

**Minutes of the meeting of Morteoh Parish Council held in the Council Chamber, The Esplanade, Woolacombe, on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 7.00 p.m.**

**Present: S Woodman, (Chairman), D Duffield, E Bond, D Barron, G Webb, R Lamb, and K Cook**

**Also Present: Councillor Davis (D.C.C.) Mr R Ley and 3 members of the public  
Clerks: Mrs Keiff and Mrs Hocking**

**24/2015 Apologies for absence: Councillors Wilkinson; Richards; J Fairhurst and P.C. Kirk**

**25/2015 Guest Speaker: Mr R Ley Chair of One Ilfracombe** - Mr Ley addressed the council on the aims and achievements of 'One Ilfracombe' outlining the history of the organisation and the partnerships within the community. Mr Ley spoke of future plans for 'Our Place' and the hope that many of the measures introduced within the town could be expanded to the wider community around the town. A wider consultation was particularly apt in the proposed redesigning of health care provision in North Devon. The Department for Communities and Local Government were investigating the opportunity to give principle Local Authorities the opportunity to develop a strategy for the design of health care. Mr Ley stated that were looking from a residents point of view as to why services needed to change. Partners included N.D.C., D.C.C., Clinical Commissioning Group; N.D. Hospital Trust, North Devon Hospice; Devon and Cornwall Police and Fire Services plus representatives from schools, local organisations and the volunteer sector.

**26//2015 Public Speaking –**

**Mr C Clements Re: Planning Application 58324 Combesgate House** – Mr Clements voiced concerns and continuing opposition to proposed plans for the property. He questioned the accuracy of the plans and stated that the amendments to the plans made little difference to the overall detrimental effect of the development within a conservation area.

**Mr M Hocking Re: Planning Application 58324 Combesgate House** – Mr Hocking expressed his objection to the plans feeling that the proposed building was inappropriate in the conservation area. He felt that the proposed changes of the amended plans did little enhance or preserve the area.

**Sir M Knight Re: Planning Application 58637 Land adjacent to Farthings** – Sir Michael expressed his opposition to the plans for a new building on this site within the Woolacombe Conservation Area. He felt that the original intention of the establishment of the conservation area emphasised the importance of open spaces within the area and the protection of those spaces.

**Neighbourhood Planning** - Sir Michael informed members of wider discussions taking place to discuss neighbourhood planning.

**27/2015 Police Report – there was no report available this month**

**28/2015 Declaration of interests**

**The council declared an interest in application 58324 Combesgate House – as friends and colleagues of objectors to this application .**

**The clerk** - declared an interest in Planning Application 58324 as an objector to the Application.

## **29/2015 Minutes:**

It was **Proposed to** approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on January 19<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Council Chamber. **Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

It was **Proposed to** approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Site Meeting held on January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2015 at 4 p.m. at Land Adjacent to Farthings, Bay View Road, Woolacombe. **Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

It was **Proposed to** approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on January 29<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Council Chamber. **Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **30/2015 . County Council Report –**

**Devon County Council Transport Consultation** – Councillor Davis urged members to look at the proposals the counties' public transport and the implications for North Devon. Councillor Davis informed members that the review was necessary to help meet the £50 million budget reduction required by the Government. £1.7 million is required to be cut from the transport budget. £5.376 m a year is pent by the County Council to support nearly 200 public bus services carrying 4.5 million passengers a year. There are also 175,000 bus pass holders in Devon which costs £9 million every year.

**Reductions** – the County Council would like help in assessing the possible impact of cuts to bus services.

### **The consultation ends on April 20<sup>th</sup> 2015**

**Road Repairs to the A361** – essential work is planned on this road over the next two months. Traffic signals, poles and electrics will also be replaced at Pottington as well as resurfacing and reconstruction work to the dual carriageway. To avoid closing the road completely and to minimise delays during resurfacing, work will be undertaken using a combination of lane closures, with convoy vehicles and contra-flow working.

**Get Active Devon** – a wealth of opportunities to get active is available at the touch of a button with a new website launched by Devon County Council Public Health. Get Active Devon provides a range of activities from exercise classed to sports clubs, from learning a new skill to developing an existing one, all at the touch of a button. The website offers the chance to search for an activity based on intensity, location, with or without other people, cost and age range, as well as suitability for people with mobility problems or disabilities.

**Look at: [www.getactivedevon.co.uk](http://www.getactivedevon.co.uk)**

## **31/2015 Planning**

**58597 Change of use of two flats to form guest house together with erection of roof over courtyard to form extension of restaurant & enable improvements to kitchen at 3 Granville Terrace, West Road, Woolacombe.**

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

**58709 Erection of new electricity substation and associated works at Narracott Hotel, Beach Road, Woolacombe.**

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

*(Consultation as an adjoining Parish)*

**58320 Erection of ground mounted solar photovoltaic arrays (70 rows 3MW) including substations & associated works (amended plans & information) at West Hill Farm, West Down, Ilfracombe.**

Members welcomed the reduction in numbers of the solar panels and felt that the amendments would lead to less visual impact. Member's expressed support for the views of West Down and noted their concerns.

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

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

**58324 Extension to & conversion of 2 flats to form 3 flats (amended plans & information) at Combesgate House, The Esplanade, Woolacombe.**

Members were concerned at the accuracy of the plans of the existing elevations and felt that they were not a true depiction of the property as it is as present. They appreciated the efforts of the applicant to try and address some of the issues expressed in their earlier comments on the plans but felt that these did not change their previous objections to the proposal to a prominent building within the Conservation Area. They felt that the proposed alterations would have a detrimental effect on the Conservation Area with the closure of the visual gaps between buildings on the hillside. They also felt the proposed changes represented an over-intensification and infilling of the site and did not preserve or enhance the conservation area.

**Proposed REFUSAL. Seconded PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**58637 Erection of new dwelling at Land adjacent to Farthings (additional Information) Bay View Road, Woolacombe.**

Members noted the comments of the conservation officer and the concerns expressed in her report regarding aspects of the plans including the roof height and the possible impact on the conservation area.

Members felt that it would be appropriate to ask the conservation officer to a meeting in Woolacombe to give guidance on planning responses in a designated conservation area and recent changes in legislation.

**Planning Permission Received:**

**58695 Application for retrospective non- material amendment to planning permission 58695 in respect of change of design at the Imperial, Bay View Road, Woolacombe.**

**Planning Permission Refused: None**

**32/2015 District Council Report** – There were no report this month

**33/2015 Questions for the National Trust** – there were no questions for the warden this month.

**34/2015 Correspondence:** i) **Letter from N Oliver Re: Community Defibrillator for Woolacombe Surf Life Saving Club** - *Members were very supportive of the scheme and suggested that a suitable site for the equipment might be outside the chemist shop in Woolacombe. They agreed to support financially with a grant of £100 and thought the possibility of match funding for the scheme through organisations such as the British Heart Foundation might be useful.*

ii) **Letter of thanks from Sir M Knight** - *noted*

**35/2015 Register of Outstanding Matters**

**Street Lighting** – following the comments made at the last meeting, the clerk reported that D.C.C. have stated: “Thank you for the Parish Council's comments. I confirm that the lights on the following roads will remain lit all-night:

Barton Road

Beach Road

Chichester Park (lights 1, 2, 3, 20, 25 and 26

Footpath from Church Road to South Street

South Street

The Esplanade

West Road

Woolacombe Station Road

There is no provision for lights at junctions on other roads as this has not featured in other areas. A consistent approach of all lights on, or all lights off ensures that pedestrians in particular become used to the prevailing night-time lighting conditions, rather than moving in and out of lit and unlit areas.

I will issue a works instruction and advise the Parish Council when work is to commence.”

**Footpath 18 Coastal Path** - a letter has been sent to Martin Caddy D.C.C. Coast Path Team requesting a meeting to discuss possible options for the re-opening of the path.

**Crown Estates Lease** – all outstanding issues from the Parish Council have been resolved. Final details have to be confirmed from the two other parties involved.

**36/2015 Matters Brought Forward with the Consent of the Chairman**

**Landscape House-** the clerk was asked to report a visit from County Highways to look at the road drainage and gullies on this section of road to lessen the volume of water descending down the hill and causing problems elsewhere.

**Camberley** - a complaint had been received regarding the placement of litter and garden waste wheelie bins on the pavement at this property.

**Woolacombe Bay Hotel** – reinstatement of white lines outside the Woolacombe Bay Hotel was required.

**37/2015 Licence Applications: None**

**38/2015 Cheques for Approval and Signature.**

The following cheques were 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:

16	103394	Petty Cash	250.00
16	103395	S Hocking	1230.59
16	103396	J Keiff	221.05
16	103397	PAYE Month 10	813.58
16	103398	Parkin Estates	20.00
16	103399	BFS	52.80
16	103400	T Hawkes	615.00
16	103901	Glasdon	282.10
16	103902	S McCarthy	100.00
16	103903	J & J Bins	69.33
16	103904	Staples	158.52
16	103905	Jewson	84.61
16	103906	P landscape	256.20
16	103907	NDC	274.45

### Part 2

Correspondence not requiring discussion is available in the Council Chamber

### 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. 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: March 16<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 7 p.m.**

The meeting ended at 8 45 p.m.

