

HALWELL & MORELEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 17th March, 2025 at 7pm

PRESENT: Councillors: N. Palmer, J. Collins, A. Dalgliesh, H. Reeve, R. Tozer, P Westlake
In attendance: S. Winstanley (Clerk) Cllr. S. Rake, Cllr R. Gilbert

OPEN FORUM – One member of the public attended. Prospective candidate for DCC elections introduced herself.

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

- The Local Government Review – five proposals going forward and it will be for the next administration at DCC to choose one of them.
- Cllr. Gilbert said that he had enjoyed the breakfast for the pump track opening which has been a very good thing for the Parish.
- It has been a joy to serve the PC for the past 12 years.
- It was pointed out that the sign at Pears is still not in place. Write to Highways, cc RG.

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

- Echoed Cllr. Gilbert's comments about the excellent breakfast at the pump track opening. The speed with which the whole project was completed was an impressive achievement.
- May 1st is the date of the DCC election.
- To achieve the discounted rate for garden waste collection, Parishioners have 2 weeks. Gentle reminder about sorting waste for recycling.
- Local Government Review – All the DCs in Devon except for Exeter have agreed a proposal to be put to Government – 3 unitaries, one being Plymouth, South Hams, West Devon, Teignbridge and Torbay and Exeter, North Devon and Torridge.
- The residents parking scheme comes into force on the 1st April.
- Devolution – there are several schemes – a Plymouth unitary and the whole of the rest of Devon, or Plymouth taking a bit of SHDC and two others.

1. **APOLOGIES** - D. Treeby, M. McInerney, R. Chalk

2. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17th February, 2025** 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 speed with which the pump track had been completed was a great achievement.
- There are problems with water pressure in Moreleigh due to a leak.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT –

- There is still a major problem with potholes and the road surface from Spanish Lane End to Horner Tongue is broken up along its whole length..
- There is clearly an issue with the Village Hall car park gate being locked. The PC has received email of complaint and several Members have received complaints. Apart from cash not being used as it once was there is the problem of someone arriving first and using their coin to open the gate and then either locking the gate when they leave locking others in or losing their coin. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Chair of the Trustees.

6. To consider co-opting Jax Williams to fill the vacancy on the PC.

It was agreed that this decision be postponed till the next meeting. Few Members know Jax Williams who has not attended the meeting or the opening of the pump track.

7. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS - None**8. FINANCIAL MATTERS:-**

a) To approve payment of the following bank transfer

£350.00 - Halwell PCC (graveyard grant)

£200.00 – H&M VH – Hire of Hall

£1800.00 .R. & H Reeve – Tidying playing field re pump track

£133.48 – Community First (insurance for pump track)

£109.20 - HMRC

£369.92 – S. Winstanley (Mar)

£152.40 – Landmarc – repairing adult exercise equipment

£600.00 – R & H Reeve -Tidying play area re. pump track

b) Cash at bank £18,789.56 (including £1650.52 Highway refund, £2368.50 & £1000 grants for pump track)

Pump track funds	Crowdfunder	12,103.20
	“	8,000.00
	Main Grant	20,000.00
	Bike fundraise	510.00
	DCC grant	1,000.00
	DCC grant	1,000.00
	SHDC grant	1,000.00
	Section 106	7,386.80
	Section 106	2,368.50
	Total Income	53,368.50

d) To discuss Lloyds Bank new rules for a monthly charge for the account

It was agreed the Clerk monitor the situation as no charges have yet been made.

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

The official opening was a great success with some 100 breakfasts being served and many children using the track. The use of the remaining Section 106 monies to be discussed next meeting.

10. To discuss purchasing a second VAS - postponed to next meeting.

11. CORRESPONDENCE – Email concerning inability to use the pump track due to gate lock.

12. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS –

H. Reeve – the bus shelter at Halwell needs to be completed with a bench and noticeboard.

Quotes to be sought.

Footpaths – responsibilities to be discussed next meeting.

**13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: at Halwell & Moreleigh Village Hall at 7pm on
14th April 2025**

SIGNED

Denys Treeby - Chair