

HALWELL & MORELEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 15th April 2024 at 7pm

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

OPEN FORUM – No members of the public attended.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr. R. Gilbert

GENERAL ROADS.

- a) Devon has 8500 miles of roads and 426 Parish Councils
- b) To put Devon's roads back to something reasonable would require about £1.2 billion
- c) Wettest year for 130 years and the system can't cope and was not designed to do so under these conditions.
- d) Highways will do their best to catch up in the summer
- e) Please keep reporting the potholes/flooding etc www.new.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem

DEVOLUTION.

This is progressing well and for further information please visit: www.devonandtorbaydeal.org.uk

DIY WASTE AND RECYCLING.

For information please visit: www.devon.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling

MOBILE LIBRARIES.

Sadly this service has had to be discontinued due to lack of patronage and costs.
No static libraries have been closed.

Please contact your local library for information on books delivery

LOCALITY FUNDING.

Most of my parishes have been given some funding, which I hope was found to be helpful.

GENERAL.

I have attended to many varied enquiries and matters of concern across all my sixteen parishes and towns.
Not least being SWW road closure in Modbury this year.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr.S. Rake.

- A reminder that SHDC is a significant employer and there are currently, a range of vacancies.
- Pleased to give £1500 from Locality Budget towards the pump track.
- H. Reeve asked that Cllr. Rake judge the pump track posters.

1. **APOLOGIES** – A. Dalgliesh, M. Hicks, J. Mussen, R. Gilbert

2. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 18th March 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 –

- The Audit of the PC accounts has been completed without comment.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

- Been in correspondence with Highways about the proposed restrictions at Gara Bridge and received a reply that the proposal had been settled. I received a second email today telling me having gone further up the hierarchy, a site meeting had now been agreed.

6. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS - None**7. FINANCIAL MATTERS:-**

- a) To approve payment of the following bank transfers:
£85.80 - HMRC
£80.00 - I. Judge (website hosting)
- b) Cash at bank £24,607.43
- c) To approve the Annual Accounts
- d) To approve the Annual Governance Statement
- e) To approve the Accounting Statement
- f) To approve Certificate of Exemption

Approved**8. Report on the provision of a pump track.**

The sub committee has arranged for letters to local businesses asking for their support, next week. A banner outside the hall will be put up making it easier for anyone to contribute.

9. To discuss the proposed changes to Gara Bridge. – as above**10. To discuss the provision of a traffic mirror at the junction with the main road of Bickleigh Lane in Halwell.**

It was agreed that the PC purchase a substantial mirror and the residents be asked to pay for its installation.

11. To discuss the purchase of a new defibrillator cabinet outside the New Inn.

It was agreed that a new cabinet be purchased and Katie Finn asked for advice as to the type.

12. CORRESPONDENCE – A telephone call had been received from A. Mangnall's office to ask about the PCs plans for a second VAS about which a Parishioner had asked for support.**13. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS –**

- J. Collins – received complaints that the felled trees near the church had been left on the ground.
- P. Westlake – The new handles had been put on the seesaw.
- H. Reeve – Could the PC approach Devon Rural Housing about the discolouration on the new houses opposite the Village Hall.

14. DATE of next MEETING – In the Village Hall at 7pm **20th May 2024.****Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council****SIGNED****Denys Treeby - Chair**

