

**HALWELL & MORELEIGH ANNUAL PARISH
COUNCIL MEETING
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Monday 20th May 2024 at 7pm

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

1. District Councillor – Simon Rake

- It is a year since I was elected and for SHDC housing and the environment have been the priorities.
- Waste collection has now been rolled out over the whole District and has been largely successful.
- Affordable homes at St. Ann's Chapel has been completed but not yet delivered.
- I have been happy to support the PC's bid to provide a pump track.
- In reply to a query, Cllr. Rake said that no land has been put forward for development. St. Ann's Chapel does have some open market housing but the majority of homes are affordable.

2. County Councillor – Rufus Gilbert – No report

3. CHAIR'S REPORT –

- Sadly, Stuart Dunham died – he had served on the PC for 14 years.
- Major works were carried out to Bickleigh Lane which was overseen by James Collins.
- The PC provided a pole in Church Street to enable Highways to carry out a SCARF traffic speed measurement.
- PC provided bulbs and plants which Paul Westlake planted on the ground opposite the Old Inn which has resulted in a good floral display.
- The PC has arranged for the bus shelter opposite the Old Inn to be rebuilt.
- Recently the PC has installed a replacement box for the defibrillator outside the New Inn.
- The PC has installed a visibility mirror to make it safer for traffic leaving Bickleigh Lane by Halwell Churchyard.
- Layby at Halwell Barn has been tidied up so that it can be used and SHDC have removed, finally, the Caravan which had been abandoned there.
- We have failed to get Highways to repair some of the worst potholes, not for the want of trying.
- We met with Highways at Gara Bridge, as a result of which works to the Moreleigh side of the Highway will now not be carried out.
- The sub committee for the proposed pump track are doing an excellent job fundraising.
- I would like to thank members of the PC who have worked very hard for the community, in particular the pump track committee members, James Collins and Neil Palmer for their hard work.

4. Moreleigh Church representative – Rosemary Hannaford

- Since opening last May, Moreleigh Church holds one service a month with 10-12 people attending, support coming from Halwell & Harbertonford.
- Christmas Eve we held a midnight service which was really well attended.

- The Easter Egg hunt held outside the church by Pip and Helen was a great success, so many children and lots of easter eggs – and left very tidy after they had finished.
- We are doing a few minor repairs with the help of Ross – a new gate and repairs to the guttering. The work to the tower has been put on hold as our heating system is now our main priority, the system is old and very costly. Our electrician has invited us to visit his church in Cornwall to look at his heating as he thinks something similar could work in Moreleigh Church.
- The PCC would like to express their thanks to the Parish Council for the grant for the upkeep of the Churchyard.

5. ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH REPRESENTATIVE - Rose Palmer

- The church remains open and unlocked to visitors and for locals to use the book exchange and leave items in the food bank box which is regularly taken to Kingsbridge and Totnes food banks and greatly appreciated.
- We hold an evening service once a month and continue to work closely with Moreleigh and Harbertonford.
- We are continuing with the monthly lunch on Tuesdays, with numbers increasing, it is a lovely social gathering.
- We held a coffee morning /plant sale on Saturday which was well supported and are holding a two-day craft event in August for children.
- Plans have been drawn up for the provision of a toilet and repositioning of the kitchen have been submitted to DAC Exeter (Diocese Advisor Committee)
- I would like to thank the PC for the contribution to the churchyard maintenance which is greatly appreciated.

6. VILLAGE HALL TRUST AND SOCIAL REPRESENTATIVE – Helen Reeve

The Income and expenditure of the hall is roughly in balance so the hall is financially stable and bookings are back to pre covid levels.

This year's big maintenance will be repainting the outside of the hall. We still have problems with the drain in the carpark causing a massive puddle when it rains and the guttering road side of the hall has been repaired. Maybe the guttering gets hit by footballs etc and it would be a shame to have to ban balls games so let's hope users can be mindful when playing that side. Booking clerk and caretaker Angie Taylor continues to do a great job for which we are indebted to her and it is good to see involvement from Moreleigh Heights parents and young parents in Halwell, especially their management of activities for the younger members of the community. The Social Committee side of the hall continues to support the hall and parishioners with their social & fund raising events. They are a great committee that work together well and always deliver what is needed whether that be their time, ideas or refreshments for events. Special acknowledgement goes to Melvyn Treeby for his monthly bingos for local charities and needs and to Pip Hallett for putting on a splendid Easter Egg Hunt for the children this year. We are very lucky to have such a friendly bunch of helpers for a committee.

7. PARISH MAGAZINE REPRESENTATIVE – Roseanna Perry (by email)

- The Parish News has had a good year. We have good numbers of people receiving and signing up for the Parish News. We try to encourage new residents to each village to sign up for the monthly Parish News by giving them a trial/free copy.

- Unfortunately, with the rising cost of everything we have had to put the cost of the Parish News up slightly this year, it is now £8 for the year (approx. 66p per copy). We discussed going paperless; however, we believe it has more use as a paper copy for quick reference and to be accessible for all.
- We have around a dozen advertisements with a yearly subscription to advertise in the PNews and always welcome more..
- We are also fortunate to have 3 to 4 people writing articles for the PNews each month. I have put a call out to anyone else that would like to contribute to the PNews regularly however, I haven't had any interest in this yet.
- I am trying to make the PNews as useful and informative as possible as well as including some interactive things to do for adults and children within each copy – crosswords, sudokus, wordsearches, colouring etc.

8. REPORT ON PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE A PUMP TRACK – Adam Dalglish

The Crowdfunder webpage was launched on Thursday 25th April and has been running for just over 3 weeks. In that time, we have raised £6,110 from over 100 supporters. We have had some very generous donations from both individuals and local companies, and we really got off to a great start with many rewards kindly donated by local businesses. In addition, we have successfully secured a grant from Sport England for £8,000 which was triggered by us raising £5,000 from over 100 supporters. This grant is only realised if we hit our target of £20,000. Only £6,000 to go!

We applied for a grant from National Lottery Community Fund for £20,000 which was rejected due to lack of information. We have submitted a new application with additional information which we hope will be successful. The result of this will not be known until mid-August.

The total pump track balance currently looks like this:

Area	Amount	Balance	Status
Crowdfunder	6,110	6,110	Secured
Sport England	8,000	14,110	Secured subject to hitting target
S.106	15,000	29,110	Secured
DCC	1,000	30,110	Secured
SHDC	1,500	31,610	Secured
National Lottery	20,000	51,610	Tbc August
		51,610	

The Crowdfunder will continue for just over another 4 weeks and we hope to hit our £20,000 target by then. There are plans for further fundraising with a sponsored cycle ride in conjunction with CS South Hams Bike Club and British Cycling, and an event at Wheeldon Off-Road Centre. Kye Forte has told us that we could go for a September build start date if required, which we are keen to do, but this will depend on how close we can get to the overall target of £50,000.



**HALWELL & MORELEIGH ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
20th May 2024**

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

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Denys Treeby was nominated and seconded. There being no other nominees, Denys Treeby was elected Chair and signed the Acceptance of Office.

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Neil Palmer was nominated and seconded. There being no other nominees, Neil Palmer was elected Vice Chair .

OPEN FORUM – Two members of the public attended.

- A request was made for the PC to consider putting up bird boxes in the Parish.
- A request was again made for the PC to purchase an additional VAS. It was explained that Highways advice is that a portable VAS is more efficient but also that no VAS was necessary in Moreleigh. The PC have resolved to leave things as they are.

3. APOLOGIES – R. Tozer, M. Hicks , R. Gilbert.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 15th April, 2024. It was proposed, seconded and **Resolved** that the Chair sign the Minutes as a true and correct record.

5. 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. J. Collins declared a pecuniary interest in application no. 1221/24/TPO

6. CLERK'S REPORT –

- Members confirmed that the drains have still not been cleared.
- Received a telephone call to let the PC know that the road to Dartmouth would be closed at Collaton from 7pm to 6am during Regatta Week. The date has now been changed to the following week to avoid the traffic holdups which would occur in the previous week.

7. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS – to be considered:

1325/24/HHO – Holm House, Moreleigh TQ9 7JH

Application for the construction of stables and realignment of a track (retrospective)

Following discussion it was resolved to recommend support.

1221/24/TPO – 9 Crocadon Meadows, Halwell TQ9 7LH

T1: Elm - to reduce the dominance over property and garden, raise crown to 8m from ground level and remove branches growing from the two main stems up to 8m from ground level, with cuts no larger than 100mm. T2: Elm - to reduce dominance over property and garden, raise crown to 8m from ground level, remove branches growing from four main stems up to 8m from ground level, with cuts no larger than 100mm.

Following discussion it was resolved to recommend support.

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS:-

- a) To approve payment of the following bank transfers:
 - £362.80- S. Winstanley – April
 - £189.89 – DALC sub
 - £350.00 - Moreleigh Parochial CC – Graveyard grant
 - £75.00 - J. Leverington – Audit
 - £241.77 – SHDC – election expenses
 - £137.04 – Sutcliffe Play – play equipment repairs
 - £252.80 – S. Winstanley – May
 - £594.00 – S. Winstanley – reimb for defib cabinet
- b) Cash at bank – £27644.13 (including £5300 Precept) **All approved**

9. To discuss the bad surface of Bickleigh Lane

The Highways Officer said that the rough surface did not constitute a pothold. It was agreed that N. Palmer would fill the potholes when he is tarmacing nearby.

10. Report on Gara Bridge – as Chair’s report

11. CORRESPONDENCE – Emails from S. Balsdon – Clerk to write a letter of support
Report of flooding in Washbourne

12. COUNCILLOR’S REPORTS – No reports

13. DATES OF MEETINGS at Halwell & Moreleigh Village Hall for the coming year at 7pm.

- 17th June 2024**
- 15th July 2024**
- 16th September 2024**
- 21st October 2024**
- 18th November 2024**
- 20th January 2025**
- 17th February 2025**
- 17th March 2025**
- 21st April 2025**
- 19th May 2025 Annual Meeting of Parish Council**

SIGNED

D. Treeby Chair

