Minutes of the meeting of Mortehoe Parish Council held in the Council Chamber, The Esplanade, Woolacombe, on Monday March 20th 2023 at 7.00 p.m.
Present: Members: D Duffield (Chairman), M Wilkinson, D Barron, J Richards, K Cook(Vice Chair) , O Bell, S Phillips, S Woodman, Andrea Davis (briefly)
Clerk: D Bleasdale
Also Present: 1 member of the public.

50/2023 Apologies for absence: J Dicker

51/2023 Public Speaking: Adrian Bryant spoke of his wish to complete the Tarka Trail. The council agreed that they would like to see the trail completed.

52/2023 Police Report: None provided at the time of the meeting.

53/2023 Declaration of Interests: none

54/2023 Minutes: It was Proposed to APPROVE as a correct record and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on March 20^{h} at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

55/2023 County Council Report: See Attached

56/2023 Planning

76864 Single storey extension to the rear kitchen at 6 Seymour Bungalows Sandy Lane Woolacombe Devon EX34 7AR. Approval proposed by councillor Wilkinson, Seconded by councillor Cook, all in favour, approved unanimously.

76871 Siting of non-illuminated commemorative/indicative plaque and information designating Woolacombe Beach as part of the North Devon World Surfing Reserve at Land adjacent to the American Memorial Greensward Woolacombe Devon. Approval proposed by councillor Barron, Seconded by councillor Woodman, all in favour, approved unanimously.

76928 Erection of a chalet style dwelling at Greenbank Beach Road Woolacombe Devon EX34 7BT. The Council feel that this is an over intensification of the plot and that further buildings will have a negative visual impact on the area, there is also accessibility issues as this is a narrow lane. It is of concern that this development of a chalet style dwelling will create a precedent and the rest of the street and surrounding area will plan to over develop their own plots Objection proposed by Councillor Barron, Seconded by Councillor Richards, decision unanimous.

76961 Extend the front elevation in line with the existing front entrance at 19 Chichester Park Woolacombe Devon EX34 7BZ. Approval proposed by councillor Wilkinson, Seconded by councillor Cook, all in favour, approved unanimously.

76936 Change of use of ancillary accommodation to holiday let at Ivycott Mews Woolacombe Devon EX34 7HL. Approval proposed by councillor Barron, Seconded by councillor Woodman, all in favour approved unanimously. This was approved because

the building in question has a certificate of lawfulness and has no planning restrictions, the council do not want this to create a precedent in this area.

Planning Appeal

75705 Demolition of existing garage and construction of a single new dwelling at Garden of 3B Seymour Villas, Woolacombe, Devon EX34 7AQ

Approved

76458 Siting of non illuminated Orientation Panel at Field to the West of Challacombe Road and Georgeham Road Junction Opposite Little Roadway Farm Camping Park Woolacombe Devon

76640 Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans) and 3 (schedule of materials) attached to planning permission 74144 (alterations and extension to dwelling) to allow for amended rainscreen options at Combesgate House Mortehoe Woolacombe Devon EX34 7EB

76683 Extensions to dwelling to include erection of porch & enlargement of the existing garage with associated landscaping at High Cleve Beach Road Woolacombe Devon EX34 7AA

57/2023: District Councillors Report: In purdah.

58/2023 Spring Classic: The Council is still awaiting a completed risk assessment.

59/2023 Correspondence i) Jerry Hill.

60/2023 Register of outstanding matters / matters arising from the minutes:
Stone Bench: Councillor Bell noted that a stone bench between Morte point and the cemetery is still broken. The clerk will contact the National Trust again about this.
A new bin: Despite a resident coming in saying a bin is not required, a replacement rubbish bin is still needed opposite Hillbury and one will be ordered this month.
The AGM: The AGM was decided as the 27th of April.

61/2023 The Pavillion/Meadow and Ramp: 90% of the 106 funds should be in the bank within a week or so of this meeting.

62/2023 Matters Brought Forward with the Consent of the Chairman:
Kings Coronation: Plans are coming together we are just waiting for a risk assessment.
World Surfing Reserve: The ceremony is planned in Woolacombe for Friday 12th May. Two councillors are invited to attend.
Dangerous Bench: A crumbling bench near the Red Barn bus stop needs to be removed, we believe that this bench is North Devon Councils bench. It was agreed that the parish council will remove it for safety reasons.
The Cemetery: The wall on the road to the cemetery is falling down in places, NT will be contacted.
Pothole: Green Bank pothole has been reported multiple times.

Tarka trail: A request for benches on our section of the Tarka trail, Councillor Phillips suggested that we could contact a collage to see if they would like to make the benches an art project, as this has been done in other areas to great effect.
Councillor Davis indicated that she wanted to complete the Tarka Trail Properly.

63/2023 Cheques and payments for approval and Signature. The following payments were approved and signed at the meeting. The R.F.O. provided a list of payments in conjunction with bank statements which were also checked and approved at the meeting:

Payments for Authorisation

A/C	Name & Contact	Balance
BG	British Gas	304.99
BLOOM	Bloom Brothers	1050.00
COL	Odlings Ltd	98.40
COUNTRY	Countryside & Garden	610.00
DALC	Devon Ass of Local Councils	403.15
FIR	Fircroft Signs	192.00
GLASDON	Glasdon UK Ltd	20.95
GOLD	Golden Coast Service Station	8.30
JEW	Jewson Ltd	78.39
NDDC	NDDC	385.40
OAT&C	OCEAN ASPIRE	120.00
RICHWATH	Richard Wathen	0.00
SFB	SOURCE FOR BUSINESS	114.38
STAFF	Emma Stafford	160.00
STAR	Pete Starbuck	2083.33
SWW	SWW	45.72
WCF	WESTCOUNTRY FLOORING	1110.00
Daniel Bleasdale		1722.68
Roy walker		519.49
Marie Hedger		725.09
Shelly Duncan		879.70
Noah Zeale		122.20
PAYE		575.61
	Totals:	11329.78

Part 2
Correspondence not requiring discussion is available in the Council Chamber
Part 3
Confidential Matters

64/2023 New Land: The council gave permission for the Clerk to pursue the legal ownership of land in front of the water treatment works.

65/2023 New Bench: The council approved a bench request for Keith Chun on Combesgate.

66/2023 Adverting Space: There is space around the village on this the parish council owns that can be advertised on, the meadow gate for instance can be used to advertise the facilities.

67/2023 Community Award: Linda Fryer was selected for the community award.

Yours faithfully ***Daniel Bleasdale***
The meeting ended at 08:45 p.m.

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£2 Bus fare until June 2023 Please try and use the bus, even for a few journeys a month, encourage others to try it out. At only £2 a trip this is substantially cheaper than taking a car into Barnstaple and no car parking charges. Bus passengers in Devon can take advantage of a cap on single bus fares as part of the Department for Transport's new fares initiative, through the Government's Help for Households campaign. Bus users will pay no more than £2 for a single journey when boarding the bus anytime in February, March, April, May and June.
For more information on the £2 single fares scheme, terms and conditions and exclusions, visit the Travel Devon website.
Devolution A devolution deal for Devon, Torbay and Plymouth has recently moved a step closer following an announcement by Dehanna Davidson the governments levelling up minister. For residents in Devon this would being greater local control over key local priorities such as housing, public transport and connectivity and skills our economy needs.
The deal would not require a change to the established democratic structures across the area or need an elected mayor.
The new powers would be devolved to a partnership of existing local councils who would deliver on a joint programme working alongside a wide range of local stakeholders.
Local partners across Devon have now been invited to work together to prepare a final business case to present to Government for final approval later this year.
Any final deal would require local consent with the full agreement of all the constituent councils as well as parliamentary approval. Additional Funds for roads Devon will receive an extra £9.4m announced in the recent budget to fund highway maintenance. The majority of this will be used on the minor road network. I will know more about allocations in the next weeks. The County's share of the £200m announced is the largest amongst County and unitary authorities.

This winters weather has had a significant impact on Devons 8000 miles of road network, this additional funding will contribute to the extensive maintenance and repair programme across Devon.
I have already put forward some areas in the village for patching but this is subject to how much funding is allocated, these are the first on my list of schemes do I am hopeful they will be funded. This is welcome news however put this into some context; to get the highway network in Devon from 'Red' to 'Amber' it would cost £180m. Virtually the

entire allocation for the country just in Devon alone, I do not know what the answer is to this as clearly we do not have this sort of sum available from the national coffers.

Parking in the Parish I can confirm that this year DCC are again starting special overnight enforcement for The Esplanade starting this month and continuing through the summer. These of course will not be publicised.
As these hours of work are outside of our normal operating hours, we do have to rely on officers volunteering to work these late/early shifts and we must ensure this is also in conjunction with their normal rota and they have sufficient rest time between shifts. This is open to all our officers, and we will use officers from Exeter and Kingsteignton to help with this enforcement.
The good news is that we have been able to recruit more officers for our North base since last summer which will help with the general over all coverage of North Devon and these special operations. Some statistics for March; March enforcement visited on 3 days, observed 21 vehicles (observed is the legal time an officer has to see a vehicle in contravention before issuing a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) a vehicle may drive away in this time, hence no PCN will be issued) and issued 12 PCNs April we have visited 2 days to date, observed 33 vehicles and issued 17 PCNs.
Residents parking zones; please let me have any registration numbers of vehicles which are likely not to be residents please.

Sorry I am not with you, I have three parish council meeting this evening and I'm trying to juggle them all, if I can get to you I will but that is dependent on how many public speakers at Combe Martin who also start at 7pm.

Reminder of how to report a Highway issue;
Report a problem - Roads and transport (devon.gov.uk)

0345 155 1004

Live chat is available on the Highways website Monday to Friday 9.30 am to 12 pm and 2 pm to 4.30 pm (4 pm on Fridays). To report a problem with road maintenance, traffic management and parking, streetlights and signs and public rights of way

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