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HALWELL & MORELEIGH ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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Monday 18th May 2026 at 7pm

PRESENT: Councillors D. Treeby, R. Chalk, J. Collins, A. Dalgliesh, R. Bent, M. McInerney, H. Reeve
R. Tozer
In attendance: S. Winstanley (Clerk) Cllr. S. Rake

1. To elect the Chair of the Parish Council

Denys Treeby was nominated – there being no other nominations Denys Treeby was elected Chair and signed the Acceptance of Office.

2. To elect the Vice Chair of the Parish Council

Neil Palmer was nominated – there being no other nominations Neil Palmer was elected Vice Chair

3. OPEN FORUM – One member of the public present

4. APOLOGIES – Cllr. L . Wainwright

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20th April 2026 It was proposed, seconded and **Resolved** that the Chair sign the Minutes as a true and correct record.

4. 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

5. CLERK'S REPORT – No report.

6. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS - To be considered:

1187/26/FUL – Development Site at SX 764 528, Moreleigh TQ9 7JL
5 dwellings (3 detached and 2 semi detached), associated parking and access
Following discussion it was resolved to recommend approval

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS:-

a) To approve payment of the following bank transfer

£4.25 – bank charge

£95.00 – J. Leverington (Audit)

£377.48 – S. Winstanley (May)

Cash at bank £19715.70

Approved

To consider request for a grant from Citizens Advice - £200 Approved

To approve grants to the PCCs for the upkeep of the grave yards (£400) Approved

8. CORRESPONDENCE – None

9. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS-

Helen Reeve – The white box by the Church was put up by the Environment Agency

**12. DATE OF MEETINGS – In Halwell & Moreleigh Village Hall at 7pm
for the coming year**

15th June 2026

20th July 2026

21st September 2026

19th October 2026

16th November 2026

18th January 2027

15th February 2027

15th March 2027

19th April 2027

17th May 2027 Annual Parish Meeting

SIGNED

D. Treeby - Chair

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

1. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr. L Wainwright (by email)

Having been elected as your Devon County Councillor for the Salcombe Division, I have had an amazing first 12 months. Here is my first 'Annual Report' which I represent. The title of these reports is 'The Same Page' and I very much hope that we are indeed on the 'same page'. It is vital that we all work together to improve the provision of services for our local communities.

I am very grateful to all those who have supported my best endeavours to do what is possible, under very difficult circumstances.

Our county councils across the country have never been in a worse place financially. We are all struggling to provide even statutory services to the standard that we have been able to in the past.

I take nothing at face value. However I have an open mind and am grateful to all DCC Officers and experienced

Elected Members who have enabled me to find a way forward for Salcombe Division.

Thank you to parish and town councils who have recognised this and joined forces to improve the lot of our communities.

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

It has been a particularly tough year. The funding settlement received from government was the least generous in the whole country whereas some other areas have received a 7% increase. On top of that, there is the ongoing Local Government Reform situation.

The gas leak in Salcombe, Torcross & Beesands and the collapsed culvert in Kingsbridge have all been additional complications.

Fusion went into liquidation but due to the hard work of the SHDC team, the leisure centres have remained open.

The District Council purchased 60 acres in S. Brent for planting trees and have just done the same with another site in W. Charleton. In S. Brent this has proved very popular.

3. CHAIR'S REPORT – Denys Treeby

The PC arranged for the gullies to be cleaned to help prevent flooding.

Three defibrillators have been updated with new pads.

A Vehicle Activated Sign was purchased for use in Halwell.

New goal posts were purchased and installed in the playing field by Members.

Ongoing pot holes – some remedial work has been carried out between Boreston & Polston.

At the January meeting of the PC a Parishioner alleged that I had been rude to his wife and she has not come to the PC meeting since. At the last Annual Parish Meeting, although I made no reference to anyone particularly, I said that it was regrettable that some Parishioners never turned up to meetings but to make complaints. It obviously appeared I touched a nerve.

Subsequently, it was alleged that Councillor Rufus Gilbert was so embarrassed by what I had said that he rang the couple concerned that same evening. Following the October meeting I rang Cllr. Gilbert myself and he said that he most certainly did not make that call.

4. MORELEIGH CHURCH REPRESENTATIVE – Rose Hannaford

We are continuing with our one service a month, the fourth Sunday at 3.30pm.

We have had a wedding, a Christening and a funeral in the last year.

At the moment we are in the process of getting estimates to update our heating and lighting system to enable us to get our church warmer for the winter.

I would like to say thank you to the Parish Council for the grant for the upkeep.

Also, thank to Paul Westlake for keeping our yard tidy and to Ross for the maintenance of the Church.

5. ST. LEONARDS CHURCH REPRESENTATIVE – Helen Reeve

St Leonards is not just a place of worship as it continues to serve the community. A monthly lunch on average serves 24 parishioners. Knitting Projects, Walk & Talk, Soup, Harvest Lunch, Village Easter Egg hunt, Plant Sale, Children's Christmas party all happened in the last 12 months as well as services. On top of this bell ringing teams from afar visit and play the bells. The Parish Council is thanked for its donation towards the upkeep of the churchyard and St Leonards continues to welcome all as the door is always open for those seeking some quiet time.

6. HALWELL & MORELEIGH VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall is kept busy with weekly bookings and then parties etc at weekends. After being painted in the last 12 months and having the heating equipment updated it continues to be in good shape for hiring. Bookings are back to pre covid and with the pump track, the puddle in the carpark when it rains a lot, but this brings great joy to children in their wellies or on their bikes.

7. HALWELL & MORELEIGH PARISH NEWS

The Parish News has continued much the same as the past couple of years. We try to include a range of information and articles within the Parish News each month. Thanks must go to Jayne Collins, Adam Dalgiesh, Helen Reeve and Angie Taylor for their regular contributions throughout the year, it is much appreciated.

We have a good number of adverts spread throughout the Parish News, however we would always welcome more. The price of the Parish News will remain the same for this year (£8) along with the price for a half page advertisement (£45.00). The ¼ page advertisement price will increase to £25.00 (previously £22.50).

As always, if anyone has anything they would like to include in the Parish News then I will happily include – one off adverts/posters for events are FREE. Or if anyone would like to include an interesting write up about a topic of choice in the Parish News please get in touch.