

## HALWELL & MORELEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7pm**

PRESENT: Councillors: J. Palmer, J. Collins, A. Dalgliesh, H. Reeve, R. Tozer, M. Hicks,  
J. Mussen, P. Westlake

In attendance: S. Winstanley (Clerk) Cllr. S. Rake

PUMP TRACK – Kai Forte kindly attended to discuss with Members the implications of having a pump track in the playing field. He explained that these tracks are very popular with families with children and can be used for cycles, scooters or skateboards.

The track will be made from compacted stone which is graded into humps and overlaid with very thick tarmac, reducing maintenance to a minimum. Drainage is included and the sides of the track are turfed.

It is probable that no planning permission will be required and the cost of this track will be between £30,000 and £40,000 the majority of which will be raised from charity donations. Realistically, the work could not begin until September and would take approximately 2 weeks.

OPEN FORUM – One member of the public attended.

- A second VAS was requested. It was pointed out that Highways recommendation was to have a mobile VAS which is more effective.

### COUNTY COUNCILLOR's REPORT – by email

- DIY waste taken to recycling centres:  
Four single visits/house in any four week period  
Or  
An unbagged item up to 2 metres.  
All else will be charged  
Visit: [www.devon.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling](http://www.devon.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling)
- A379 in Yealampton closed 26<sup>th</sup> Feb to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024
- DEVOLUTION.....If you are interested in following this, please go to [www.devontorbydeal.org.uk](http://www.devontorbydeal.org.uk)

### DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – S. Rake (by email)

- The big news is that SHDC have adopted a plan where there are 2 priorities – housing and the environment.
- £1 million has been received for economic development from government.
- The budget for 2024-25 is balanced – a tribute to our predecessors that we are not facing a very difficult financial situation.

1. **APOLOGIES** – D. Treeby, M. McInerney, R. Gilbert

2. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024.** 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 –**

- As the end of the financial year approaches, any outstanding invoices need to be sent.
- The sign beside the bus stop opposite the Old Inn will be moved when the new bus shelter is constructed as agreed with Highways.
- Members reported some potholes which were immediately put onto the Report a pothole DCC website by J. Collins.

**5. CHAIR’S REPORT –**

- Apart from the number of potholes and the general bad surfaces of the roads, there is no other report.

**6. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS – None**

**7. FINANCIAL MATTERS:-**

To approve payment of the following bank transfers:

- £391.20 – S. Winstanley – Jan
- £350.00 – Halwell PCC – Grant for graveyard upkeep
- £200.00 – J. Mortimore – grass cutting
- £334.00 – S. Winstanley (Feb)
- £40.00 – Information Commission subscription

- a. Cash at bank - £25001.15

**8. To discuss provision of a pump track.**

It was decided that a sub committee be formed to progress this project. H. Reeve, J. Collins R. Tozer, A. Dalgliesh, P. Westlake and M. Hicks all volunteered and it was agreed that a Parishioner may be asked to join. Cllr. Simon Rake will attend meetings. The major task is to secure funding.

**9. Update on quotes to rebuild the bus shelter –**

Having considered 4 quotes for rebuilding the bus shelter it was agreed that a quote from Len McCarthy for a stone faced shelter be accepted.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE – No**

**11. COUNCILLOR’S REPORTS –**

- H. Reeve** – The hedge opposite the Vicarage needs to be cut back.  
There is an ongoing problem with the defibrillator at Moreleigh.
- A. Dalgliesh** - Provided a video of a lorry approaching Totnes X from Kingsbridge and having to swerve to avoid a pothole near the turning to E. Allington.
- P. Westlake** – The play equipment is ok apart from the handles for the seesaw which will be replaced shortly.

**12. DATE of next MEETING – In the Village Hall at 7pm 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024.**

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

