HALWELL & MORELEIGH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 19th October 2026 at 7pm

Councillors: D. Treeby, R. Chalk, R. Bent, H. Reeve, A. Dalgliesh, J. Collins, R. Tozer. P. Westlake

In attendance: S. Winstanley (Clerk) Cllr. S. Rake

OPEN FORUM – One member of the public attended.
Thanked the PC for leaving the VAS on the Diptford this summer and circulated a booklet about Moreleigh Church. Also complained about the bin by the noticeboard not being emptied. Helen Reeve had already reported this and Simon Rake said that he would chase it up.

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

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr. S. Rake

The Local Government Reorganisation is now dead. However, during all the hard work leading up to the decision, it has been realised that Councils have been working more closely together and this has resulted in better and more efficient working. In particular, one response desk is being considered to make everyone's life easier. Public and housing also overlap and they could work much better together.
The overall cost of the preparations for the LGR is estimated to be £5 million and claims have been made to the Government to recoup this cost.
If the plans for a mayor for Devon go ahead, Devon will have much more say in finance from the government.
Several windfalls from the Freeport. Also the producers of packaging will be paying more for the cost of recycling their products.
The Crisis and Resilience Fund is still operational and includes heating oil and bottled gas – but it is means tested. The Housing Upgrade Grant is also open.
There is a change in the licensing for people who keep animals for display to the public.

1. **APOLOGIES -** N. Palmer ,M. McInerney. Cllr. Wainwright

2. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21st September 2026** 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 .

4. **CLERK'S REPORT –** At the next meeting the Precept will need to be decided and Members are asked to consider any projects which need to be included.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT –

The white lining at Moreleigh is in urgent need of upgrading.

6. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS - to be considered:

2802/26/LBC – Hernaford Farmhouse, Harbertonford TQ9 7HY
Demolition of outbuildings & erection of outbuilding, swimming pool, landscaping & associated works
The application is not in our Parish and Members offered no comment.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) To approve payment of the following bank transfer
£4.25 – Bank charges
£392.56 – S. Winstanley (Oct) **Approved**

b) Cash at bank £22566.06 (including £700 contribution towards the cost of the Noticeboard)

8. To discuss the possibilities for updating the play area

It was agreed a working party be formed to discuss possibilities.

9. To update the risk assessment for PC responsibilities. – All checked and approved.

10. CORRESPONDENCE – None

11. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS-

Helen Reeve - Thanks for the provision of more woodchip for the play area – the Chair will obtain more as necessary. Could FineShine clean the road signs?
A. Dalgliesh - In view of two fatalities in the Parish in the past year, could extending The 30mph area be considered.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – In Halwell & Moreleigh Village Hall at 7pm on 16th November 2026

SIGNED .....
D. Treeby - Chair