

**Minutes of the Finance meeting of Mortehoe Parish Council
held in the Council Chamber, The Esplanade, Woolacombe
on Tuesday April 22nd 2014 at 6.30 p.m.**

Present:

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

Clerk: Mrs S. Hocking and Mrs Keiff.

Also Present:

59/2014 Apologies for Absence: Councillors; Richards, Lamb and Cook

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 2013 at 6.30 p.m. (*It was pointed out that the Minutes had already been approved at the December meeting 2013*)

61/2013 To Consider the Receipts and Payments Accounts for the last financial year from 1.4.2013 to 31.3.2014

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

62/2013 Allocation of the Balance of Funds

(The clerk apologised to members and the R.F.O. for a misunderstanding which had lead to tarmac work originally budgeted for 2015 being completed this year as part of the resurfacing work undertaken on Marine Drive)

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 2014/2015

After due consideration, it was *Proposed and seconded* to accept the estimated accounts for 2014/2015

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 Morteoh Parish Council held in the Council Chamber, The Esplanade, Woolacombe, on Tuesday 22nd April 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

**Present: Members: D Duffield, D Barron, S Woodman, G Webb(Chairman)
M Wilkinson, E Bond, and R Lamb .**

Clerks: S Hocking and J Keiff

Also Present: Councillor: Davis D.C.C.; S Aryes (N.T.) and 3 members of the public

64/2014 Apologies: Councillors Cook and Richards: P.C. Kirk, J Fairhurst and S Mulberry (N.T.)

65/2014 Public Speaking Time

John Woodward – Ref: Planning Application 56932 Parade House - Mr Woodward explained to members the nature of the amendments made to the proposal which included at reduction in length on the western extension and changes to the glazed link.

Members thanked Mr Woodward for his attendance

Andrew Gould Re: Funding for Local Pharmacies – Mr Gould appealed for the council's support in petitioning for the continuation of funding support for local pharmacies which is due to expire within the next two years. *Members were very supportive of Mr Gould and the clerk was asked to write to the appropriate NHS department*

65/2014 Police Report – The following report was read out by the clerk on behalf of P.C. Kirk who reported his intention of attending the Annual Parish Meeting on the 24th April.

Crime Figures - Reported crimes in the Parish for March totalled 6 (compared to 8 for March 2013) and to date (13/04) in April there have been 4 reported crimes (compared to 5 in the same period for 2013). The Marisco night club opened on 11 April. There were approximately 350 in attendance and 4 police officers dedicated to Woolacombe throughout the evening. The evening passed off without any significant incident.

66/2014 Declaration of Interests -

Planning Application 57070 – The Rocks Hotel – Councillor Duffield declared a personal interest in this application.

Planning Application 56932 – Parade House – Councillor Duffield declared a personal interest in this application.

67/2014 Minutes

It was Proposed to approve as a correct record, and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on March 17th 2014 at 7.00 p.m. at the Council Chamber.

Seconded. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

68/2014 County Council Report

Library Consultation – Councillor Davis reported that [Devon County Council](#) has announced plans to consult on an ambitious vision for a public library service that is sustainable, receptive to communities' needs, and fit for the future.

First, it is asking communities whether the proposals it is putting forward today are right for the service, with further engagement likely later in the year.

With a decline in traditional book lending and rise in the popularity of online and e-reader technologies, the face of Devon's library service is already changing as libraries become centres – 'Devon Centres' – for communities offering a broader range of services.

These factors, as well as a need for the service to save £1.5 million by 2017 on top of £3 million savings already made, is influencing the Council's current thinking on what Devon's library service might look like in future.

Arts Council England, which is responsible for public library policy, has published what it thinks a modern library service should offer. Their findings suggest that the Council's 'Devon Centre' model, with multiple services brought under the one roof, is spot on for what a modern library service should offer.

So in the footsteps of The Hayridge in Cullompton, the Passmore Edwards Centre in Newton Abbot, and after next month's opening of the multi-million pound refurbished Exeter Library, the Council is proposing to develop a further 19 Devon Centres including fifteen of its busiest libraries.

These include Barnstaple, Crediton, Dawlish, Honiton, Ilfracombe, Ivybridge, Kingsbridge, Okehampton, Seaton, Sidmouth, South Molton, Tavistock, Teignmouth, Tiverton and Torrington.

These 22 Devon Centres, which account for nearly 80 per cent of the Council's total library usage, would form the backbone of the county's future library provision, offering high quality services to encourage reading; support access to information and learning; and promote access to wider cultural activity alongside a wider range of complementary community services.

At the same time, the Council wants to talk to local communities to identify how 28 smaller libraries could be sustained in future. Libraries serving smaller communities, those that are less well used or are close to other larger libraries, fall within a proposal to encourage and support communities to come forward with ideas on how the service could be sustained in future. The Council has no single model in mind, recognising that Devon's towns and villages are very different. Several community-led library services operate in Devon, with or independent of the Council's support.

In addition, the Council is proposing to:

- Continue reducing the Council's management and support costs
- Develop new ways to maintain the reach of the current mobile library service, but at less cost. Even after recent efficiency changes, which saw mobile library stops with fewer than 3 users removed from routes, and stops move from fortnightly to monthly, the service is still expensive to run and the Council feels that there may be alternatives that are just as effective, but are lower cost
- Find out how services to residents of residential homes could be more personalised as well as made more cost effective
- Identify how the Council's use of technology can be improved to widen access to the library service
- Continue seeking new sources of income and external funding.

The Council will put all seven proposals out for public consultation over the next three months, to gauge public reaction and hopefully to kick-start local conversations about possible community-led solutions.

Then better informed, the Council will announce firm proposals in the Autumn, followed by further engagement with local communities.

Details of the proposals and information about engaging with the consultation will be available online at www.toughchoices.co.uk from 17th April

Consultation on future of youth service

[Devon County Council](#) has launched a public consultation on a fundamental change in its youth service. The county is considering moving from a universal service to a more targeted approach aimed at early help and prevention.

Skilled youth workers would work with social workers and other partners to identify and provide early help and support to vulnerable young people and those most at risk. This targeted approach means the County Council would no longer manage or run more traditional centre-based activities aimed at universal support for all youngsters. Community and voluntary groups or others with an interest will be invited to suggest alternative models or express an interest in taking over any of the council's 34 youth centres as part of the 12 week consultation. A number of innovative proposals have already been received from community based organisations as part of public engagement on the future of the service begun in October.

The proposed changes are a response to the recent critical Ofsted report of the County's children's services together with the budget pressures being faced by all Councils. The youth service currently costs £3.7 million a year and employs 114 full-time-equivalent (FTE) staff.

The county council has to save £110 million from its spending by 2017 and has consistently warned that all services would come under the spotlight.

It must provide a number of services by law and whilst the youth service is not a statutory service the council is keen to find alternative delivery partners to secure a sustainable future. Many county councils around the country have already moved from universal provision to targeted services and these proposals will bring Devon into line with many neighbouring and comparable authorities.

Public consultation will start on Monday 3 February and there will be community events around the county along with face to face meetings with young people who currently use the service.

To take part in the consultation go to: www.devon.gov.uk/youthreview

Consultation ends on 27th April 2014

Comments or questions can be directed to peopleservices-mailbox@devon.gov.uk

Devon handed £7 million for winter damage repairs - Devon County Council has received almost £7 million to help repair the damage caused to the county's roads by the severe winter weather.

The additional funding from the Department for Transport is a share of £183.5 million of extra funding made available by the government to help with much needed road repairs following the wettest winter on record.

Over the winter, there has been significant damage to the surfaces of many roads in Devon and the number of potholes reported has increased from 2,000 in December, to 7,500 in January, and a further 7,900 in February. Devon currently has 34 pothole teams repairing defects across the county, which is almost triple the usual number.

They are currently repairing around 500 potholes a day.

The £6,985,437 received by Devon will help to repair the damage to road surfaces, including pothole repairs on the county's 8,000 miles of roads, which is the biggest highway network of any authority in the country.

To receive almost £7 million will help Devon county council in our efforts to repair some of the damage to Devon's roads, which has developed due to severe storm damage and abnormally prolonged wet weather. The winter storms have hit our roads extremely hard and it has highlighted how fragile the network is. We have been calling for additional support after such a severe winter and while we have sustained more than £7 million of damage, this money will go some way towards covering the cost of some of the damage. We are already getting on with the job in hand, but even

with this extra funding it will still take time to carry out the sheer volume of work that is needed. Government also announced a £200 million fund for potholes as part of the budget and Devon will be bidding for its share of this extra money.”

All 116 local highway authorities across the country that have received a share of the funding will be required to show where the money has been spent by publishing information on their websites by the end of August.

Devon has a highway maintenance backlog of £767 million, which is the amount that would be needed to bring Devon’s roads up to scratch. The county needs around £64 million of investment a year to maintain the current condition of Devon’s road network.

The County Council is also still dealing with the legacy of the remaining repairs from the £18 million of damage caused by the storms of 2012/13, which are being funded from capital allocations over the next few years.

Mullacott Flooding - £20,000 has been allocated to carry out further work to improve the drainage at the regular flood site at Mullacott.

Pot Holes on the Esplanade – Councillor Davis pointed out that there were no funds currently available for the filling in of pot holes on this section of road.

On Street Parking - From the 1st April 2014 Devon County Council has taken over the enforcement of on-street parking from local District Councils.

If you have any questions or comments relating to parking enforcement please direct them to the parking services mailbox – parkingservices-mailbox@devon.gov.uk.

For general information on the service please visit our webpage www.devon.gov.uk/parking.

69/2014 Planning

57086 Extension and alterations to dwelling with erection of garage at Woodford House, North Morte Road, Morteheo.

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

57070 Side extension to dwelling at Downlands, Beach Road, Woolacombe.

This application had already been determined by the district council.

(Councillor Duffield left the chamber declaring an interest in the application.

The clerk drew members attention to the copied letters of objection)

57076 Retention of two residential flats & extension/conversion of hotel to form five residential flats at The Rocks Hotel, Beach Road, Woolacombe.

Members felt that the majority of the comments made regarding the plans when they were last considered in 2012 were apt and requested that an affordable element should be required within the proposal.

1. Members felt that the proposal represented an over intensification in terms of both mass and bulk.
2. Loss of amenities for neighbouring properties principally, loss of light and privacy.

Proposed REFUSAL. Seconded PASSED Unanimously.

56932 Extension & alterations to 1 & 2 Parade House together with erection of one dwelling (amended plans & additional information) at Parade House, The Esplanade, Woolacombe.

Members applauded the design for the reinstatement and restoration of the original details of Parade House but concerns remained regarding the impact of the proposed extensions.

1. Members felt that the proposed extensions lacked any local distinctiveness in its architectural style or materials and was not sympathetic with the features of the existing house or with the existing street scene.
2. Members therefore felt that proposal did nothing to enhance the character or appearance of the Woolacombe Conservation Area.
3. Members felt that because of the historic importance of Parade House and significance within this community that the full planning committee should consider the application rather than a delegated decision.

Proposed REFUSAL. Seconded PASSED 4 in favour of the proposal 1 abstention and 1 against the proposal.

(Councillor Duffield returned to the chamber)

57117 Part retrospective application for rebuild of chimney stack at 2 Adas Terrace, Mortehoe.

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

57176 Extension & alterations to dwelling together with erection of garage at Peacehaven, 2 The Grove, Woolacombe.

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

57153 Demolition of existing outbuildings & erection of garage at Claremont, Sunnyside Road, Woolacombe.

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

57207 Demolition of one existing & erection of one new dwelling together with associated landscaping works at Wayside, Upper Clay Park, Mortehoe, Woolacombe.

Members had no objections to this proposal but asked that the views of the immediate neighbours be taken into account regarding the demolition and construction work. ***Proposed APPROVAL. Seconded PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.***

57243 Erection of one temporary agricultural workers dwelling & one agricultural building at Little Ivycott, Woolacombe.

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

**57247 Alterations to dwelling & erection of raised decking at
55 Chichester Park, Woolacombe.**

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

Planning Permission Received:

56986 Extension to conservatory at

Apartment 2, White Rose, The Esplanade, Woolacombe .

57037 Extension & alterations to dwelling at

7 Seymour Bungalows, Sandy Lane, Woolacombe.

Planning Permission Refused: None

70/2014 District Council Report

Joint Local Plan - Councillor Barker reported on the recent launch of the North Devon Local Plan together with Torridge District Council. The plans, which have been approved by members, will be available for online viewing and the relevant sections will be sent to individual parishes for consultation.

Rural Seminar April 11th - Councillor Wilkinson reported on his attendance at the seminar. Amongst the items discussed were the Rural Fair Share Campaign which looked at the discrepancies in government support and wages for those living in this region compared to those living in London.

Permitted Development Rights – concerns were expressed for the change in planning policy which allowed for the development of 10 or less properties without the compulsory provision of an affordable element. Councillor Wilkinson also pointed out the possible impact of the new changes which allowed for Barn Conversions. Members expressed concerns for the possible effects of unsuitable developments on National Parks and rural areas.

Tidal Energy - Councillor Wilkinson reported on his attendance at seminars and meetings to discuss the possibility of tidal energy in the South West citing the example of the ongoing scheme at Swansea which had the potential to create benefits to the community and tourism economy.

71/2014 Questions for the National Trust – the chairman welcomed acting warden Stuart Ayres to the meeting. Members asked the following questions:

Footpath Closures - Mr Ayres discussed the ongoing difficulties faced by the Trust to open steps and other access to footpaths and beaches along this part of the coast.

Coastal Erosion Meeting Wednesday 23rd with Nick Harvey M.P. and Graham Watson (M.E.P) – Mr Ayres welcomed the opportunity to pass on the Trust's concerns with Members of Parliament the following day. *Members thanked the Trust for their ongoing work and practical help to make the meeting possible.*

72/2104 Correspondence:

- i) **Letter from R Holt (Morgan Sindal) Re: Building work at Woolacombe School** - *Members expressed concerns at the dual use of the car park as a community sports ground and as a possible builders compound. It was agreed to arrange a meeting with Mr Holt and a representative from the National Trust to discuss a possible solution to the problem.*

- ii) **Letter from Mrs J Gilbert Re: Mortehoe.** – *members felt that much of the areas of concern mentioned in the letter had been addressed in recent weeks. Councillor Greenslade’s response was included in the correspondence. Members felt that it would not be possible to reinstate the yellow lines throughout the village but proper enforcement of the present parking restrictions should be encouraged.*
- iii) **Fullerbrook Windfarm Community Interest Company AGM 25th April.** – *Contents noted .*
- iv) **Letter from S Kybert Mortehoe In Bloom** - *the clerk was asked to contact the North Devon Council to discuss the cutting timetable for the area and for further discussion with Mrs Kybert as to possible solutions to the problem*

73/2014 Register of Outstanding Matters

Mortehoe Car Park – following a public meeting held on 31st March in Mortehoe, Councillors Wilkinson and Barker requested a meeting with Mr Brian Greenslade (Leader of N.D.C.) and officers and it was agreed the daily car park rates for the car park should be reduced from £7.50 to £3.50. The new rate will be introduced as soon as the necessary legal and practical arrangements have been made.

Obstruction of the Highway - P.C. Kirk made the following observations regarding the parking of vehicles on the highway in response to the widespread parking of vehicles on the highway.

“if vehicles are parked and there are no restrictions then there is nothing we can do to move them.

If, however a person in charge of a motor vehicle or trailer causes or permits a vehicle to stand on a road so as to cause any unnecessary obstruction of the road then an offence could be committed. In reality, this means if a vehicle is parked in a way that another vehicle cannot pass then an obstruction may have been caused. It would be for the attending officer to decide if an obstruction is being caused (as it is that officer who would have to stand up in court if necessary). Initially, attempts would be made to contact the registered keeper and get the vehicle moved but failing this the officer could get the vehicle towed away, if authorised by an inspector. The person in charge of the vehicle could be reported for any offences disclosed. I can only advise that if an obstruction is deemed by anyone to be taking place then they need to call police and report this. “

Combesgate Steps – the clerk reported that during the last month, the steps have been inspected by both the council’s surveyor (responsible for the construction of the steps) and by our insurance advisor. Despite the inclusion of the steps on our insurance policy, the steps are not covered for storm damage. The County Council have now given permission for the steps to be reopened as it was felt that further cliff falls were unlikely.

Repairs to the Railings - Two estimates for work on the damaged railing have been received, in view of the urgency of the work, following consultation with two members, the cheaper estimate was chosen. The railings will be replaced and an additional section will be manufactured to protect users from a gap which has appeared following the cliff fall.

Play Area Reports - the annual inspection of the two areas have been carried out and any work highlighted in the reports has been carried out.

Marine Drive – Tarmacing – has been completed at the entrance. The worst pot holes and gullies on the first section of the car park have been repaired. The replacement of the line markings and safety markings throughout the car park will be carried out once the Easter

Holidays are over. This includes the remarking of the speed humps and all lettering on the car park as well as the chevroned areas and entrance markings.

Annual Audit – notification of the Audit has been sent and a delay of one month has been requested in order to meet the holiday arrangements of the council's internal auditor.

Combesgate and Marine Drive Toilets- have been opened. Maintenance works have been necessary at Combesgate in order to minimize water usage of the facilities.

74/2014 Parking Enforcement in Woolacombe and Morteheo - members were encouraged by the response from Mr Smith for Devon County Council and looked forward to meeting the area representative in the near future to discuss the arrangements for the Parish.

75/2014 Community Award Scheme. Members had received one nomination for the scheme this year and accepted the nomination for Mrs Linda Fryer for her services to the community over many years.

76/2014 Matters Brought Forward with the Consent of the Chairman

Horse Drawn Carriage Rides - members were concerned that the operator of the new service was also selling wares adjacent to the taxi rank.

Motor Homes on Marine Drive – concern was expressed at the parking of some owners of large motor homes who were taking up a number of spaces on the car park by parking side-on. The clerk agreed to ask the car park attendants to remind owners to park within a space.

77/2014 Licence Applications: None

78/2014 Cheques for Approval and Signature.

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

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| 24 | 103660 | Inland Rev Month 11 | 810.39 |
| 24 | 103661 | D. Hodges | 382.40 |
| 24 | 103662 | Mr K Ash | 1,606.02 |
| 31 | 103663 | P Starbuck | 260.00 |

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

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| 22 | 103664 | Jewson | 283.07 |
| 22 | 103665 | NDC | 16.70 |
| 22 | 103666 | S McCarthy | 100.00 |
| 22 | 103667 | GCSS | 68.72 |
| 22 | 103668 | Simpsons | 383.74 |
| 22 | 103669 | Playdale | 694.49 |
| 22 | 103670 | S Hiscock | 72.00 |
| 22 | 103671 | Plandscape | 78.00 |
| 22 | 103672 | BFS | 123.60 |
| 22 | 103673 | J&J Bins | 69.33 |
| 22 | 103674 | CPRE | 29.00 |
| 22 | 103675 | M Harrison | 259.32 |
| 22 | 103676 | PHS | 250.42 |
| 22 | 103677 | BFS | 24.00 |
| 22 | 103678 | Plandscape | 249.95 |
| 22 | 103679 | ICCM | 90.00 |
| 22 | 103680 | DALC | 362.70 |
| 22 | 103681 | Atac | 247.50 |
| 22 | 103682 | S&B | 194.40 |

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| 22 | 103683 | Simpsons | 8,623.91 |
| 22 | 103684 | Simpsons | 2,700.00 |
| 22 | 103685 | S Hocking | 1,190.86 |
| 22 | 103686 | J Keiff | 224.98 |
| 22 | 103687 | D Hodges | 469.12 |
| 22 | 103688 | R Walker | 498.92 |
| 22 | 103689 | I Rev. Month 12 | 624.39 |
| 22 | 103690 | N DC | 50.00 |
| 22 | 103691 | SWW | 34.39 |
| 22 | 103692 | S Hocking Re; Computer | 549.00 |

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. Junk Mail - Community Recycling Network
3. 'Everyone's Tomorrow' – Newsletter from Senior Council Of Devon
4. Devon Senior Voice - Newsletter.
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: Monday May 19th at 7 p.m.

Meeting ended at:9.00 p.m.

Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting of Mortehoe Parish Council held in Woolacombe Village Hall on Thursday April 24th 2014 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Members: E Bond, G Webb, (Chairman), D Barron, K Cook, M Wilkinson, and S Woodman,

Clerk: Mrs S. Hocking and Mrs Keiff.

Also Present: Fire Officer S Davey, P.C.Kirk and 5 members of public.

84/2014 Apologies for Absence: Councillors; Davis; Barker ; Duffield; Lamb and Richards

85/2014 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 22nd April 2013 in Mortehoe Village Hall. *Noted*

86/2014 Matters arising from the Minutes – None

87/2014 Police and Fire Service Reports –

Fire Service Report

| Call outs : | 2007/8 | 2008/9 | 2009/10 | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | 2012/13 |
|-------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total | 79 | 83 | 83 | 68 | 92 | |
| Co- Resp:% | 47 | 59 | 51 | 45 | 62 | |

Watch Officer Davey – reported on a fairly quiet year with the exception of one significant property fires during the year at the Fish & Chip shop in Mortehoe. The crew had attended other major incidents in the area. In total there had been 17 fire calls which was the lowest number on record. Mr Davey accredited this figure to the rise in use of smoke detectors and changes in the methods of hearing properties.

Co- Responder Calls – Watch Officer Davey reported on 85 calls in the last 12 months 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 there had been widespread opposition from the majority of retained fire stations. (*Members of the council questioned Mr Davey on this issue and the clerk was asked to write a further letter to the Fire Service Commanders highlighting the importance of the service in this area with the very high percentage of tourist numbers.*)

Carbon Monoxide Alarms - Watch Officer Davey urged all members of the public to install an alarm as improvements in insulation in homes had lead to an increased dangers of carbon monoxide build up.

The use of B.B.Q.s were a common cause of fire incidents including two deaths at Croyde. This had led the local fire officers to issue leaflets to all the sites in the Parish.

Police Report

Apologies – P.C. Kirk apologised on behalf of other members of the neighbourhood team, Inspector Bartlett, Sergeant Jones and Community P.C.S.O, Dale Kingdom.

P.C.Kirk – reported that overall crime for Devon between April 2013/ March 2014 went down by 0.3% despite a very busy summer. There had been a substantial reduction in non-dwelling burglary 12.8% or 341 crimes; robbery 8.1% or 15 crimes; dwelling burglary 7.9% or 129 crimes; criminal damage 7.4% or 553 crimes and vehicle offences 2.3% or 70 crimes.

Increase in Crime levels in Devon - Domestic abuse 22.8% or 886 crimes ; violence without injury 16.4% or 686 crimes ; violence with injury 2.8% or 143 crimes; public order offences 11.8% or 295 crimes; shoplifting 15.6% or 556 crimes; sexual offences 13.6 or 128 crimes . P.C. Kirk assured the public that these areas will receive continued focus:

Crime Figures for Mortehoe Parish :

| Crime Figures | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Reported Crimes | 73 | 85 | 82 | 112 |

P.C. Kirk explained the rise in the crime rate by reporting a neighbourhood dispute in the parish which had accounted for 20 of the crimes

Unattended Items - A common crime in the Parish is also the theft of unattended items. The police continue to work with the holiday sites to try and highlight the problem to guests and visitors to the beach.

Dog Related Incidents – most incidents reported are not a criminal offence but a civil matter. The police work closely with the district council and dog wardens on such matters.

Speed Watch – the police work closely with Woolacombe Primary School and carry out an annual school speed watch which is used as an educational process for both the children and any motorist caught exceeding the speed limit.

High Risk Missing Persons – there were a number of incidents involving missing persons within the Parish, all were found safe and sound.

Opening of the Marisco – P.C. Kirk reported on the opening of the club on April 11th which approximately 450 people in attendance. Four police officers remained in attendance for the whole evening which passed off without incident. *(Members queried whether individual clubs contributed for the cost of the policing. P.C. Kirk reported that, at present the police did not require this)*

Licensing – P.C. Kirk reported on an initiative introduced in Cornwall which required ‘Take Away’ outlets to close 20 minutes before the turn out at adjacent night clubs which had led to reduction in incidents.

Police Cut Backs – *P.C. Kirk was asked about recent announcements in further police cuts and the possible impact on policing in the area.*

88/2014 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.

89//2014 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.

90/2014 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 Lynda Fryer be given a special award for her contribution to village life over many decades. The chairman then presented Mrs Fryer with a framed certificate.

915/2014 Any Other Business - None

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 8.05 p.m.