Minutes of the meeting of Mortehoe Parish Council held in the Council Chamber, The Esplanade, Woolacombe, on Monday March 18th at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Members: M Wilkinson, D Duffield, (Vice Chairman) D Barron, (Chairman) K Cook , S Woodman, S Phillips,
Clerk: D Bleasdale
Also Present: Jonathan Fairhurst (National Trust)

34/2024 Apologies for absence: J Dicker, J Richards, O Bell, A Davies

35/2024 Public Speaking: None

36/2024 Police Report: No report provided at the time of meeting.

37/2024 Declaration of Interests:

38/2024 Minutes: It was Proposed to APPROVE as a correct record and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on February 19th 2023 at 7pm in the Council Chamber.

39/2024 Jonathan Fairhurst (National Trust): Spoke of the leaky dams that have been installed in the area to encourage wetter areas, to encourage more wildlife. The cows are coming off the sand dunes in the next couple of weeks. Lots of footpath work has taken place in the area. Some pigs are being purchased for Twitchen Wood shortly. The Easter egg trail is coming up with TIC. Reptile rambles are planned for this summer. A new ranger has been recruited. The Spring Classic has officially been cancelled, camping or glamping may take place on the same location.

40/2024 County Council Report: See Attached.

41/2024 Planning:

78331 Demolition of existing garage to form a new letting property at Downlands House Beach Road Woolacombe Devon EX34 7BT. Refusal proposed by councillor Duffield, Seconded by councillor Barron, all in favour, approved unanimously. The high elevation that would result in a loss of amenity for neighbouring properties. It's the over intensification of the plot. It is not a primary source of residence, which does not meet the needs of the area.

78079 Conversion and of garage to annexe to include raising of roof at Wellfield Springfield Road Woolacombe Devon. Refusal proposed by councillor Duffield, Seconded by councillor Barron, all in favour, approved unanimously. This development does not fit in with the street scene. Concerns over loss of amenity for neighbouring properties. An over intensification of the plot. It does not state if this is a primary source of residence or a holiday let, which does not meet the needs of the area.

77999 Construction of 21 affordable dwellings with associated infrastructure including boundary treatments, landscaping & road access (Amended Plans) at Land at Beach Road Woolacombe Devon. The Parish Council stands by its previous statement.

Approved
77991 Extension and erection of dormer window to rear of dwelling at Fernleigh South Street Woolacombe Devon EX34 7BB

78127 Certificate of Lawful Development for proposed change of use of building to a well-being studio at at 12 South Street Woolacombe Devon EX34 7BB
78151 Retrospective application for retention of timber building for ancillary use at Victoria House Chapel Hill Mortehoe Woolacombe Devon EX34 7DZ
77779 Demolition of existing dwelling & erection of detached dwelling with garage (Resubmission of 77185) at 2 Seymour Bungalows Sandy Lane Woolacombe Devon EX34 7AR

42/2024 District Council Report: Councillor Wilkinson Narracott Apartments has requested a revision of the S106 funding contribution.
Cllr Wilkinson attended the Strategy and resources on Monday and reports the Devon and Torbay devolution deal was highlighted and talked about. Most concerning was the constitution of the CCA made up of 3 members of DCC 3 members of Torbay Council, 2 from the District Council and up to 4 members of non-constituent members, including 2 members of the Devon District Council, Police and crime Commissioner and 2 associate members representing the business and skills sector.
Street Marshalls are going to continue to be funded by NDDC.
Cllr Wilkinson spoke of the housing crisis should be the centre of the leveling up process which it currently isn't. Air BnB will need to be registered with the planning authorities.
Cllr Wilkinson attended the LGA coastal issues group, speaking of bathing water quality and the increased cost to the end user.

43/2024 The Market: Unfortunately, the lease prevents a market from taking place in the meadow.

44/2024 Auditor Appointment: Janet Keiff was appointed the annual auditor.

45/2024 Pre apps: Skatepark and Bus Shelter: The Council discussed the response regarding the Skatepark. The Clerk informed the Council that everything in the report is mitigatable. The Parish Council require more information before deciding how to proceed.
The Bus Shelter: The Clerk informed the Council that most issues in the report are mitigatable. Councillor Cook proposed that we pause this until October or September, This was seconded by Councillor Duffield. It was agreed that the item would be revisited, with new ideas welcomed.

46/2024 Benches: The Clerk will send out the Bench Policy to the whole council to aid decision making.

47/2024 Register of outstanding matters / matters arising from the minutes: Parkin Estates Assisted with sandbags to prevent Mortehoe Museum flooding.
A lot more grass cutting has taken place due the warmer wetter weather.
Combesgate posts have been repainted, the top handrails at Combesgate will need replacing by the end of the year.
The Clerk was approached by Pete about holding an event in the meadow in place of the Spring Classic.
The Clerk asked if the Process of advertising can proceed on bin etc. It was agreed that a fair policy must be created before this can happen.

48/2024 The Parish Plan / Emergency Committee: The Council decided to defer The Parish Plan until the next meeting.
The Emergency Plan meeting is with Martin Rich on 21st March at 2pm.

49/2024 Matters Brought Forward with the Consent of the Chairman:
The removal of illegal advertising on lamp post will being and be an ongoing process.
Cllr Barron raised concerns about the lack of care for the elderly within the Parish, a list of organisations will be put together for the public.
Concerns over unannounced road closures where discussed.

50/2024 Payments for Authorisation

A/C	Name	Balance
BG	British Gas	305.81
	Crown Estates re Knight Frank	
CROWN	Rental Acc	1754.79
FIR	Fircroft Signs	168.00
	Greenaway	
GREENAWA	Waste	0.01
INTER	Intercard	0.89
JEW	Jewson Ltd	376.13
LR	Lee Rulton	630.00
NDDC	NDDC	385.40
NT	National Trust	240.00
	Occasional	
OCC	Suppliers	1464.00
STAFF	Emma Stafford	100.00
STAR	Pete Starbuck	2083.33
Daniel Bleasdale		1769.05
Marie Hedger		131.40
paye		562.32
	Totals:	9971.13

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

51/2024 The National Trust: Proposals where discussed.

52/2024 Community Event: Concerns over the cost to the Parish. A better plan is put together by the community fund with less financial risk to the council.

53/2024 Parking Spaces: The Parish Council solicitors are looking into previously use parking spaces.

54/2024 The Community award was discussed.

Yours faithfully ***Daniel Bleasdale***
The meeting ended at 9.25 p.m.