

## HALWELL & MORELEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7pm**

PRESENT: Councillors: D. Treeby, J. Collins, M. McInerney, R. Tozer, P Westlake  
In attendance: S. Winstanley (Clerk)

OPEN FORUM – One member of the public attended.

### **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr. R. Gilbert –**

- The devolution arrangements will be confirmed next week.
- The defective sign at Pears cross has been reported and should be repaired shortly.
- The sign at Moreleigh Mounts has been knocked down and broken – report.
- Recycling at depots – 79% is recycled.
- Government has granted £86 million for road repairs for the whole of Devon.
- Council tax will almost certainly go up 5%.
- The Localities budget has now been closed.

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

- Budget advisory committee – under considerable pressure due to the increase in NI contributions which will be £250,000. The budget is balanced but that is due to increases in parking charges.
- Residents will be able to download an app for their vehicle to obtain preferential charges in SHDC car parks.

1. **APOLOGIES** - N. Palmer, A. Dalgliesh, H. Reeve, J. Mussen
2. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>th</sup> Nvember 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** – Despite many efforts – the gulleys have not been cleaned. The Chair confirmed that he had arranged for Martin Brooking to carry out the work next week.
5. **CHAIR'S REPORT** –  
Once again a complaint about very severe potholes around Boreston.

**6. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS - Response using delegated powers:**

Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use of agricultural barns to 2 No. dwellinghouses Class C3 & for associated development (Class Q)

Recommended approval.

**3939/24/FUL – Higher Stanborough Farm, Moreleigh TQ9 7JQ**

Proposed roof over existing silage pit to create new farmyard much store

Recommended approval.

**3801/24/ARM – Higher Stanborough Farm, Moreleigh TQ9 7JQ**

Application for approval of all matters reserved following outline approval reference 1035/23/OPA for a permanent agricultural workers dwelling.

Recommended approval.

**To be considered:**

**1586/24/HHO – Ritson Barton Barns, the Old Dairy, Halwell TQ9 7JG**

**Application for new garden studio, wildlife pond & associated hard & soft landscaping**

Following discussion, it was resolved to recommend support.

**7. FINANCIAL MATTERS:-**

a) To approve payment of the following bank transfer

£454.56 – S. Winstanley (Nov)

£15247.20 -Fortetrailsapes (Final payment pump track)

£127.60 – HMRC

£369.72 - S. Winstanley (Dec)

£785.00 – P. Westlake (parish work)

£40.00 – Information Commission

b) To confirm the Precept for yr. ending 31.3.26

c) Cash at bank £26,235.46 (including 2<sup>nd</sup> precept payment £5,300 & VAT £5041..20)

Pump track funds	Crowdfunder	12,103.20	
		"	8,000.00
		Main Grant	20,000.00
		Bike fundraise	510.00
		DCC grant	1,000.00
		SHDC grant	1,000.00
		Section 106	<u>7386.80</u>
	Less payments	50,206.00	= -206.00

d) To consider replacing the Clerk's laptop – Members felt that if a new laptop is necessary the Clerk should provide a quotation (to be shared with Charleton PC)

e) To consider a proposal to purchase an additional VAS (quote attached)  
Item for agenda next meeting.

**8. Report from the sub-committee to provide a pump track.**

It is hoped to have a fundraiser for the breakfast opening event in March which will be on a Saturday. Sponsors will be invited to the official opening. The committee will work with the Village Hall Committee to organise.

**9. To discuss co-opting a new PC member,**

Members reported that 3 parishioners had expressed an interest. The Clerk asked that they Send an email explaining their interest and what they hope to contribute to the PC.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE** – No correspondence

**11. COUNCILLOR’S REPORTS –**

P. Westlake – The stepper which was broken before Christmas – spare parts will cost £185 x 2, If the manufacturer carries out the repairs it will cost an additional £300. The Chair will meet with Paul Westlake to discuss on site.

R. Tozer – Some Parishioners have received a letter informing them that there will be a delay in in considering applications.

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: at Halwell & Moreleigh Village Hall at 7pm on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**SIGNED .....**  
**Neil Palmer - Vice Chair**