

**Minutes of the meeting of Morteohoe Parish Council held in the Council Chamber, The Esplanade, Woolacombe, on Monday August 18th 2014 at 7.00 p.m.**

**Present: Members:** J Richards, R Lamb, S Woodman, (Chairman),  
M Wilkinson and E Bond.

**Clerks:** S Hocking and J Keiff

**Also Present:**

**160/2014 Apologies: Councillors: Davis(D.C.C.) ; Barker (N.D.C.)  
Councillors: Duffield; Webb; Cook and Barron.  
P.C. Kirk, J Fairhurst and S Mulberry (N.T.)**

**161/2014 Public Speaking Time** – There were no representations to speak

**162/2014 Police Report** – The clerk presented the following report on behalf of the police.  
**Police Office** - P.C. Kirk stated that records would be kept of the numbers of people using the police office for this initial period and then, in consultation with the council, decide what is appropriate in the future..

**Police Coverage during August** - P.C. Kirk has given reassurances on police coverage during the month and particularly the bank holiday weekend. This will consist of our proactive delivery team, which consists of a sergeant and 4 constables for the weekend of the surfers ball and we are also taking steps to ensure that the bank holiday Monday has as much police presence as possible.

**Drug Related Issues in Woolacombe** - any concerns regarding the use or availability of drugs in the Parish should be passed on the police and action will be taken.

**Police Website and New App.**

**Message from PCSO Dale Kingdom:**

**“Can I make members of a new website and App that is available for all.**

**The Ask the Police website and smartphone App is an excellent tool for both crime reduction and reducing call centre demand, as it provides an easy to use self service facility for general non-emergency police enquiries.**

- **Every day, Devon and Cornwall Police receive approximately 2000 non emergency calls from the public. ‘Ask the Police’ is available as a link from the homepage of the Devon and Cornwall Police website.**
- **‘Ask the Police’ contains nationally consistent answers to over 750 of the questions most frequently asked of the Police.**
- **The public can quickly find the answers they need from this extensive resource, and the service is free. If the answer is not contained on the ‘Ask the Police’ website there is a facility to email the question which is usually answered within 24hrs.**
- **Ask The Police’ is also available as a free app from the iTunes store for iPhones and for Android devices from Google Play**

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**163/2014 Declaration of Interests** - None

**164/2014 Minutes:**

***It was Proposed To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on July 21<sup>st</sup> 2014 at 7 p.m. Seconded. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.***

## **165/2014 County Council Report –**

**County Highways – winter storm damage** - it has been confirmed that the following road works will take place: Resurfacing of: The Esplanade; Challacombe Hill; Willingcott to Buttermead Farm.

**Mullacott** - more work will take place to alleviate the continued flooding at Mullacott.

## **166/2014 Planning**

**57688                      Extension & alterations to dwelling at  
4 Chichester Park, Woolacombe.**

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

**57243                      Erection of one temporary agricultural workers dwelling  
& One agricultural building (amended plans) at  
Little Ivycott, Woolacombe.**

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

**57819                      Removal of condition 2 (approved drawings) attached to  
planning permission 55404 to allow for retention of existing  
garage at  
Hawthorne House, Poole Lane, Woolacombe.**

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

*(Consultation as an adjoining parish)*

**57833                      Conversion of barn to form 1 unit of residential  
accommodation at  
Yarde Farm, Morteheo.**

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

## **Planning Permission Received:**

**57598                      Change of use of agricultural land to garden curtilage to allow  
additional off street parking spaces at  
Furlong Down, Poole Lane, Woolacombe.**

**57736                      Application for a non material amendment to planning permission 57207  
in respect of additional windows, solar panels & alterations to parking  
area & treatment plant at  
Wayside, Upper Clay Park Road, Morteheo.**

**57592                      Removal of condition 7 (disposal of surface water) attached to planning  
permission 54698 at  
Crow's Nest, Upper Clay Park Road, Morteheo.**

**57679                      Conversion of guest house and holiday apartments to form two dwellings  
at Cleeve House Hotel, North Morte Road, Morteheo.**

## **Planning Permission Refused: None**

### **Planning Application Withdrawn :**

**57297                      Conversion of garage into dependent relative annex  
(amended location plan) at  
Bracken Corner, Woolacombe.**

**Letter from Planning Officer Mary Pool and Conservation Officer Re; Planning Advice in a Conservation Area** – *members thanked the planning office for their letters.*

### **167/2014 District Council Report**

**‘Once Upon A Time’** – Councillors Wilkinson and Councillor Woodman had visited the site following discussion with planning officers and the developer.

**Green Tops** - Councillor Wilkinson reported that enforcement action was being taken regarding the development and building regulations.

**‘The Nook’** – Councillor Wilkinson informed members that amended plans for the development were expected following a visit from planning officers.

**‘Civic Concert’ 14<sup>th</sup> September Morteohoe Parish Church** – Councillor Wilkinson invited all members to the celebration of the North Devon Coast with music and words. The event is being held to mark Councillor Wilkinson’s election as Chairman of North Devon Council.

**168/2014 Questions for the 169/2014 Correspondence National Trust** – **there were no questions for the warden this month.**

**169/2014 Correspondence** i) **Letter from Barnstaple Town Council Re: Initiation to Environment School Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October** - *contents noted*

ii) **Letter from N Harvey Re: Coastal Erosion** – *members were disappointed that there was no funding available.*

iii) **Best Kept Village Report on Morteohoe** – members were disappointed at some of the comments and felt that the village perhaps did not lend itself to the very high standards of the competition.

iv) **North Devon Biosphere Catchment Partnership** – the clerk reported on a letter received that day on a new initiative launched by the \*North Devon Biosphere Catchment Partnership, to help plan for a better future for North Devon’s rivers and waterways. The Parish have been asked to comment on issues that they feel are important such as issues with flooding, water quality, litter, river access, land ownership, riparian rights, walking, dog waste, over development or how to use the river better, agriculture, industry or tourism. – *the clerk agreed to submit a response raising relevant matters regarding the waterways in the Parish.*

v) **Letter from Morteohoe and Woolacombe Football Club** - *it was agreed to discuss the request at the September meeting when the full council was present.*

### **170/2014 Register of Outstanding Matters**

**Licensing** – the clerk reported that following the querying at the July meeting on why the license application had been passed when the planning permission had been refused, the licensing officer dealing with the application for Bill and Ben explained that the two applications have to be considered quite separately. For licensing applications, there are four objectives under the Licensing Act in which applications are judged. These are:

The Prevention of Crime and Disorder

The Promotion of Public Safety

The Prevention of Public Nuisance

The Protection of Children from Harm

**Letter to the Freeholder** – the freeholder has informed me that talks are continuing with the applicant regarding the matter.

**Planning Inspectorate Appeal for Bill and Ben’s** – an appeal has been registered for this application.

**Footpath 18** – the clerk reported that, following letters to the County Council Footpaths Officer, Mr Houghton has confirmed that the closure of the path for a further year. However, Mr Houghton has agreed to a meeting with the council, S.W. Footpaths Officer and a representative from S.W. Water to discuss the possible options for the eventual reopening of the path. I have contacted S.W.W. to enquire whether they may be able to assist with the funding to enable to reopening of the path.

**Rockham Bay** - the National Trust have been successful in an application for grant funding for the replacement of access steps down to the beach 2015/2016. The National Trust and D.C.C. were meeting on August 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss the continued access by members of the public to the beach despite warning signs.

**Grunta Beach Steps** – have been replaced and the beach re-opened.

**Woolacombe Pharmacy** - Nick Harvey met at the pharmacy with representatives from the council to discuss the possible future of the facility and the future of rural subsidies for the business.

**Caravan Warning Sign at Spreacombe** – has been erected at the road junction.

**Combesgate Toilets** – investigative cameras were used to find out why their were regular blockages at the facility in recent months. Work to repair and reline some of the drains and pipes will be necessary at the cost of approximately £500.

**Dog Awareness Day** – was held on Marine Drive on August 9<sup>th</sup> with representatives from the District Council, the National Trust, the police and Charter Vets. Organisers report on a successful day with future events being planned involving the joint organisations.

**Brambles on Chapel Hill** – have been removed by the National Trust

#### **171/2014 Vodaphone Rural Open Sure Signal**

The clerk informed members of the details of the programme which will allow up to 100 rural communities to apply for Vodaphone 3G mobile coverage. It uses 'femtocell' technology to provide a Vodafone 3G signal in areas where traditional mobile coverage has been unable to reach. – *It was agreed that the new facility might assist residents of Morteheo and agreed to discuss the matter further as to best locations for the placement of booster signals.*

#### **172/2014 Street Trading Woolacombe.**

*Members agreed to look in to possible measures that could be introduced to prevent street trading throughout the Parish. Members were disappointed in the response from County Highways and agreed to look at the procedures involved in the introduction of Bye-Laws.*

#### **173/2014 Matters Brought Forward with the Consent of the Chairman**

**Mullacott Riding Stables** – *members expressed concern at the activities of Mullacott Riding Stables which had necessitated three riders being airlifted to hospital in separate incidents in the past few weeks. The clerk reported on the latest incident on the 13<sup>th</sup> August in which two riders were taken to hospital and seven loose horses made their way from the beach at Putsborough to the entrance to Marine Drive. Members agreed to support Parkin Estates in letters to the stables raising concerns for the safety of the general public. It was also agreed to contact the council's insurers regarding the council's responsibilities to beach users.*

**HSBC** – the clerk was asked to write to the bank regarding the litter and weeds in the vicinity of the cash points and fire exit to the bank

**School Building Work** – *the clerk was asked to write to the building contractors at the school to ensure that drains and gullies in the vicinity of the works were cleaned following heavy rain and mud in the last few weeks.*

#### **174/2014 Licence Application - None**

**175/2014 Cheques for Approval and Signature.**

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

<b>28</b>	<b>103786</b>	<b>Mr K Ash</b>	<b>1,658.66</b>
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**The following cheques were approved and signed by two members at the meeting:**

<b>18</b>	<b>103769</b>	<b>W&amp;M Luncheon Club</b>	<b>286.20</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>103770</b>	<b>Fleet Line Markers</b>	<b>141.86</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>103771</b>	<b>Plandscape</b>	<b>329.89</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>103772</b>	<b>Cancelled</b>	
<b>18</b>	<b>103773</b>	<b>BFS</b>	<b>52.80</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>103774</b>	<b>P Starbuck</b>	<b>160.00</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>103775</b>	<b>Hi-Tec Drains</b>	<b>240.00</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>103776</b>	<b>Glasdons</b>	<b>210.00</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>103777</b>	<b>Staples</b>	<b>23.94</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>103778</b>	<b>Tower</b>	<b>145.75</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>103779</b>	<b>GCSS</b>	<b>70.54</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>103780</b>	<b>Inland Rev Month 4</b>	<b>1,268.88</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>103781</b>	<b>S Hocking</b>	<b>1,176.24</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>103782</b>	<b>J Keiff</b>	<b>240.13</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>103783</b>	<b>D Hodges</b>	<b>979.60</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>103784</b>	<b>R Walker</b>	<b>882.52</b>

**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. 'Everyone's Tomorrow' – Newsletter from Senior Council Of Devon**
- 3. Devon Senior Voice - Newsletter.**
- 4. Health Watch Voices**

*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 September 15<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 7 p.m.**

**The meeting ended at 7.45 p.m.**