

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

of Morebath Parish Council
to be held in the Village Hall, Morebath on
Tuesday 10th January 2017 at 7.30pm

MEMBERS: Cllr Jeffrey Andrew (Chairman)
Cllr Tony Conway (*) Cllr Merv Adams (*) Cllr Bob Hatton Cllr Peggy Reed (*)
Cllr Brian Smeeton Cllr John Wescott (*)

Clerk: Karen Ward

Invited

Cllr Polly Colthorpe	-	County & District 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 4 only

AGENDA

Meeting protocol

7:30pm – 8:00pm

1. Apologies
2. Declarations of interest
3. Dispensation to councillors
4. Open Forum – members of the public, and councillors with an interest have the opportunity to address the meeting (limiting their contribution to 3 minutes)
5. Minutes of the meetings held on 8th November 2016 (minutes have been circulated)
 - a. To be agreed as true and accurate record and to be signed by the Chairman
 - b. Actions arising
6. Vacancy on Morebath Parish Council: following the resignation of Cllr Smeeton no election has been called for the vacancy on the Council. The Council should now look to co-opt a new member to the Council and advertise as such, with a closing date of 7 March.
7. Reports
 - a. County Councillor (PC)
 - b. District Councillor (RS) (AM)
 - c. Police (PCSO)

Items for discussion and decision

8:00pm – 9:00pm

8. Improvements to centre of Morebath:
 - a. Cllr Andrew to feedback on initial discussions with Rothwell family regarding the small piece of land next to the Village Hall
 - b. The Council to request suggestions and options regarding a planting and amenity improvement of land next to the Village Hall, and to delegate the development of a plan to the Planting Committee to report back to the March Council meeting.
9. Village noticeboard: the Council to consider initial options for the broken noticeboard (Clerk).
10. Transparency Code: the Council to note that grant application has been submitted to assist the Council to become fully compliant with the Code by 31 March 2017 (Clerk).
11. Communication Working Group: recommendations (BH)

12. Traffic calming:

- a. Speed issues in Morebath – Cllr Hatton to summarise issues raised with Highways and their response, with options to be further investigated and reported back in March.
- b. Blights Hill: the Council to note correspondence to DCC's Cllr Hughes regarding concerns about ice on Blights Hill, and note the response.

13. Footpaths ongoing work and proposals (BH)

14. Flood Resilience

- a. Exebridge sandbags proposal: The Council to note correspondence from Brushford Parish Council noting they have secured funding for their project, that Morebath residents can make use of their sandbags, and they are not currently requesting financial support from Morebath PC.
- b. Flood defence grants available for residents: The Council to note information received from Mid Devon DC on grants available to residents affected by flooding and it is proposed to write to residents in Exebridge to inform them of the grant scheme.

15. Environmental update

- a. Grass cutting: The Council to approve Mid Devon DC carrying out 5 rounds of grass cutting in 2017 on the same areas and at the same price as 2016. The Council to acknowledge additional cuts to be charged upon request.
- b. Devon County Council Community Enhancement Scheme: To consider whether to apply for grant funding for community works.

Finance, Planning & other organisational matters

9:00pm – 9:30pm

16. Planning

- a. Local Plan Proposed Submission: consultation period 3/1/17 to 14/2/17
- b. Notifications from Mid Devon District Council:
 - 16/01174 Oakmore Farm retention of temporary agricultural worker's caravan – permission granted
- c. Planning applications received since last meeting
 - 16/01786 Velthams vehicular access (29/11) – “no response” submitted

17. Finance 2016/17 (Clerk)

- a. 2016/17 current financial position
- b. Payments to ratify
- c. Payments to approve:
- d. Payments due, awaiting invoices

18. Budget 2017/18 (Clerk)

- a. The Council to agree the precept for 2017/18
- b. The Council to agree the Budget for 2017/18

19. Urgent items to note only

20. Date of Next Meeting

- a. Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 14 March 2017 at 7:30pm
- b. Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 9th May 7pm
- c. Annual General Meeting Tuesday 9th May 7.30 pm

Karen Ward (Clerk) Dated: 7 January 2017

(*) Bank Mandate Signature