Minutes of the meeting of Mortehoe Parish Council held in the Council Chamber, The Esplanade, Woolacombe, on Wednesday September 21st 2022 at 7.00 p.m.
Present: Members: D Duffield, K Cook (Vice Chairman), M Wilkinson, Jimi Dicker, O Bell

Clerk: D Bleasdale
Also Present: 8 members of the public.

192/2022 Apologies for absence: J Richards, S Woodman, D Barron, Andrea Davis

193/2022 One minutes silence was observed for the Queen.

194/2022 Public Speaking:
Linley Lewis and Will Hayler spoke regarding the Spring Classic event, Linley stated that is not possible to run an event outside of the natural flow of people (the half term), the 4th of June was proposed as an alternative date, Councillor Duffield pointed out that this is still within the half term and the same traffic concerns are present.
Councillor Dicker thanked them for the use of the pump track at the Jubilee event.
Linley stated that Wavelength will honour its pledge of 1% of the takings and they are still finalising the figures.
Linley and Will spoke of creating a goodwill ethos and local opportunities.
Will indicated that the festival is a long term commitment.
Councillor Duffield stated that is would not be decided today and that more councillors would need to be present before a decision to be made.

Allan Green spoke about planning application 75859 and the plans to build a passive home, Passive House is a highly energy efficient building standard that also promotes indoor comfort and acoustic insulation.

Bruno Rosen Requested that last year's financials be added to the website, the Parish Clerk agreed to do this.

Sue Black spoke confirming her objections to planning application 75706 the construction of a carpark by the National Trust in an AONB, Mrs Black feels that this is the over urbanisation of the area and that there is enough access already to this rural area including a carpark in hand gliders field that now has to apply for retrospective planning permission.

195/2022 Police Report: Mortehoe/Woolacombe.
Violence with injury 4
Violence without injury 3
Stalking and harassment 2
Vehicle offences 2

196/2022 Declaration of Interests:.Councillor Cook, Member of AONB Planning Panel, Core member of North Devon World Surfing Reserve.

197/2022 Minutes: It was Proposed to APPROVE as a correct record and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on August 15th 2022 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber. **Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

198/2022 County Council Report: None Received

199/2022 Planning

75703 Siting of 4 non-illuminated signs, National Trust Rangers Office Combe Heights Woolacombe Rise Woolacombe Devon EX34 7AS
Proposed Approved, Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

75706 Creation of a new car park together with the erection of a pay and display machine and orientation panel at Roadway Corner Challacombe Hill/ Georgeham Road Woolacombe Devon.
Whilst members were supportive of the ongoing work by the National Trust to add better public access, it was thought that a car park is not the best way to provide this, better paths for disabled access would be more beneficial.
Members expressed concerns regarding the proposed car park, due the very sensitive landscape.
These included the positioning and visibility splay of the entrance and the very large area of hard surfacing required for the car park.
This is the third parking scheme proposed and the council believe that any development will have an adverse impact in this highly protected area.
The council believes that the urbanisation of our landscape by the National Trust goes against the very ethos of the National Trust and any minor changes made to the plans does not mitigate this factor.
Proposed REJECTED, Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

75859 Demolition of dwelling & replacement with dwelling and construction of one additional dwelling together with associated landscaping and car parking at Blue Bay Guest House Upper Claypark Mortehoe Woolacombe Devon EX34 7EA
Proposed Approved, Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

75901 Conversion of loft space above shop & campsite showers to create a separate unit of accommodation to be used as managers accommodation at Little Roadway Farm Woolacombe Devon EX34 7HL
Proposed Approved, Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

75910 Erection of Orangery at Combesgate House Road From Lower Claypark To Mortehoe Station Road Mortehoe Devon EX34 7EB
Proposed Approved, Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

172/2022 District Council Report:
North Devon Council has launched a best practice charter for operating a considerate holiday let in partnership with the UK Short Term Accommodation Association (STAA). The aim of the charter is to provide advice to anyone who lets out whole properties or rooms for short-stay lettings.
This landmark launch of the 10-point charter recognises the value that short-term holiday lets bring to the area. The council believes that supporting responsible letting with a best practice charter will encourage positive contributions to the economies and communities of the district and help prevent any antisocial or illegal activities associated with holiday lets.The charter is a set of guiding principles for property owners, managing agents or hosts, made up of 10 practices which they should adhere to. It includes the requirements to provide a clear code of

conduct for guests including mindfulness of neighbours, provide neighbours with a 24/7 contact number to use when issues arise, for example, noisy parties, and ensure appropriate arrangements are made for rubbish/recycling storage and collection.

Motion at the Ocean, North Devon Council were blocked by the government as a result this motion is going to be put forward again with a combined effort against the government.

200/2022 Questions for the National Trust: Paul South, raised the issue of the car park stating that it was to help address exclusivity with people in the countryside, Councillor Dicker made the point that this proposed car park is more likely to be used for hosting weddings and festivals.
Councillor Cook stated the opinion that the proposed car park is likely linked to the Spring Classic Festival.
Councillor Cook stated the new footpath is not maintained well and there is no wheelchair access at present, also that people are confused as to how rewilding and operating a festival are compatible.
Paul spoke of the plans to plant 20,000 broad leaf fruit trees in the parish.

201/2022 Parking South Street: The double yellow lines on south street have been extended, there was no consultation for this order it was not discussed with the parish council and that this order can no longer be changed.

202/2022 Correspondence i) Tim Ashford: Wants to know if there are any record of what rights existed on parking on Bay View Road prior to national trust ownership. The Parish Clerk agreed to look into this.

Tessa Lomas re: Wood fired sauna on Marine Drive. The council decided that they did not wish to encourage commercial enterprises on the car park.

203/2022 The Esplanade: The ongoing issue of esplanade parking was discussed, Councillors felt that they are not getting support of Devon County Council. The Clerk was asked to write to Alison Hernandez to assist in a solution.
The Chairman ask that a vote of no confidence be put off until next month.

204/2022 106 funding: The council wishes to know if the funding Gonville House being divided up will affect the 106 funding.

205/2022 Skateboard Ramp: The National Trust is in favour of a new skateboard park however they made it clear that they will not be responsible for any of the costs**.**
The project is now in partnership with the Board Rider club, as it is more likely to get funding if a club is involved.
A draft set of plans are expected in 4 weeks, the length of the final construction will depend on the amount of funding raised.

206/2022 The Meadow and Pavilion: A new floor is still required, the Clerk reports that due to the fluctuating price of building materials it is proving hard to get quotes, when quotes are obtained we will have to move quickly.

207/2022 Matters Brought Forward with the Consent of the Chairman:
Councillor Dicker voiced his concern about a new undersea power cable passing the area.

Councillor Cook was also concerned about the cable, more so about the area where this cable makes landfall.

Councillor Cook would like to know the capacity of the water treatment works, South West Water will be contacted by the Clerk and this question asked.

Councillor Bell would like the Clerk to pursue Clerk Qualifications such as CiLCA, the Clerk agreed to investigate these opportunities.

Combesgate steps, the 37th Step from the bottom travelling up requires looking at, the Clerk agreed to arrange this.

Giles Kingsmith is to be given free parking on marine drive for as long as the Parish has the lease.

208/2022 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
AFS	A.F.S. Fire & Security	224.64
BG	British Gas	347.91
BLOOM	Bloom Brothers	1675.00
CROWN	Crown Estates re Knight Frank Rental Acc	1650.00
GORDON	Gordon WIndow Cleaning	1674.00
JEW	Jewson Ltd	251.71
LAND	PLandscape	693.00
NDDC	NDDC	229.39
NT	National Trust	240.00
STAR	Pete Starbuck	2511.70
VAN	Vanguard 2000	4732.20
Daniel Bleasdale		1608.92
Roy Walker		1007.35
Marie Hedger		1207.24
Gary Roger		470.30
paye		1125.31
	Totals:	19648.67

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

Yours faithfully ***Daniel Bleasdale***
The meeting ended at 09:30 p.m.
The minutes of previous meetings are available from the Parish Clerk