

The members of Morebath Parish Council are summoned to a Parish Council Meeting of

Morebath Parish Council
on Tuesday, 29 March 2022 in Morebath Village Hall at 7.30pm.

MEMBERS: Councillors A Wilson (Chairman), T Conway, Mrs P Reed, J Wescott.

Clerk: Sue Squire

Invited

Cllr Richard Chesterton - County Council Representative

Cllr Ray Stanley - District Council Representative

Cllr Andrew Moore - District Council Representative

Members of the public are also invited to attend and have the opportunity to speak in Item 7. only.

AGENDA

1. Co-option of Parish Councillors. Due to the resignation of Councillors Mrs Shaw, Mrs Shipperley and Mrs Veltink there are three vacancies on the Parish Council.

2. Apologies.

3. Declarations of Interest

4. Dispensation to Councillors

5. Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 23 November 2021 and 11 January 2022.

To be agreed as a correct record.

The 2022/23 Budget and Precept agreed at the meeting on 11 January 2022 was ratified at a meeting on 18 January 2022 and the Minutes of this meeting will also be agreed.

6. Actions Arising / Updates:

6.1 Letters of thanks sent to Mrs S Shaw, Mrs S Shipperley and Mrs Veltink following their resignation from the Parish Council.

6.2 Picnic Bench and Seat. Councillor Wilson to advise.

6.3 Snow Warden Training. As above

6.4 Grit Salt. As above.

6.5 Website. The Clerk will advise the present position

6.6 2022 Grass Cutting Councillor Conway

6.7 Overgrown vegetation at The Round House, Exebridge

To organise a site visit with the DCC Neighbourhood Highways Officer.

6.8 Airband Broadband. Councillor Conway to confirm he had posted the email on the notice board.

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

8. Reports.

8.1 County Councillor R Chesterton.

8.2 District Councillors A Moore and R Stanley

9. Planning.

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Planning Correspondence: The following Applications have been considered between meetings:

- 22/00098/FULL – Conversion of outbuilding to public house, erection of side and rear extensions and provision of car parking – Velthams Court, Morebath

Response: Morebath Parish Council has no objections but would like it noted that some residents have raised concerns regarding adequate parking and any large functions taking place. We would request MDDC look at these areas and, if relevant, control them with appropriate conditions.

- 22/00294/CLU – land & buildings adjacent 1 Rose Cottages, Exbridge

Response: Morebath Parish Council has no comments to make as the application is down to judgement of evidence submitted.

- 22/00380/HOUSE – Higher Warmore Cottage, Morebath

Response: Morebath Parish Council wish to respond 'no objections'.

- 21/02306/FULL – Morebath Cricket Club

Response: Morebath Parish Council supports this application as it will enhance the Cricket Club and as such a village activity.

To note the following MDDC Decision Notice:

- Approval for 22/00015/FULL – Variation of condition 7 at The Old Granary, Wilsons Farm, Exebridge

Planning Training – The Parish Clerk had attended a Zoom session entitled Material Planning Considerations and a written Report has been circulated to Councillors.

10. Finance.

10.1 Balances to be tabled. Reserves as at the end of February 2022 will be circulated to Councillors.

10.2 Payments to approve:

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| • Mrs S Squire Salary and Expenses | £227.31 |
| • HMRC | £ 51.60 |
| • Mr W Dart | £TBA |
| • Croyde Media | £TBA |
| • DALC Subscription | £TBA |

10.3 Bank Account.

10.4 To discuss the resurfacing of the Parish Council car park.

10.5 Request for donations. Citizens Advice and Churches Housing Action Team (Mid Devon) had been advised that it had been decided not to give a donation.

10.6 Mr S Kelland, former grass cutting contractor, had been thanked for his past work.

- 10.7 Parish Council Reserves to invest.** To discuss alternative accounts.
- 10.8 Weeding.** To identify any areas that require attention and whether to employ a contractor to do this.
- 10.9 2021/22 Internal Audit.** The Clerk will request Councillors to agree that this should be carried out by IAC Audit and Consultancy Ltd whose fee is the same as that paid last year. It is felt that this firm will be easier and more co-operative to work this.

11. Asset Management

To allocate a Councillor to check the items on the Asset Register.

12. Correspondence.

- 12.1 Letter from Ian Fraser on behalf of 'Fund our Tivvy High Group'.** Parish Councils are being requested to discuss this topic and endorse the Group's campaign. The group is an apolitical, broadly based set of individuals who wish to bring pressure to bear on those who will decide whether or not Tiverton will have a new High School under the School Rebuilding Programme. DCC has put forward a proposal to central government that Tiverton needs such a new built urgently. Currently there are two prime reasons why this should be the case. Firstly, the condition of the existing school is such that it is increasingly difficult to offer the quality of education that our young people deserve. Secondly Tiverton High School is set on a flood plain. The judgement is that sooner or later the buildings will be flooded. This will threaten the lives of all members of the school community.

To decide whether to support the objective or otherwise.

- 12.2 MDDC. Application for a new premises licence from James Mason Ltd, Masons Kings, Exebridge Industrial Estate, Exbridge.**

The details were circulated to Councillors as a response was required by 10/3/22.
Response: No objections.

13. Items raised by Councillors / Clerk:

- 13.1 Councillor Conway.** In connection with a Parish Review currently being undertaken by Mid Devon, it will be proposed that Morebath is merged into the Parish of Bampton with effect from the May 2023 elections on the grounds that Morebath is only 2 miles from Bampton and the difficulty of keeping the Parish Council up to full strength in numbers, as seen in Item No. 1.

- 14. Next meeting:** Tuesday, 31 May 2022 at 7.30pm in Morebath Village Hall.

This will be the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting (AGM).

Sue Squire (Clerk) Dated: 15 March 2022.