

The members of Morebath Parish Council are summoned to the following meeting of

**Morebath Parish Council**  
**to be held by Zoom on Tuesday, 19 January 2021 at 7.30pm**

**Due to the on-going coronavirus epidemic, public gatherings are not being held, for the safety of all.**

**Joining instructions:**

**<https://zoom.us/j/92387749584?pwd=Z2RzRk9vckpBa1hCQ2FYZkFjYjI3dz09>**

**Meeting ID: 923 8774 9584**

**Passcode: 195765**

**Or dial by your location: 0330 088 5830**

MEMBERS: Councillors John Wescott (Chairman), Tony Conway, Peggy Reed, L Hagenbrock, Mrs S Shaw, Sandra Shipperley, A Wilson.

**Clerk: Sue Squire**

**Invited**

<b>Cllr Polly Colthorpe</b>	-	County Council Representative
<b>Cllr Ray Stanley</b>	-	District Council Representative
<b>Cllr Andrew Moore</b>	-	District Council Representative

Members of the public are also invited to attend and have the opportunity to speak in Item 6 only.

**AGENDA**

**1. Apologies.**

**2. Declarations of Interest**

**3. Dispensation to Councillors**

**4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17 November 2020**

To be agreed as a correct record.

To note that all approved Minutes have been sent to the Chairman for signing and are now filed up to date.

**Actions Arising / Updates:**

**4.1 Picnic Bench and Seat.**

Councillor Wilson has provided a quotation for a bench and concrete base to the Clerk.

The MDDC S106 application involves 12 pages to complete and it is necessary for an email of support from the District Councillors to accompany it, which has been received, together with written confirmation from the landowner, which is in the process of being obtained.

The form has been submitted to MDDC for consideration subject to the landowner's confirmation.

**4.2 Definitive Map Review.** To further discuss the Review.

#### **4.3 Overgrown vegetation at Roundhouse, Exebridge.**

To note that the occupiers of The Roundhouse have removed the fencing (following Mid Devon enforcing listed building conditions) and the vegetation has been cut to approximately 1m to improve visibility.

#### **4.4. Sign on Timewell Hill.**

The Clerk has replied to the two parishioners advising that their request has been taken up by County Councillor Mrs Colthorpe and suggested that to back this up, they also make representations to DCC Highways.

#### **4.5 Parish Paths Partnership (P3).**

The Clerk has contacted the P3 coordinator for details of the paths which require attention requesting that the details are reported at the meeting.

**4.6 New HGV Traffic Signs.** Councillor Conway to give an update.

**4.7 Webpage on MDDC website.** All the documents have been sent as a PDF file as opposed to a Word document for inclusion on the webpage.

**5. Open Forum:** Members of the public are limited to three minutes per item.

#### **6. Reports.** Written Reports are requested for circulating to Councillors ahead of the meeting.

- 6.1 County Councillor (PC)
- 6.2 District Councillors (RS) (AM)

**7. Planning.** At the time of preparing the Agenda, there were no Planning Applications to consider.

#### **7.2 Planning Correspondence:**

The following Planning Applications have been considered between meetings and responses sent to MDDC as follows:

- ◆ **20/00969/FULL – Fourwinds, Morebath.** The Parish Council did not wish to amend it's original response to this Application.
- ◆ **20/01789/FULL - Duval Priory, Bampton.** Morebath Parish Council wish to support Bampton Town Council's response to this Application.
- ◆ **20/02025/HOUSE – Combeland.** A reply of 'no comment' was submitted.
- ◆ **20/01806/FULL – Higher Westwoods Farm, Shllingford.** A reply of 'no comment' was submitted.

**7.3 Planning Appeal.** To note that the Appeal made under Section 78 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 against a failure to give notice within the prescribed period of a decision on an application for planning permission in respect of land adjoining and to the east of The Old Shippen fronting the B3190, Whitehall Farm, Morebath has been dismissed and planning permission to construct one new dwelling is refused, the main issues being:  
(i) the effect on the character and appearance of the area  
(ii) the effect on the living conditions of adjoining residents with regard to privacy; and  
(iii) whether the site is in an appropriate location with regard to local and national planning policy

#### **8. Finance.**

**8. 1 Balances to be tabled.**

**Updated reserves as a result of the 2021/22 budget setting will be circulated to Councillors.**

**8.2 To consider a request for a donation from Torridge, North, Mid & West Devon Citizens Advice.** A letter of request and a copy of the latest set of accounts have been provided and will be circulated to Councillors.

**8.3 Payments to approve:**

• Mrs S Squire Salary and Expenses	£225.60
• HMRC	£ 50.80
• Mr W Dart Grass Cutting	£TBA
• MDDC Updating website	£ 30.00
• Morebath Village Hall Hire of Village Hall on 21/7/20	£ 20.00
• Torridge, North, Mid & West Devon Citizens Advice	Subject to 8.2

**8.4 Grass Cutting.**

A quotation of £259.24 ex VAT has been received from MDDC.

Details of the area cut by MDDC have been forwarded to Councillor Conway by the Clerk, and he will suggest that Mr S Kelland is asked to cut these areas.

## **9. Correspondence.**

**9.1 MDDC – New Premises Licence Application – The Cottage Beer Project Ltd.**

The Parish Council was asked to comment on this Application where the response was required before the date of the January meeting.

The following reply was submitted after consulting with Councillors:

*Morebath Parish Council wish to respond to this consultation as follows:*

- 1. The premises is situated on a very fast road for delivery stops and little room to turn vehicles around, to avoid backing out on to oncoming traffic on the B3190. The Parish Council feel that there should be a specific reply from Highways and not just the standard consultation reply.*
- 2. The building being used has never had any planning permission granted for its construction*
- 3. There are no proper drains constructed for effluent and washdown from the beer production facility*
- 4. If a poor batch was made, how would it be disposed of?*
- 5. In connection with points 4 and 5 above, there is concern for the neighbours and the resulting smell which would be caused*

**Subsequent to the response being sent, MDDC has asked for further details to be provided as follows:**

- ⇒ The prevention of crime and disorder
- ⇒ Public safety
- ⇒ The prevention of public nuisance
- ⇒ The protection of children from harm

The Clerk has pointed out to MDDC that it would have been helpful to have been given this criteria at the outset as it has now been necessary to go back to Councillors again.

Councillor Mrs Shipperley has responded to the second batch of questions, and the following response has been sent:

⇒ *There should be a condition to cap the number of litres a micro brewery can produce in order to ensure the business does not grow beyond micro status, purely because of its location and the issues previously raised*

**9.2 Office for National Statistics.** Details of the forthcoming 2021 Census on 21/3/21 circulated to Councillors.

**9.3 The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE).** Details of the final recommendations for Mid Devon have been published, and circulated to Councillors.

- ◆ It is proposed that Mid Devon District Council should have 42 Councillors
- ◆ Those Councillors should represent give three-Councillor Wards, 10 two- Councillor Wards and seven single-Councillor Wards, across the District.
- ◆ It is proposed that the boundaries of all Wards should change, except for Silverton and Upper Culm.

The draft Order – the legal document which brings into force the LGBCE’s recommendations will now be laid before Parliament.

The draft Order will provide for new electoral arrangements for MDDC to be implemented at the local elections in 2023.

**9.4 Devon Climate Emergency. Interim Devon Carbon Plan.**

Consultation running from 7/12/20 to 15/2/21. Councillors have been circulated with the details.

To decide whether to respond as a Council or individually.

**9.5 Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS).** DCC have confirmed that the use of these signs are acceptable, subject to the location being agreed with Highways.

In connection with this, ElanCity have sent a brochure detailing the type of signs which are available, from £3,999.

Similar products are available elsewhere and one of the Clerk’s other Parishes has purchased a speed monitor from Pandora Technologies in Cumbria at a much more competitive price.

## **10. Items raised by Councillors/Clerk:**

**10.1 Councillor Mrs Shipperley.** Increase of dog fouling in the village.

The Clerk has contacted MDDC with a request that the Dog Warden contacts Councillor Mrs Shipperley to discuss the problem further. The request has been given the reference number of MDIE-77914 and passed to the Street Scene Section.

**10.2 Talk by the Environment Agency Officer on Flooding.**

To note that the Clerk has been in email correspondence with Mr C Khan regarding a presentation which was planned for the January 2021 meeting after being postponed from the March 2020 meeting.

Due to the continued lockdown restrictions, his talk has again been postponed and it is hoped that, subject to restrictions, he may be able to attend the July or September meeting.

**11. Next meeting:** Tuesday, 16 March 2021 at 7.30pm by Zoom.

Sue Squire (Clerk) Dated: 14 January 2021

