

**Minutes of Morebath Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 19 November 2019 in Morebath Village Hall at 8pm.**

**Present:** Councillors J Wescott (Chairman), T Conway, Miss L Hagenbrock, Mrs P Reed, Mrs S Shaw, A Wilson.

County Councillor Mrs P Colthorpe  
District Councillor A Moore

3 Members of the public

Tania Weeks, Devon County Council, Public Rights of Way Department

**1920 – 047 Apologies.** Councillor Mrs S Shipperley, District Councillor R Stanley.

**1929 – 048 Declarations of Interest.** None.

**1920 – 049 Dispensation to Councillors.** None.

**1920 – 050 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17 September 2019.**

**Approved and signed as a correct record after it was noted under Minute No. 1920-037 bullet point 3, that a complete new switch had been replaced at the car park, not just the cover.**

**Actions Arising:**

**1920-050.1 Dog leg 30mph sign.** The price for the sign would be given on receipt of photographs that Councillors had been requested to provide so that the sign maker can have an idea of the area.

**Action: January Agenda.**

**1920-50.2 Definitive Map Review.** The Clerk had been in correspondence about part of the track not shown green on the map. Councillors were advised that this was a public road and because it goes to the field from a public road and into a cul de sac without continuing, it does not link in to other Rights of Way.

The Definitive Map Review Officer from DCC ran through the presentation given to the Parish in July.

To allow time for the review to be discussed at the January Parish Council meeting, the date for the Parish Council to advise of any proposals for change it wishes to make has been moved to 31 January 2020.

**Action: January Agenda.**

Details had been included in Signpost and on Minutes to raise public awareness.

**1920-50.3 Vehicle restriction sign on the Morebath entry to Exbridge Lane.**

DCC Highways had declined to provide this.

The price for a sign for the Parish Council to fix independently will be available at the same time as the dog-leg details are given.

**Action: January Agenda.**

**1920-50.4 Road Closure from Morrells Cross to Watchet Cross.** Negotiations have taken place and the road closure will be on 9/1/20 from 9.30am – 3.30pm. An official road closure notice has been received.

**1920-50.5 Neighbourhood Alert.** An item has been sent for inclusion in Signpost.

**1920-50.6 Grass Cutting.** An item has appeared in Signpost inviting interested people to quote. In addition, other contractors had been invited to quote. No quotations had been received other than Mid Devon District Council which would be dealt with under Finance.  
The grass cutting map provided by MDDC was available at this meeting.

**1920-50.7 Parish Plan.** A copy had been sent to Councillors to study further.

**Action:** For further discussion at the March 2020 meeting.

**1920-50.8 S106 Funding.** MDDC had been requested to advise the amount of funding is available for a play area and the time limit to submit an application. This was £16,000 for any improvements of sports and recreational facilities.

MDDC to be advised that Morebath has a play area.

**Proposed by Councillor Wilson to apply for one picnic seat and two seats. Seconded by Councillor Conway. Unanimously agreed.**

**1920-50.9 S106 funding for a play area roundabout at Bampton.** It was noted that the support of this Council had been confirmed to MDDC

**1920-50.10 Community Emergency Planning.** The email received from Devon Communities Together had been forwarded to Cllr Mrs Shaw. Councillor Mrs Shaw is to co-ordinate details and contact the officer at Devon Communities Together.

**Action:** Cllr Mrs Shaw. January Agenda for a report to be given.

**1920-50.11 Defibrillator at Exebridge – Brushford Parish Council.**

The Clerk had been in communication with her counterpart at Brushford. A Locality Grant for £500 is being submitted to DCC from County Councillor Mrs Colthorpe's allocation.

**1920-50.12 Damaged fencing on the road from Bonny Cross to Watchet Cross.** The Clerk had been in correspondence with DCC Highways and the repair had been done.

**Action:** Letter of thanks to be sent to Highways.

**1920-50.13 Tree Planting.** Councillor Mrs Shaw advised that the Devon Ecology Officer was prepared to give talks to groups.

An invitation to be extended for them to come to a meeting.

#### **1920 – 051 Open Forum.**

In connection with the Parish Council being invited to give its preference for the new development, it was thought because it was part of Whitehall Farm originally, Whitehall Close was more appropriate.

This was further discussed under Minute No. 1920.057.6.

#### **1920 – 052 Reports.**

**1920-052.1 County Councillor Mrs P Colthorpe spoke on the following:**

- Ash dieback. There is a lot of information on the website [devon.ashdieback.org.uk](http://devon.ashdieback.org.uk)  
National tree week is from 23/11/19 to 1/12/19.  
Devon County Council is in collaboration with The Woodland Trust to promote tree planting and Devon County Council is launching a free tree scheme
- A net zero task force has been launched. Contributions are invited to be sent to [www.devonclimateemergency.org.uk/devon-carbon-plan](http://www.devonclimateemergency.org.uk/devon-carbon-plan)  
There will be a citizens panel at a later date
- Work has commenced on the 2020/212 budget which has to be presented in February. At the present time, the amount from the government was not known
- Regarding flood risk management, parts of Mid Devon are included in capital funding to improve resilience

**1920-052.2 District Councillor Moore spoke on the following:**

- People are moving in to the properties at the new development and the first tranche of housing at Bray Park is being marketed
- Premier Inn has been completed and is open
- Tiverton Market has received a national award for being the National Market Team of the Year
- The current administration have been the proposal for Fore Street into Market Street on hold. An objection has been received from Tiverton Town Council about this.
- MDDC Cabinet Member for the environment has added climate change to their portfolio
- Tree planting. The Council has been invited to look at various parcels of land with a view to using it for planting in the region of 100 trees
- Hustings at Halberton will take place on 30 November
- 2020/21 budget preparations are in progress

Councillor Conway enquired about the Morebath development and was advised that a decision would not be made until the result of the appeal was known.

**1920-052.3 Police.** Leaflets had been provided for Devon and Cornwall Alert, a two-way community messaging system operated by Devon and Cornwall Police.

**1920 – 053 Improvements to centre of Morebath.**

Not relevant as all plans done.

**1920 – 054 Planning.**

Planning Applications:

**1920-054.1 Registered since the last meeting: 19/01645/HOUSE – erection of open front porch at Rafton Cottage, Morebath.** A response of 'no objections' was submitted.

**1920-054.2 Planning Application to consider: 19/01901/LBC – Listed Building Consent for alterations to kitchen fireplace – Willishayes Farm, Morebath.**  
**It was resolved to recommend approval.**

**1920.054.3 Planning Correspondence:**

**Planning Appeal – land at Whitehall Farm, Morebath.** It was noted that the Appeal had been dismissed and a decision made regarding costs.

**1920 – 055 Finance**

**1920-055.1 Update on current financial position**

<b>Current Account</b>	<b>16,923.53</b>
<b>Savings Account</b>	<b>£6,221.98</b>

**1920-055.2 Review of Clerk's Salary.**

The Clerk left the room while this was discussed.  
Councillors decided that her salary should remain unchanged.

**1920-055.3 Councillors considered a donation request from Torridge, North, Mid & West Devon Citizens Advice.**

It was decided not to give a donation.

**1920.055.4 Payments.**

**The following payments were approved and authorised:**

	<u>Ch.No.</u>	
• Mrs S Squire / HMRC wages	545 / 546	£254.45
• Mrs S Squire expenses	545	£8.60
• Adams & Ellicott	552	£178.00
• Morebath Village Hall (hire of Hall for meetings)	551	£72.00
• Mr S Kelland (grass cutting)	550	£444.00

**1920.055.5 2019 Audit Follow Up Items.**

**055.5.a Clerk's Contract of Employment.** The internal auditor stated that the Contract did not include sickness.  
On further investigation, the Contract does include this item and a copy of the Contract had been circulated for Councillors to see.

**055.5.b Grant Funding Policy.** Councillors considered the document circulated by the Clerk.

**Proposed by Councillor Mrs Shaw to adopt. Seconded by Councillor Wescott. Unanimously agreed.**

**055.5.c Financial Regulations.** This would be considered at the January meeting.  
**Action: January Agenda**

**055.5.d Standing Orders.** This would be considered at the January meeting.  
**Action: January Agenda**

**055.5.e Bank Mandate.** A Mandate for completion was available at the meeting and completed by Councillors Mrs Shaw and Wilson.  
**Action: Clerk**

**1920-055.6 To set the budget and Precept for 2020/21.**

This item was deferred to the January meeting.

**Action: January Agenda**

**1920 - 056. Correspondence.**

**1920-056.1 Full Fibre Broadband Plans near Morebath.**

**Action: Wait for the result of the general election and include on the January Agenda.**

**1920.057.2 DCC.** Two emails regarding Devon Climate Emergency: Devon Carbon Plan process is launched – residents called on to give their ideas. *Noted.*

**1920.057.3 Environment Agency.** Water challenges and choices consultation – now live until 24/4/20. *Noted.*

**1920.057.4 MDDC.** Consultation for parishioners to have their say on Mid Devon's next budget running until 6/12/19. *Noted.*

**1920.057.5 MDDC.** Email regarding a consultation on Animal Welfare Licensing Policy. Circulated to Councillors. Responses invited by 31/1/20. *Noted.*

**1920.057.6 MDDC.** Email regarding street naming and numbering – development at Morebath.

The suggested names proposed by the developer are Whitehall Close or Veltham Close.

**Councillor Conway proposed 'Whitehall Close'. Seconded by Councillor Wilson. Unanimously agreed.**

**1920.057.7 MDDC. New model Code of Conduct.** Details have been circulated to Councillors.

**Councillor Mrs Reed proposed adoption. Seconded by Councillor Conway. Unanimously agreed.**

**1920 - 058** Other items to note only. None.

**1920 – 059** Items for the next Agenda. Tree Person.

**1920 – 060** Next meeting: Tuesday, 21 January 2020 at 7.30pm in Morebath Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 10pm.

**Summary of Decisions:**

- **Minutes of 17 September 2019**
- **S106 funding to be applied for from MDDC for a picnic bench and two benches**
- **Planning**
- **Payments**
- **Grant Giving Policy**
- **Name for development at Morebath**
- **Model Code of Conduct**

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Chairman of Morebath Parish Council

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Date