cash at bank - £23800.58 **Approved**
- c) To discuss the Section 106 for White Parks
It was agreed that the picnic table would be paid for out of Section 106 monies and that Members would consider how the remainder of the money could best be spent, at the next meeting.

8. Report on works to Bickleigh Lane

The work has been carried out and is almost complete. Some vegetation is being cut back.

9. Report on installation of a pole at the entrance to Crocadon Meadows.

The pole was installed, vegetation cut back by Members. The speed check equipment has been in place for some time and Highways will forward the results in a few months.

10. Update on plan to rebuild the bus shelter.

R. Tozer provided a quote. It was agreed that the shelter should be timber clad and two further quotes will be provided at the next meeting.

11. To discuss accident record near Pears –

The Chair will approach Martin Pears to start accumulating accurate information on the number of accidents which occur nearby.

12. CORRESPONDENCE – None.

13. COUNCILLOR’S REPORTS –

- J. Collins** - requested support to create a footpath going up to Totnes Cross
 - The signs on the LHS of the road coming up into Halwell are obscured by trees – could we request signs be put up on the RHS.
 - Crocadon was flooded in Sunday’s storms and has left a residue of silt. The drain the higher side of Crocadon needs to be cleared and made bigger.
 - Could consideration be given to provision of a footpath on the bank leading down to Totnes Cross. To be discussed with Highways.
- P. Westlake** – It is time to plant more bulbs and wild flowers. Agreed £150 budget.
- A. Dalgleish** - Requested that DCC & SHDC councillors send their reports by email ahead of Meetings.
- H. Reeve** - When the WI wound up some of the funds were donated and bulbs purchased to be planted in the Parish.

14. DATE of next MEETING – In the Village Hall at 7pm 16th October 2023.

SIGNED
D. Treeby Chair