

**Minutes of the Finance meeting of Morteheo Parish
Council
held in the Council Chamber, The Esplanade, Woolacombe
on Monday April 20th 2015 at 6.30 p.m.**

Present:

Members: D Duffield, E Bond, S Woodman (Chairman),
J Richards, M Wilkinson, and D Barron

Clerk: Mrs S. Hocking and Mrs Keiff.

Also Present:

59/2015 Apologies for Absence: Councillors; Webb; Lamb and Davis

60/2014 *It was RESOLVED* to approve as a correct record, and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Finance Meeting held on Monday 18th November 2014 at 6.30 p.m. (*It was pointed out that the Minutes had already been approved at the December meeting 2014*)

61/2014 To Consider the Receipts and Payments Accounts for the last financial year from 1.4.2014 to 31.3.2015

After due consideration, it was *Proposed and seconded* that the accounts be accepted. *Unanimous decision.*

62/2014 Allocation of the Balance of Funds

After due consideration, it was *Proposed and seconded* that the proposed allocation of the balance of funds be accepted. *Decision Unanimous.*

63/2014 To consider the estimated accounts for 2015/2016

After due consideration, it was *Proposed and seconded* to accept the estimated accounts for 2015/2016

Unanimous Decision.

Members thanked Mrs Keiff for her work over the year.

The meeting ended at 6.50 p.m.

Minutes of the meeting of Morteohoe Parish Council held in the Council Chamber, The Esplanade, Woolacombe, on Monday 20th April 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Members: D Duffield, J Richards, K Cook, D Barron, S Woodman, (Chairman), M Wilkinson and E Bond.

Clerks: S Hocking and J Keiff

Also Present: Councillor: 2 members of the public

64/2015 Apologies: Councillors Webb, Lamb and Davis

65/2015 Public Speaking Time

R Sawyer Narracott Ashlar Developments C Beaver Re: 58988 – Mr Sawyer outlined to members the reasons behind the application and spoke of the precedents that existed elsewhere in the West Country for the removal of the occupancy condition. Mr Sawyer felt that the development for all round occupancy would be good for the area bring jobs and trade to the village out of season. He also confirmed that the planned building programme would continue as per schedule with the front façade completed before next March. *After a number of questions, the Chairman thanked Mr and Mrs Sawyer for their attendance.*

66/2015 Police Report – there was no report this month.

67/2015 Declaration of Interests

Application 58977 and 58982 Europa Park - Councillor Richards declared a personal interest in these application as owner of adjoining business.

Application 59078 Beachside – Councillor Cook declared an interest in this application as friend of the applicant.

68/2015 Minutes:

It was Proposed to approve as a correct record, and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on March 16th 2015 at 7.00 p.m. at the Council Chamber. Seconded. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

69/2015 County Council Report – There was no report this month .

70/2015 Planning

(Councillor Richards left the chamber declaring an interest in the following two applications)

58977 Formation of enclosed hard standing for four motor homes at Europa Park, Woolacombe Station Road, Woolacombe.

Members felt that a retrospective application for this proposal should be made as the work had already been completed. They felt that the description was therefore inaccurate and that the applicant showed scant regard for the planning process.

58982 Retrospective application for extension to retaining wall at Europa Park, Woolacombe Station Road, Woolacombe.

Members were concerned that the application was retrospective but had no objections to the proposal. They suggested that restrictions regarding possible advertising or storage of vehicles on the land should be imposed.

Proposed APPROVAL. Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
(Councillor Richards returned to the chamber)

**58980 Erection of new dwelling at
Brackenridge, Sandy Lane, Woolacombe.**

Members had no objections to this application. They felt that the recommendation from a neighbour regarding screening should be taken into account in the determination of the proposal. ***Proposed APPROVAL. Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.***

**58988 Removal of condition 3 (occupancy) attached to
planning permission 57953 to allow for extended
holiday lets at
Narracott Apartments, Beach Road, Woolacombe.**

Members expressed their support for the development and recommended approval. They felt that their views reflected the strong feeling in the community for the development to go ahead and hoped that the application would process with due expediency through the planning process. They welcomed the opportunity for negotiation with the North Devon Council on a 106 agreement regarding the development and the possible opportunity for funding for affordable housing within the community.

Proposed APPROVAL. Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**59002 First floor extension at
Furlong Down, Poole Lane, Woolacombe.**

Members had no objections to the proposal. ***Proposed APPROVAL. Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.***

**59078 Replacement of roof together with retrospective
change of use of outbuilding to additional living
accommodation at
Beachside, The Grove, Woolacombe.**

Members had no objections to the proposal. ***Proposed APPROVAL. Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.***

**59057 Extension & alterations to dwelling at
Ocean Pines, Sunnyside Road, Woolacombe.**

Members had no objections to the proposal. ***Proposed APPROVAL. Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.***

Planning Permission; Approved.

**58862 Demolition of existing & erection of new dwelling at
Woodlands Bungalow, Woolacombe Station Road, Woolacombe.**

**58729 Erection of porch together with alterations to property at
38 Chichester Park, Woolacombe.**

**58696 Variation of condition 2 (amended plans) attached to planning permission 57243
to allow amended siting of temporary agricultural workers dwelling &
agricultural building at Little Ivycott, Woolacombe.**

Planning Permission Refused: None

Application for a certificate of lawful development certificate:

For existing use as 5 No. Apartments at The Grange, North Morte Road, Woolacombe. Members confirmed the use of the building for holiday accommodation in excess of ten years.

71/2015 District Council Report – the district council report was delayed until the Annual Parish Meeting on 22nd April .

72/2015 Questions for the National Trust

73/2015 Correspondence: i) **Letter from R Tucker Re: Best Beach Award** - *noted*
ii) **Letter from Kate Little Re: Proposed Changes to the Publication of North Devon Torridge Local Plan – Consultation** – Following the consultation undertaken June – August 2014 on the North Devon and Torridge Local Plan, the full document with the proposed main changes can be found at

<http://consult.torridge.gov.uk/> - *noted*

iii) **Letter from N Harvey Re: Woolacombe Pharmacy** – *members welcomed* the news regarding the pharmacy and thanked Mr Harvey for his efforts to help secure the future of the facility.

74/2015 Register of Outstanding Matters

Parish Council Election – the clerk reported that a notice had been placed in the W & M News regarding the vacancy for a Parish Councillor as Councillor Lamb will not be standing in the forthcoming election.

Combesgate Toilets Grant – N.D.C. have awarded £680 towards the running costs of the facilities.

Parish Play Areas - Safety Inspections of the two play areas are due this month. 30 cubic meters of play bark was delivered and installed in the play area at Morteheo in March.

Neighbourhood Plan- discussion on this topic will take place at the May meeting.

Conservation Area Appraisal – the recommendations to proposed changes in the Conservation Area Appraisal have been submitted and are being considered by the conservation and planning officers.

Notes from the meeting on March 11th - have been distributed to Georgeham Parish Council and request submitted to the planning and conservation officer for amendments to be made to the Woolacombe Conservation Area document.

Camberley Rubbish Bins - the bins have been removed from the pavement following the request from the council.

Lee Meadow Farm Shop - the clerk reported that following complaints regarding the erection of numerous signs for the new venture, the enforcement office was contacted. They report back that both planning and enforcement officers have visited the site and that a planning application is pending. They also ordered that a number of the signs should be removed.

Crown Estates Lease – a statutory declaration has been signed on behalf of the council and witnessed by an independent solicitor in Ilfracombe. The declaration has now been forwarded to Parkins Estates. Once this stage has been completed the new lease will be operational.

74/2015 Community Award Nomination – the clerk read out a letter of nomination for the award proposing Mrs Valerie Drew for her voluntary work as treasurer/ auditor for Woolacombe & Morteheo Luncheon Club; Morteheo Musuem; Woolacombe Village Hall; Parish Council internal auditor; the Scout Association and Devon Air Ambulance. *Members were pleased to recommend Mrs Val Drew for the award.*

75/2015 Tender for provision of flowers for Morteheo Parish.

The clerk read out the two quotations from:

St John’s Garden Centre : £482

Ashford Nurseries: £466

Members approved the estimated from St John’s Garden Centre. Proposed. Seconded. Unanimous.

76/2015 Matters Brought Forward with the Consent of the Chairman

Dog Fouling – the clerk was asked to request a visit from the dog warden to patrol the Meadow and school path following complaints of dog fouling in these areas.

Marine Drive Signage – it was agreed to investigate the provision of additional signage to advertise the car park

Excavation of bank at Woolacombe Rise – the clerk was asked to investigate the ownership of land adjacent to the highway and to report the creation of a new access to planning enforcement.

West Road Parking – the clerk was asked to contact Mr J. Anstey D.C.C. regarding congestion problems for buses and large vehicles at the top of the road and possible alterations to the existing parking scheme.

Taxi parking – the clerk was asked to contact the licensing officer to remind license holders of the correct parking provision for taxis in the village centre.

Allotment Meeting – Councillor Wilkinson reported on his attendance at the meeting. The clerk was asked to investigate the provision of apple trees at the allotment.

Use of the Pavilion – members agreed to the provision of a key safe to allow access to the toilets at the Pavilion for allotment holders for a trial period of 6 months with the provision that there should be no unaccompanied children in the building.

Admirals Lodge – members were unsure whether the recent work carried out at the site was in line with planning permission. The clerk was asked to report the matter to planning enforcement.

Barricane Beach –whilst members applauded the success of the attractions at the beach , they suggested that the provision of a sign to advertise the whereabouts of nearby public toilets facilities might be helpful.

Footpath 9 - the clerk was asked to report the blockage of drains on this path caused by piles of earth after recent clearance.

Caravan sign - the clerk was asked to contact Councillor Davis regarding the provision of the sign following the siting of more caravans on the steep hill over the Easter period.

77/2015 Licence Applications: None

78/2015 Cheques for Approval and Signature.

Part 2

Correspondence not requiring discussion is available in the Council Chamber

The following cheque was signed by two members prior to the meeting:

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The following cheques were approved and signed by two members at the meeting:

19	103932	Inland Revenue	557.04
19	103933	Mullacott Caravans	64.61
19	103934	Spirebourne	225.00
19	103935	J&J Bins	69.33
19	103936	GCSS	39.74
19	103937	W & M Luncheon Club	182.60
19	103938	Simpsons	348.62
19	103939	P Landscape	336.14
19	103940	Ricoh	5.77
19	103941	N.T.	394.00
19	103942	Jewson	180.55
19	103943	W & M Tourism	50.00
19	103944	DALC	366.98
19	103945	PHs Group	258.19
19	103946	ICCM	90.00
19	103947	Staples	215.68
19	103948	S Hiscock	66.00
19	103949	M Harrison	61.71
19	103950	Fleet	141.86
19	103951	CPRE	36.00
19	103952	D Hodges	776.46
19	103953	R Walker	580.13
19	103954	S Hocking	1,206.33
19	103955	J Keiff	221.05
19	103956	P Cash	40.00
19	103957	Z McGregor	20.00
19	103958	K Dennis	27.00

**Part 3
Confidential Matters**

Correspondence to Note:

1. Devon Talk - D.C.C. Magazine plus Monthly News Round-Up.
2. Village Green
3. Junk Mail - Community Recycling Network
4. 'Everyone's Tomorrow' – Newsletter from Senior Council Of Devon
5. Devon Senior Voice - Newsletter.
6. Health Watch Voices

Yours faithfully

Sally Hocking

The minutes of previous meetings are available from the Parish Clerk

The order of the agenda items may be altered with the consent of the chairman

Date of the next meeting:

April 22nd Annual Parish Meeting at Morteheo Village Hall at 7 p.m.

May 18th 2015 at 7 p.m.

Meeting ended at 8.25

Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting of Morteoh Parish Council held in Morteoh Village Hall on Thursday April 22nd 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

Present:

Members: E Bond, D Barron, D Duffield , K Cook, J Richards, M Wilkinson, and S Woodman (Chairman)

Clerk: Mrs S. Hocking and Mrs Keiff.

Also Present: Councillors: Davis (D.C.C.) Barker (N.D.C.) P.C.S.O Grantham and 2 members of the public .

79/2015 Apologies for Absence: Councillors; G Webb, R Lamb, Fire Officer S Davey, P.C. Kirk and J Fairhurst.

80/2015 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 24th April 2014 in Woolacombe Village Hall. *Noted (the minutes were approved in May 2014)*

81/2015 Matters arising from the Minutes – None

82/2015 Police and Fire Service Reports –

Fire Service Report – the clerk read out a report on behalf of the Fire Service.

Watch Officer Davey – reported on a fairly quiet year with no significant property fires in the parish. The crew had attended other major incidents in the area and had supported neighbouring crews in Ilfracombe and Braunton.

Co- Responder Calls – Watch Officer Davey reported on an increase in the number of co-responder calls with a large percentage of those calls classed as ‘red’ calls to the most vulnerable age categories. Officer Davey reported that the proposed changes to this service had not been implemented in the county and that the situation was being monitored.

Recruitment of new fire-fighters for Woolacombe Fire Station - Watch Officer Davey reported on the difficulty of recruiting new fire fighters. The situation was now becoming a serious concern. The situation was common for many ‘on call’ stations around Devon.

Police Report

P.C.S.O. P Grantham – introduced himself as the new community officer for Woolacombe and Morteoh. He informed members that recent cuts to police budgets had lead to a reduction of staff of 500 with the numbers now standing at 3,000. More cuts were expected but there had been no threat as yet to the numbers of P.C.S.O.’s

Operation Jessica - and informed members about the recent police initiative to raise awareness and reduce telephone and postal fraud to the elderly. He encouraged members of the public to report suspicious incidents.

School Parking - recent initiatives had encouraged active policing around the entrances to school sites and the provision of ‘common sense’ signs to promote child safety. The new signs were proving highly effective.

He then gave the following crime report for the previous year.

Crime Figures for Morteoh Parish :

Crime Figures	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Reported Crimes	73	85	82	105	69

Offence	Recorded Crimes		Crime % difference
	01/04/14 - 31/03/15	01/04/13 – 31.3.14	
Violence with injury	12	14	- 14.3%
Violence without injury	6	12	- 50.00%
Other Sexual Offences	1	0	-
Burglary Dwelling	1	4	-75%
Burglary Non dwelling	4	8	-50%
Vehicle Offences	8	4	100%
Shoplifting	0	1	-100%
Other theft	20	34	-41%
Criminal damage	9	21	-57%
Public Order offences	2	3	-33.3%
Possession of Weapons	1	1	-
Possession of drugs	5	3	66.7%
Total	69	105	-34.3%

83/2015 County Council Report

Cuts – Councillor Davis informed those present that the 40% cuts in the County Council Budgets over the last 5 years would continue beyond any changes brought about by the elections in May.

Public Transport Review - consultation on cuts to public transport provision ended on Monday 20th April.

Minibus Service for Woolacombe and Morteohoe – a service for workers in the Parish and Woolacombe had proved very popular and was jointly funded by D.C.C. and local businesses.

Road Improvements – despite cuts to the budget, resurfacing works had been carried out in the Parish and major works had taken place at Mullacott to alleviate regular flooding problems .

Tarka Trail - talks between land owners and the County Council were still ongoing and plans had been passed to open up further sections of the cycle path between Braunton and Morteohoe.

District County Report from Councillor Pat Barker

Move from Civic Centre - Councillor Barker informed those present that the district Council would shortly be moving out of the Civic Centre, as no suitable arrangement could be negotiated to enable staying there. Millions of pounds needed to be spent to make the building fit for purpose.

Customer services at Lynton House - This building has undergone has undergone extensive refurbishment/ renovation.

N.D.C. Planning offices have now moved to the building.

Democratic services will be moving to Castle street.

Environmental Services - and others have already moved to Brynsworthy. All these sites are owned by the District already, Democratic Services will also be situated in the Castle Street Building, that move won't be until after the election.

Time as a District Councillor - Councillor Barker thanked those present for their support over the last four years which she had found to be busy and rewarding, She hoped that she had been able to help many residents with lots of their problems, and hopefully, had always been available and helpful in getting the best for residents.

District Council Report from Councillor Malcolm Wilkinson –

Woolacombe Best Beach Award – Councillor Wilkinson passed on his congratulations to all those involved in the running of the beach and surrounding areas.

Renewable Energy – following the withdrawal of the Atlantic Array plans, Councillor Wilkinson reported on the need to look at other methods of harnessing renewable energy and of his involvement with organizations such as Ilfracombe Harbour Board and the local government Coastal Issues Group, looking at the tidal lagoon at Bridgewater and Swansea.

Marine Conservation Zones – recent involvement with consultation on the creation of new zones and prospective new zones.

Planning Issues – Councillor Wilkinson spoke of his involvement with the consideration of the planning application for the proposed changes to Parade House which had lead to over 300 letters to the council. He pointed out that the council had listened to local opinion.

Neighborhood Plans - the district council welcomed local involvement and valued the contribution of local opinions which helped make up Parish plans and neighborhood plans.

Time as a District Councillor – Councillor Wilkinson thanked those present for their support and identified the following as important features of his term in office; Unfairness for rural dwellers contained within the Barnett Formula; holiday and 2nd homes; affordable housing; Community integrity and the importance of sports and village organizations.

84/2015 Finance Report – Mrs Keiff (Responsible Finance Officer) gave a résumé of the main points of the accounts. A copy of the report is available for inspection in the Minutes.

85//2015 Chairman’s Report – the Chairman gave a report of the main activities of the council over the last year. A copy of the report is available in the Minutes.

86/2011 Community Award Nominations – the Chairman reported that, as a result of an invitation to all residents to nominate a member of the community for their contribution to public services in the parish, the council had recommended that Mrs Valerie Drew be given a special award for her contribution to village life and expert help to many local organisations. The chairman then presented Mrs Drew with a framed certificate.

87/2015 Any Other Business - None

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 8.00 p.m.

