

**Minutes of the meeting of Mortehoe Parish Council held in the Council Chamber, The Esplanade, Woolacombe, on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 7.00 p.m.**

**Present: S Woodman, (Chairman), D Duffield, E Bond, D Barron, J Richards and K Cook**

**Also Present: Councillor Barker (N.D.C) and 3 members of the public**

**Clerks: Mrs Keiff and Mrs Hocking**

**1/2015 Apologies for absence: Councillors Wilkinson; Lamb; Davis and P.C. Kirk**

**2/2015 Guest Speaker: Architects from David Wilson Partnership Re: Draft Plans for the new club house at Woolacombe Bay Holiday Village** - Members were shown the updated draft plans for the club house which incorporated the replacement of the current building and shop complex. The new proposal would lead to a lower profile on the skyline with segmented design to maximize the views from within and to reduce the visual impact on the surrounding countryside. The building incorporated non reflective glass. Mr Lancaster stated that that there had been considerable consultation with the planning office to ensure a good design with minimum impact on the AONB and other sensitive areas. *Members welcomed the investment into the community and asked a number of questions. They looked forward to seeing the plans as a full application.*

**3/2015 Public Speaking – *There were no representations to speak.***

**4/2015 Police Report – The clerk read out a report on behalf of P.C. Kirk**

**Crime Report** – There have been 4 reported crimes from 8.12.2014 which is the same number as for the same period last year. Two of the crimes were assaults, one being domestic related. One was a theft from a hotel room and the last is the theft of a trailer from the work site at the Narracott. This crime occurred last week and is still being investigated.

**P.C.S.O.** – there has been a change of P.C.S.O.s and Paul Grantham has now taken over from Dale Kingdom who will now be responsible for Mortehoe and Woolacombe.

**5/2015 Declaration of interests: None**

**6/2015 Minutes:**

It was *Proposed to* approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on December 16<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 7 p.m. at the Council Chamber. *Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.*

**7/2015 . County Council Report** – Councillor Davis was unable to attend.

**Budget Consultation** - Over the past four years the County Council's funding has been cut by 27% as a result of a Government squeeze on local government spending and savings of nearly £128 million have already been delivered in Devon.

**This year (2015/16) a further saving of £50 million is required as a result of the Government's latest Comprehensive Spending Review. This will be followed by a saving of at least £34 million in 2016/17.**

Each year it is harder and harder to balance the budget and meet our core duties such as protecting children and supporting the elderly and vulnerable. To continue to do the best we can for Devon residents we have to look at everything we do and the way we do it. This means making some tough choices.

Whilst every effort is being made to protect vital local services by cutting our costs and finding efficiencies, finding the scale of savings required inevitably means making major changes in the way some services are delivered and, where necessary, some significant service reductions. Members of the public can help to influence our decisions about how future savings are made by telling us your priorities. The consultation closes on the 30<sup>th</sup> January, please try and participate, it really does help if we have an idea about what people want us to do.

**Public transport review** - Our current Public Transport budget for 2014/15 is £5.772m, of which £5.376m is used to support nearly 200 bus services in Devon, carrying around 4.5m passengers every year. £0.396m of the budget provides support for Community Transport. Since April 2011, when a reduction in the budget of £1.35m was implemented, there have been no service reductions for council funded bus services with efficiencies across the wider Transport Co-ordination Service providing required savings. To help meet the £50 million budget reduction required by Government spending cuts next year, we now face making savings of £1.7m out of our annual bus subsidy. It will be the first time that we have been forced to make bus service reductions for four years and the proposals to meet these savings will be considered by the County Council's Cabinet on Wednesday 14 January 2015.

## **8/2015 Planning**

### **58637 Erection of new dwelling at**

**Land adjacent to Farthings, Bay View Road, Woolacombe.**

*Members voted to hold a site meeting on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 3.30 p.m.*

### **58636 Enlargement of existing balcony at**

**Watersmeet Hotel, The Esplanade, Woolacombe.**

Members had no objections to the plans subject to the approval of the views and conditions laid down by the conservation officer as expressed in the design statement.

***Proposed APPROVAL. Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.***

### **Planning Permission Received:**

**58109 Erection of one unit of holiday accommodation at  
Crows Nest, Morteohoe.**

**58415 Variation of condition 3 (occupancy restriction) attached to planning permission  
57953 to allow extended holiday lets at  
Narracott Hotel, Beach Road, Woolacombe.**

**57701 Extension to dwelling & conversion of garage & proposed  
boundary treatment & landscaping to rear garden  
(amended plans & description) at  
3 Chichester Park, Woolacombe.**

### **Planning Permission Refused:**

**57579 Demolition of existing bungalow & erection of detached house (further amended  
plans) at  
Site of The Nook, Morteohoe Station Road, Morteohoe.**

**58334 Conversion of agricultural building to form one dwelling (relocation of  
residential use from caravan to barn) at  
The Caravan & adjacent Barn, Highcroft Farm, Shaftsborough Lane,  
Ilfracombe**

## **9/2015 District Council Report**

**Joint Working with Torridge District Council** – Councillor Barker informed members that Torridge Council had withdrawn from many of the joint working initiatives leading to staff changes at North Devon District.

**Barnstaple Swimming Pool** – talks were continuing with Midas concerning corrosion problems at the pool. The long term future of the facility was being discussed.

**Civic Centre** – the transfer of the Councils I.T. took place over the Christmas holidays with the offices now situated at Brynesworthy.

**Collection of Rubbish and recycling in the area** – Councillor Barker urged members to pass on information regarding problems with the collection of waste and recycling from business properties and second homes following complaints.

**Parade House Planning Proposal** - is to be discussed at the Planning Committee meeting on Wednesday January 21<sup>st</sup> .

**10/2015 Questions for the National Trust** - members discussed items to be included on the agenda for the forthcoming meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> January with Mr Joules.

**11/2015 Correspondence:** i) **Letter from M Kelly Planning Manager NDC Re Affordable Housing** - *members were disappointed that the changes would further hamper the likelihood of much needed affordable housing projects in the Parish.*

ii) **Invitation from Morteheo Museum for Open Evening 9<sup>th</sup> February** – *Contents noted*

iii) **Request from N Loft re: Proposed reduction in Street Lighting in Morteheo and Woolacombe.** – *members agreed to pass on Mr Lofts request for 6 lights in Chichester Park to be kept on for the safety of all users and inhabitants of the road.*

## **12/2015 Register of Outstanding Matters – Agenda Item 11**

**Highways** – the clerk reported that registering of requests for the clearance of blocked drains in Morteheo Village Centre, the Fortescue and flooding between the Fortescue and Turnpike Cross.

The collapsed large directional road sign at Turnpike Cross has also been reported.

**Blocked Drains** - in Morteheo Village Centre have been reported.

**Meadow** – the bonfire site has been cleared of debris. As soon as weather permits, the tarmac adjacent to the bonfire site will be cleared and put on the path above.

**Section 106 Funding** – following the request from NDC for projects within the Parish for the allocation of £1600 106 money, members suggested putting the money towards the improvements to Combesgate Toilets or to improvement works at the Meadow Playing Fields. £7.36 is allocated per elector.

**Proposed changes to Combesgate Toilets** – NDC have sent plans of their ‘charter standard’ facilities across the district. These will form the basis for the proposed changes to Combesgate to incorporate combined new facilities with a work and storage space for the Parish Council Groundsman.

**Rockham Steps** – the clerk reported a recent meeting of the National Trust with County engineers and the County Footpath officer to discuss the imminent work to be carried out on the creation of a new access to Rockham Beach. The work is due to be completed by Easter.

**T.A.P. Funding** – a joint application for funding will be submitted in conjunction with Georgeham Parish subject to initial approval from the grants office. Three prices for bark have been obtained for 20 cubic meters:

1. £2,210 .40 + VAT
2. £2,145.36 + VAT
3. £ 1,075.00 + VAT

**Street Lights** – Faulty street lights on Beach Road, Bay View Road, Chapel Hill and the school path have been reported.

**Affordable Housing** – a practical guide for Parish Councils on affordable Rural Housing has been published. A copy of the booklet is available for members.

**13/2015 Matters Brought Forward with the Consent of the Chairman**

**Blocked Drains and gulleys** - Beach Road (near Methodist Chapel) and Damage Barton.

**Sand on Road** – near the beach entrance.

**Obscured Yellow Lines** - between the Red Barn and the Beach entrance.

**Street Lights** – it was reported that the street lights installed by the Parish Council some years ago were in need of repainting.

**Auction Field** – the clerk was asked to report to enforcement officers the continued parking of a number of cars on the site.

**14/2015 Licence Applications: None**

**15/2015 Cheques for Approval and Signature.**

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

19	103380	Mr C J Coward	60.00
19	103381	Ricoh	123.95
19	103382	Simpsons	90.30
19	103383	S.W.W.	685.97
19	103384	P Lanscape	249.95
19	103385	J Mayhew	69.33
19	103386	Columbaria	84.00
19	103387	Paye Month 9	783.64
19	103388	S Hocking	1,196.13
19	103389	J Keiff	221.05
19	103390	N.D.C .	25.05
19	103391	Gliddon & Squire	352.50
19	103392	Columbaria	84.00

**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. Devon Senior Voice - Newsletter.
6. Health Watch Voices

Yours faithfully

*Sally Hocking*

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**Date of the next meeting: February 16th 2015 at 7 p.m.**

Meeting ended at 8 20 p.m.

**Minutes of the site meeting of Morteohoe Parish Council held on Thursday January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2014 at 11 a.m. at Land adj Farthings, Bay View Road, Woolacombe.**

**Present:** Councillors: S Woodman (Chairman); D Duffield; D Barron; J Richards;  
E Bond and K Cook  
**Clerk:** S Hocking and 6 members of the public.

**18/2015 Declaration of Interests - None**

**19/2015 Planning**

**58637 Erection of new dwelling at**

**Land adjacent to Farthings, Bay View Road, Woolacombe.**

Members agreed to defer any decision until more information was available from the architects regarding the height of the proposed building.

It was agreed to hold a further meeting on Thursday January 29<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 7 p.m.

The meeting ended at 4.30 p.m.

**Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of Morteohoe Parish Council held in the Council Chamber, The Esplanade, Woolacombe, on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 7.00 p.m.**

**Present:** S Woodman (Chairman), D Duffield, E Bond, D Barron, J Richards and K Cook

**Also Present:** 5 members of the public

**Clerk:** S Hocking

**20/2015 Apologies for absence: None**

**21/2015 Public Speaking**

**Mr A. Ashford Re Application 58637** – Mr Ashford informed members of the changes to the proposed plans compared to the previous plans submitted in 2006. These included: reductions to the size of the building and alterations to the height of the roof.. Mr Ashford answered a number of questions from members.

**Mr D Brown Re: Planning Application 58637** – Mr Brown voice his objections to the plans and outlined the impact that the proposed building would have on the amenities of the neighbouring properties. He pointed out the main of the principles of the conservation area and the importance of the preservation of the gaps and green spaces between buildings. He felt that the proposed building represented infilling and would be detrimental to the conservation area and that the granting of permission would set a precedent for similar applications.

**Mr P Little Re; Planning Application 58637** – Mr Little expressed concerns with the height of the proposed building. He expressed support for his neighbours and the preservation of the conservation area.

## 22/2015 Declaration of Interests

Councillor Duffield declared a personal interest in application 58157 as a member of his family lived at the adjoining property.

Members noted that the applicant was known to the council members as landlord of a local public house.

## 23/2015 Planning

**58157**                      **Extension & alterations to 1 & 2 Parade House together with erection of one dwelling (additional information) at Parade House, The Esplanade, Woolacombe.**

*(The clerk read out part of a letter submitted with relevance to the daylight and sunlight survey)*

Members expressed concerns regarding the accuracy and diligence of the survey and subsequent findings.

1. It was pointed out that the survey had not taken into account the ground floor of the property at the rear of Parade House which, they argued, was the most effected by the proposed developments.
2. They therefore felt that the light survey did not represent a true picture and disputed the findings.
3. Members also felt that the survey did not take into account the rural and open setting of the building and felt that there would be a greater expectation for daylight and sunlight than that to be found in an urban setting.
4. Members disputed the findings of the report and felt that due diligence for the impact on all the properties at Parade House had not been taken into account.

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

*(The clerk read out one letter of representation)*

Members were minded to approve the application subject to the following changes:

1. Members were concerned at the height of proposed building and the impact on the amenities on the buildings behind. They suggested that the height of the garage roof be reduced to the height of the forward gable above the guest bedroom.
2. Members were concerned of the impact of the building on the conservation area and suggested neutral colours might reduce the impact.

***Proposed APPROVAL. Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.***

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**Date of the next meeting: February 16th 2015 at 7 p.m.**

The meeting ended at 8.15 p.m.

