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Minutes of Morebath Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 11 September 2018 in Morebath Village Hall at 8pm.

Present: Cllr J Wescot (Chair) (*), Cllr J Andrew, Cllr B Hatton, Cllr Mrs P Reed (*), Mrs S Squire (Clerk).

Also present: County Councillor Mrs P Colthorpe
1 member of the public

* Cheque signatories.

1819-034 Apologies. Cllrs Adams, Briden, Conway

1819-035 Declarations of Interest.

Cllr Andrew declared a Personal Interest in Minute No. 1819 – 047 f – Correspondence relating to the Old Railway Bridge site.

1819-036 Dispensation to Councillors. None.

1819-037 Minutes of the meeting held on 3 July 2018.
Agreed and signed as a correct record.

1819-038 Actions Arising:

None.

1819-039 Open Forum.

Overgrowth of vegetation at the junction between Dulverton and Minehead. **Action: Clerk to report.**

County Councillor Mrs Colthorpe advised that DCC cut at junctions for visibility purposes only.

Vegetation is also overgrown on the Shillingford to Bonny Cross road. When buses are met, it is necessary for motorists to reverse. There was a discussion on the school bus using the route transporting children from Dulverton to Wivelscombe Secondary School. This was a Somerset based bus that had been using this route for two years. The road is also used by the scheduled 398 bus service.

Action: County Councillor Mrs Colthorpe to make enquiries to ensure that drivers are following the scheduled route.

1819-040 Report of the County Councillor.

There is a Task Group enquiry looking into speed limits as a result of representations for a 20mph limit in places where there are problems. The next meeting would be on 14/9/18 when an officer from Dartmoor National Park, which has a 40mph limit, would be present.

The road through Morebath had been raised as an example.

Currently, 20mph speed limits are not enforceable.

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Work is underway on the A361 and is expected to be a lengthy contract.

The contractors, Mildren, are considerate constructors and if there is a problem, they wish to be advised so that it can be corrected.

Cllr Andrew felt the cone run up to the two sides coming together was too long. **Action: County Councillor Mrs Colthorpe to make enquiries.**

Greater Exeter Strategic Plan. This is a joint effort between Teignbridge, Exeter, East Devon and Mid Devon Councils. The Plan is due to go out to consultation after it had been to the Cabinet of the four Councils.

Amendments are to be incorporated and this had delayed the consultation by a month, now expected in November.

Councillors were urged to respond.

Stover Country Park and the Grand Western Canal Country Park had been given Green Flag Awards.

There is the opportunity to vote for them in the Nation's Favourites Awards which closes on 30/9/18.

1819-041 Report of the District Councillor. Not present.

1819-042 Report of the Police. No report received.

1819-043 Improvements to the centre of Morebath.

1819-044 As Cllr Conway was not present to give an update regarding slabs leading to the post box and planting, the item was deferred to the next Agenda.

1819-045 Planning.

a. Planning Applications registered since the last meeting:

Application 18/01036/MFUL –

Quartley Farm, Bowdens Lane, Shillingford where a response of 'no objections' was submitted.

b. Planning Correspondence:

The following MDDC Decision Notices were noted:

Planning Approval for Application 18/00796/HOUSE – Firdown House, Morebath

Application 18/00785/CLP - Certificate of Lawful Use for a proposed use or development – Velthams Court, Morebath

Application 18/00966/PNAG - Agricultural/Forestry Development Acceptance – Eastwood Farm, Shillingford.

Planning Refusal for Application 18/00482/FULL – Four Winds, Shillingford

1819-046 Finance 2018/19

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- a. The current financial position was noted.
- b. Allocation of reserves from the budget. No allocations were made.

c. Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

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• Mrs S Squire salary & expenses	518	£222.64
• HMRC PAYE	519	£ 50.80

- d. NatWest authorisation for change of contact details.
Confirmation received that Mrs Squire was the Parish Council contact.

1819-047 Correspondence.

- a. Grass Cutting had taken place on 9 July and 14 August.
There is an extra cut on 20 September to complete the schedule for this year.

Cllr Andrew proposed that the situation was reviewed in a month for a decision to be made whether another cut was required. Seconded by Cllr Hatton.

Action: The Clerk to convey the Parish Council's congratulations to MDDC for improved communication regarding this year's grass cutting.

- b. MDDC. Consultation on Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Policy. Ends on 30/9/18. Councillors had been circulated with the details and were noted.
- c. DCC Devon Remembers Project. Details had been sent to Signpost for inclusion.
- d. MDDC. Two emails regarding affordable housing. Details had been circulated to Councillors and were noted.

Mid Devon District Council is building as and when the need arises and more sites are required for social housing.

- e. A hornets nest in the bus shelter had been dealt with.
The invoice, when received to be paid by the Parish Council.
- f. Request from Cllr Briden regarding the maintenance of the Old Railway Bridge site, twice a year.

Councillor Andrew declared a Personal Interest due to a family member being involved with the original planting of bulbs.

Proposed by Cllr Hatton that Cllr Briden identifies a contractor to do the work which is to be paid for by the Parish Council. Seconded by Cllr Mrs Reed. Unanimously agreed.

Action: The Clerk to congratulate Mr S Kelland in connection with his work carried out for the Parish Council.

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- g. MDDC. Email regarding Planning S106 and governance arrangements. Details had been circulated to Councillors and was noted.

1819-048 Other items for noting only:

- a. Making Good Decisions Course attended by the Clerk. A written Report had been circulated to Councillors.

As a follow up to this, Terms of Reference were not required as no Sub Committees were in operation. Delegatory powers to the Clerk were not considered necessary.

- b. The Clerk is booked onto the following training:
- ⇒ Budgets and Precepts delivered by the Devon Association of Local Councils
 - ⇒ Devon Home Choice application training
 - ⇒ Seminar delivered by TTVS covering reduction of water charges for low income families and the impact Universal Credit will have on service users
- c. The Clerk will be away from 27/10/18 – 1/11/18.

1819-049 Next meeting: **Tuesday, 20 November 2018 at 7.30pm in Morebath Village Hall.**

The meeting ended at 9.23pm.

Items for the next Agenda:

- ⇒ Parish Plan
- ⇒ Litter Pick

Summary of Decisions:

- **Minutes of 3 July 2018**
- **Payments**
- **Grass cutting situation to be reviewed in October should another cut be necessary**
- **Contractor to be sourced to carry out maintenance around the Old Railway Bridge site**

Signed as a correct record:

Date:
