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, J Dicker, S Woodman,
Clerk: D Bleasdale
Also Present: 1 member of the public.

28/2023 Apologies for absence: Andrea Davies

29/2023 Public Speaking: James Cook spoke of his planning application 76683.

30/2023 Police Report: Less serious violence 1, Theft 1.

31/2023 Declaration of Interests: Councillor Cook's son is applicant for planning application 76683, Councillor Richards is the neighbour of applicant 76683. The whole council feel that as they know Councillor Cook as father of the applicant for 76683 that this should be mentioned as an interest.

32/2023 Minutes: It was Proposed to APPROVE as a correct record and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on February 20h at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

33/2023 County Council Report: See Attached

34/2023 Planning

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. Approval proposed by councillor Wilkinson, Seconded by councillor Woodman, all in favour, approved unanimously

76693 Application for a lawful development certificate for a proposed installation of new solar photovoltaic system to existing building roof at Woolacombe Bay Holiday Village Ltd Woolacombe Devon EX34 7AH. Application terminated prior to meeting.

76617 Construction of slurry pit to support agricultural enterprise at Barton Close Farm Lane from Roadway Corner to Barton Close Farm Georgeham Braunton Devon EX33 1HX. Approval proposed by councillor Cook, Seconded by councillor Barron, all in favour 4, 4 abstaining, 1 against.

76707 Variation of condition 2 (plans) attached to planning permission 73571 (Erection of one dwelling together with revised access and parking arrangements) to allow amended design/layout at Gordon Lodge Mortehoe Woolacombe Devon EX34 7DZ. Objection proposed by councillor Duffield, Seconded by councillor Cook, all in favour, objected unanimously. Members were concerned at the scale of this development when permission on this site had been given for a single dwelling only. There is also concern around road safety as this building is on the narrowest bit of road.

76710 Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 63969 (Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission

58109 (erection of 1 unit of holiday accommodation) to allow erection of external storage area at Crows Nest Upper Claypark Mortehoe Woolacombe Devon EX34 7EA. Objection proposed by councillor Wilkinson, seconded by councillor Cook, objection unanimous, Members felt that the proposed changes to the proposal with the combined enlargements to the footprint of the building, parking area, bin storage area and area represented an over-intensification of site.

Approved

76466 Certificate of Lawful Development for a proposed access
Windy Hill Pool Lane Woolacombe Devon EX34 7AP

76381 Demolition and re-build of garage to provide ancillary accommodation/store together with creation of off-street parking space and associated garden works at 4 Bank Terrace Arlington Place Woolacombe Devon EX34 7BL

76553 Extensions, raising of roof & conversion of loft space together with internal alterations to dwelling and associated works 63 Chichester Park Woolacombe Devon EX34 7BZ

Refused

76150 Subdivision to form two dwellings together with extensions and alterations (amended description) at Sunningdale Woolacombe Station Road Woolacombe Devon EX34 7AW

35/2023: District Councillors Report: In a meeting with SouthWest Water and Environment agency, Councillor Wilkinson found out the capacity of the water works in Woolacombe, this information was obtained in writing. When questioned about future developments SSW stated that they engage with developers and planning however it was noted that these meeting are not minuted, and there was no vision of the future discussed.
Strategy and Resources have approved all our application for 106 grants.
Mortehoe car park price increase has come into effect, Councillor Wilkinson noted that he voted against higher coastal parking charges.
A motion was passed to contact central government to pay out more money to help repair potholes and the condition of the roads.

36/2023 Spring Classic: The Council decided that a risk assessment was required and that they would like paying in advance.

37/2023 Correspondence i) Richie and Bay Stevenson (Thongsay) The council have no problem with a food truck operating on Marine Drive outside of Porthole hours, provided that the Porthole are okay with it, the clerk will discuss this with both parties.

38/2023 Register of outstanding matters / matters arising from the minutes: A letter will be written to the National Trust.
Kings Coronation: Andrew Woodman and Pete Starbuck are planning something, which they will talk about once the idea is formulated, the Clerk will invite them to the next meeting.

39/2023 The Pavillion/Meadow and Ramp: A separate bank account will be set up for the Skating Area project, this will help with money raising and maintenance.

40/2023 Matters Brought Forward with the Consent of the Chairman: Kings Coronation: The council gave permission for Mortehoe Museum to use the play area to celebrate the Kings coronation.
World Surfing Reserve: Councillor Cook has been organising with other parish councils and district council, preparing a strategic plan to be presented to the stewardship council, the dedication plaques are being arranged, it was noted that any planning application costs half if it goes through the Parish Council, the idea was proposed for approval by councillor Richards, seconded by councillor Barron, all in favour, approved unanimously. For further information see attached below.
Stone Bench: Councillor Bell noted that a stone bench between Morte point and the cemetery is broken. The clerk will contact the National Trust about this.
The Clerk: Councillor Richards raised concerns about the Parish Clerk not taking enough holiday, The Clerk said he would take the rest of the week off and use his remaining days before April.
A new bin: A replacement rubbish bin is needed opposite Hillbury.

41/2023 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
BARF	Barum Friend Security Co	138.60
BG	British Gas	113.45
COOMBS	CHRIS COOMBS CARPET CARE	120.00
CROWN	Crown Estates re Knight Frank Rental Acc	1670.96
DALC	Devon Ass of Local Councils	72.00
EDF	EDF	357.12
GLASDON	Glasdon UK Ltd	136.67
JEW	Jewson Ltd	93.77
LR	Lee Rulton	150.00
NDDC	NDDC	229.40
NT	National Trust	240.00
PHS	PHS Group	-239.98
STAR	Pete Starbuck	2083.33
Daniel Bleasdale		1722.48
paye		410.73
Emma Stafford		200.00
	Totals:	7498.53

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

42/2023 The National Trust: A new road has been built without planning permission, it joins the car park without planning permission to the car park with planning permission. The clerk will report this to North Devon planning, the National Trust will also be contacted.

43/2023 New Bench: The council requested more information on Keith Chun regarding his connection to the area. The Clerk will facilitate this.

44/2023 Surf Lifesaving: Councillor Richards would like to apply for some funds for the surf lifesaving club.

45/2023 Auditor: The Council have approved Janet Keiff as the auditor.

Yours faithfully ***Daniel Bleasdale***
The meeting ended at 08:25 p.m.

Mortehoe Parish Council
County Councillors Report
March 2023

New Chief Executive at Devon County Council Donna Manson joins the County Council from her role as Chief Executive of The Highland Council, Scotland's largest rural authority. There since 2018, Donna led the Highland Council in developing an ambitious, sustainable, and connected vision for the Highlands during a time of immense change and challenge. Prior to this, Donna was a Director of Children's Services and a Head Teacher. Her top priority for Devon is to deliver significant improvement to Devon's Children's Services. But more broadly, Donna wants to re-energise Devon as a caring and inclusive place for young people and families, the elderly and vulnerable, and as a forward looking place to work and do business with opportunities for all to thrive and do well.

£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. A recent report by Stagecoach found that motorists replacing some journeys by bus and active travel could save consumers up to £6,000 a year. In addition, the report found that having the right measures in place to encourage people to make the switch, including cheaper fares, could help remove one billion miles of car journeys each week and cut CO2 by nearly 400,000 tonnes per week. For more information on the £2 single fares scheme, terms and conditions and exclusions, visit the Travel Devon website.

DCC Council tax 2023-2024
DCC council members have agreed a 4.99 per cent increase in council tax for the coming financial year. It comprises 2.99 per cent for general services with an extra two per cent for adult care.

It means an extra £1.49 a week for the average Band D householder.
There will be increases of 18.4 per cent in spending on children's services and 8.8 per cent on adult
services to keep up with a rocketing rise in demand.
Councillors also agreed an extra £2 million for roads and drainage since the target budget was set last month to tackle the increase in potholes caused by this winter's icy spells and torrential rainfall.
The revenue spending on services will increase from £629 million to £696 million in 2023/24. That's an overall rise of 10.5 per cent in spending. In addition, councillors approved a capital budget of £172.5 million for investment in infrastructure such as schools and roads. The council tax for an average Band D home will rise by £77.67 to £1,634.13 – an extra £1.49 a week.The budget includes savings, alternative funding and additional income of £47.5 million.

Community emergency plan funding opportunities Independent charity Devon Communities Together is working with Devon County Council (DCC) and
the Environment Agency to provide the funding opportunities.
This latest programme is financed by DCC and the South West Regional Flood & Coastal Committee local levy funding, and is administered by Devon Communities Together as part of its role in the Devon Community Resilience Forum (DCRF), whose core mission to help communities prepare for, and respond to, emergencies.
Scheme 1 – up to £250 for communities that wish to develop their own Community Emergency Plan.
The Devon Community Resilience Board (DCRB) wants to encourage more communities to produce a Community Emergency Plan (CEP).
A CEP is a document which helps guide a community to organise a response to a local emergency; from flooding or snow to the completely unexpected. They ideally need to be updated every three years, however some communities in Devon either don't have a plan in place or are not sure how to put together a support document for their community. The aim is that by providing this funding, many more communities across the county will be able to put plans in place to ensure their resilience in case anything happens within their community.

Once approved and completed, the DCRB will upload a completed CEP to a secure government gateway. This enables emergency responders to combine local knowledge with their expertise, allowing an effective place-based, joined-up response. Devon's communities can bid for this fund to help form their own Community Emergency Planning group. Further guidance and support on creating the group can also be provided from the DCRF with in-person attendance from a Devon Communities Together Resilience Project Officer. https://www.devoncommunities.org.uk/grant-funding-emergency-flood-resilience Scheme 2 – up to £1,500 for small scale works and resilience equipment (once a CEP is in place) Experience has shown that a wide range of small resilience measures can make a real difference to communities. This funding is available to communities to improve their own resilience with equipment and small scale works, and may range from the provision of sandbag stores and other flood protection equipment, road signs, tools and personal protective equipment, to one off small scale works to reduce risk. DCRF recommends that a Community Emergency Response Team defines its own shopping list to meet local requirements. Examples of resilience measures can be provided by the DCRF, other communities, or Devon County

Council to help a Community Emergency Planning Group consider what might be best for a particular area.

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 4.30pm (4 pm on Fridays). To report a problem with road maintenance, traffic management and parking,

streetlights and signs and public rights of way

Andrea Davis
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NORTH DEVON WORLD SURFING RESERVE
Dedication 12th – 14th May 2023

Dear Daniel,

Following our telephone conversation a few days ago, I am writing to provide some more
information and to cover a few more of the issues I discussed with you.
Twelve months ago, we received the amazing news that, as a result of our strong application,
North Devon had been designated by the Save The Waves Coalition, as the 12th World Surfing
Reserve, the first in the UK and only the second in Europe. This award was greeted by a news
media frenzy from all over the world and the unique attributes of North Devon were shared
around the globe.
In the interim period, between then and now, the core group of the NDWSR have been engaged in
ensuring that the follow-up work required by STW is all in place -
□ A Strategic Plan (we consulted on your views for this)
□ A Financial Plan (we have registered as a company, have set up a bank account and are in the
process of applying for charitable company status)
□ Preparation of a book showcasing the quality of each surf location, the special nature of the
environment and the ecosystems present (Bray Leino have been working on this on a pro bono
basis)

• A Dedication ceremony with plaques identifying each of the surf break locations
…. and it is this final point – the plaques and dedication that we need your help with.

We have been working with a local artist to come up with design ideas appropriate for each location and should be able to share those ideas very soon – hopefully this week. Obviously, plaques/artwork will require planning permission and this will be time-sensitive and will need your support. Additionally, depending on the cost, we would hope that each location might be able to fund the plaque/artwork in their area.

Draft timetable for Dedication events (timings subject to change)
Friday, 12th May
11-00 am Main Dedication, reception and official presentation on the Greensward at Woolacombe, overlooking the sea. Buffet and drinks at the Red Barn. Plaque at Combesgate

7-00pm Screening of film at the Landmark, Ilfracombe

Saturday, 13th May
11-00am Visit to the Museum of British Surfing, Braunton, (the Reserve hub)
12-30pm Presentation of plaque, Saunton Beach – longboard surfing
3-00pm Croyde beach for presentation of plaque. Surfing
Sri Lankan curry
Celebration at the Thatch

Sunday 14th May
10-30am Putsborough Beach for official plaque unveiling and viewing of Sand Art created by local schoolchildren
12-30pm Presentation of plaque at Lynmouth. Sunday lunch/cream tea

Farewell to Save the Waves delegates

This draft programme above is subject to change

We anticipate inviting two delegates from each organisation on the Stewardship Council to the main dedication at Woolacombe on Friday 12th May. For events at other locations, the delegates from Save the Waves will attend, plus members from the core group. We hope that organisations associated with each of the different venues will also attend and have a presence. (perhaps a gazebo and information about their activities).

We will be in touch again very soon to confirm the programme and share the designs for the plaque with you.

Best wishes,

Kevin Cook, Co-founder NDWSR