

Minutes of the meeting of Morteheo Parish Council held in the Council Chamber, The Esplanade, Woolacombe, on Monday 21st January 2013 at 7.00 p.m.

Present:

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

Clerks: S Hocking and J Keiff

Also Present: J Fairhurst(N.T.), Mr R Bass, N. Worth and 3 members of the public

1/2013 Apologies for absence: Councillor J Richards; A Davis and S Mulberry

2/2013 Guest Speakers: Mr R Bass and Mr N Worth 70th Anniversary of Assault Training Centre – Mr Bass outlined the main details for the weekend of the 30th August and made the following requests..

1. **Use of the Meadow** - as a temporary camp site for the growing numbers of exhibitors. *(Members felt that advance arrangements could be made with local campsites for potential visitors. They did suggest however that the Meadow might be suitable as a secure site for a limited number of vintage vehicles if required.)13/2013*
2. **Use of Marine Drive** - for the parking of vintage vehicles on Marine Drive in a reserved area. *(Members suggested that further discussions take place nearer the time.)13/2013*
3. **Request to bring a vehicles on to the Greensward** *(Members were pleased to welcome the event onto the Greensward but suggested that a joint inspection took place nearer the event and that the organisers kept a contingency fund to make good any damage done to the surface of the Greensward)13/2013*

Members thanked Mr Bass for coming to the meeting and for the work that he was doing to commemorate the occasion.

3/2013 Public Speaking Time

Mrs E Hydlemann Re: Planning Application 54722 Barton Close Farm – Mrs Hydlemann voiced her concerns regarding the application and did not feel that the amendments had addressed her objections as expressed at the November meeting. She also stated that the consultation time, which had elapsed since being informed of the application on the 9th January, was insufficient to enable reports to be drawn up and requested that the council defer their decision.

4/2013 Crime Report - There was no crime report this month.

5/2013 Declaration of Interests:

15 /2013 Atlantic Array - Councillors: Cook, Woodman and Wilkinson declared an interest in this item as members of the Atlantic Disarray Group.

6/2013 Minutes:

It was Proposed to approve as a correct record, and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on December 17th 2013 at 7.00 p.m. at the Council Chamber. Seconded. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

7/2012 County Council Report – the clerk read out the following short report

Weather - The recent floods, snow and ice had lead to great demand on the services of the County Highways. The gritters are out in force but only on the main roads, extreme care is required on untreated roads.

Cost of flooding - the cost to DCC before the 21st December and the major floods was £4.2m (from the previous floods) it will be much more than that now. That is excluding the repairs required to the Tiverton canal.

Potholes can be reported directly to Councillor Davis to be logged onto the system.

D.C.C. Budget - it is Budget setting time at DCC. There will be however no increase to Council Tax this year from DCC as we are aware that residents are already struggling with heating bills, reduced incomes etc.

8/2013 Planning

54722 Installation of solar farm, comprising solar arrays, equipment housing, fencing, security, access tracks & ancillary development (amended plan & amended information) at Barton Close Farm, Georgeham.

Members asked the clerk to confirm with the planning officer whether the site was situated within the Coastal Preservation Area. Members agreed to hold a site meeting on Wednesday January 30th at 11.a.m.

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55025 Extension of porch/sunroom at Flat 1, St Michaels, The Esplanade, Woolacombe.

Members made no decision on this application as the application had already been decided on by the district council.

54976 Construction of 11 hardstanding caravan pitches at Willingcott Caravan Site, Woolacombe.

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

54744 Erection of agricultural worker's dwelling (additional information) at Lee Meadow Farm, Shaftsborough Lane, Woolacombe.

Members raised concerns regarding the siting of the proposed building within the A.O.N.B., Heritage Coast and Coastal Preservation Area and pointed out that the application was outside the development boundary for the Parish. They felt that the proposal was contrary to policies ENV 5, ENV 3 and ENV3 *Proposed REFUSAL. Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.*

55061 Extension & alterations to dwelling at Ivycott Farm, Woolacombe.

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

55099 Extension of time limit for implementation of planning permission 50014 – erection of one dwelling at Garden of Westwinds, Woolacombe Rise, Woolacombe.

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

55077 Raising of roof & alterations to first floor living accommodation at Coombe Cottage, The Esplanade, Woolacombe.

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

Planning Permission Received:

54860 Agricultural storage building for storage of machinery at Roadway Farm, Woolacombe.

55006 Non-material amendment to planning permission 48433 removal of door & window to be replaced by patio doors at 27 Chichester Park, Woolacombe.

54928 Extension to balcony/terrace, erection of sail canopy together with new access to lower gardens at The Watersmeet Hotel, Mortehoe, Woolacombe.

55011 Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 51442 to change internal layout & make changes to fenestration at Fircroft, Woolacombe Station Road, Woolacombe.

54952 Replacement of window with French doors together with rail guarding at Apartment 7, The Sands, Bay View Road, Woolacombe.

Planning Permission Refused: None

9/2013 District Council Report

Joint meeting of Torridge and North Devon Councils – Councillor Wilkinson reported on his recent attendance at the recent joint meeting to discuss the forthcoming proposed local plan document, which goes out for consultation on January 31st. The 300 page document has built on the previous draft core strategy which was published in 2010 and outlines areas suitable for 16,000 new and affordable homes to be built and an additional 157 hectares of land suitable for businesses to build on. The plan looks at each town within the area and in the coming weeks local planners will be visiting rural communities prior to the compilation of the third and final section of the plan.

Lend a Hand Scheme – Councillor Wilkinson informed members of the recent launch of the new scheme in the area aimed at helping first time buyers on the housing market. The scheme has already been launched in 28 other local authority areas and is a joint initiative with Lloyds TSB.

C.P.R.E. Best Kept Village in Devon Competition – Councillor Wilkinson informed members of the competition, a joint initiative between the C.P.R.E and Mole Valley Farmers.

It was agreed to publicise the competition to ascertain the level of interest amongst local organisations there was before proceeding with formal entry.

10/2013 Questions for the National Trust

Bio –blitz weekend 7th September – Mr Fairhurst provided further details of the forthcoming event to be held on the Greensward.

Footpaths - Mr Fairhurst informed members of ongoing work to repair damage sustained on paths by the recent floods and excessive amounts of rain. Work was ongoing on Gora Lane to improve the drainage and footpath surface. Work would be completed on other paths on an ongoing programme of works throughout the next few weeks.

Cliff falls at Combesgate, Grunta and Rockham – work to stabilise loose rocks above the steps at Combesgate would be carried out in the next few weeks and diversions to the base of the steps at Grunta were necessary to avoid potential danger from unstable rocks. The top of the steps at Rockham Bay are to be altered in order to take into account the recent substantial rock falls at Rockham.

11/2013 Correspondence : **i) Letter from M Pitt B.E.M** *Members were pleased that Mr Pitt had received this award and thanked him again for the many years of service to this community.*

ii) Rural Affairs Seminar organised by North Devon Council – to be held on 12th March at Bishops Nympton 10 am – 3.30 p.m *Contents noted.*

iii) Request from Tony Hogg Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon – *appeal for suggestions and comments on recent proposals for cutting crime and public safety in the county. The plans and questionnaire can be accessed at: www.devonandcornwall-pcc.gov.uk/Take-Part/We-Want-Your-Views.aspx*

12/2013 Register of Outstanding Matters –

South West Water – the flooding that occurred on the weekend prior to Christmas in the area outside Sandpiper Court have been reported South West Water are continuing to investigate potential illegal connections to the pipe line and have agreed to report back to the council next month.

Pot Holes - Details of potholes and other problems have been reported to highways.

Blocked Drains – in Morteheo Village centre have been reported to Highways.

Dog Fouling - N.D. a request has been submitted for a clean up of the school path and for a visit of the dog warden next week.

Town and Parish Fund Grants – West Down Parish Council have expressed an interest in a joint application and were interested in the suggestion for a village sign. Further meetings are due to take place with the National Trust's freelance stoneworker Mr Barret who is going to submit some ideas. The deadline for applications for this fund is 28th February.

Newly Adopted Footpaths – instructions have been given for the installation of safety railing on the two paths and Mr Triggs has been instructed to commence on the legal work necessary for their adoption. One company has inspected the paths and given a quotation for the strimming of undergrowth which will now be the council's responsibility.

Woolcombe Play Area – the team swing has been removed for repairs by the manufacturer and is due for return in two weeks time.

Annual Inspection for both areas – is due to take place in March .

13/2013 70th Anniversary of Assault Training Centre –

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14/2013 Marine Drive Toilet Rates – the clerk reported that following the council’s appeal to the Valuation Office in Bristol, the rates valuation team have agreed to amend the rateable value to reflect a basic quality of the convenience which is without both mains drainage and electricity. The disabled facilities have been excluded from the area of the toilets. This results in a reduction of rateable from £4750 to £3650 effective from 01/04/2010. *Members felt that the reduction was insufficient and did not reflect the very basic facilities at the toilets. Members felt that compared to other facilities which had lower rates, the valuation for Marine Drive was still high. Members requested that the rates valuation team made a further assessment and visit the facilities to see for themselves.*

15/2013 Atlantic Array Update

R.W.E. Submission of Application – there has been no further news of a likely date for the submission of the application.

16/2013 Matters Brought Forward with the Consent of the Chairman

School Parking - the clerk was asked to contact the school regarding parking on Beach Road during the drop-off and picking up parking at the school .

Blocked Drains – further blocked drains on Sandy Lane and Morteheo Station Rd.

Skateboard Park – Councillor Webb informed members of ongoing consultation with residents and would-be users of the planned facilities and investigations into suitable plans for the park.

Sport England - it was noted that the organisation were promoting funding for local playing fields and community projects

Business Signs in Woolacombe – members had received complaints regarding the number of pavement signs in the village centre causing an obstruction for pedestrians and for those with limited mobility.

17/2013 Licence Applications - None

18/2013 Cheques for Approval and Signature.

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

18	103061	M Harrison	35.00
9	103062	Cancelled	
9	103063	Barlow Tyrie	232.78

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

21	103064	Gliddon & Squire	251.67
21	103065	Plandscape	237.83
21	103066	GCSS	3.90
21	103067	J & J Bins	69.33
21	103068	Ricoh	28.88
21	103069	Paye Month 9	816.68
21	103070	S Hocking	1,128.30
21	103071	J Keiff	214.34
21	103072	Abacus	233.88

Confidential Matters Part 3

Correspondence to Note:

1. North Devon District Council Agenda January
2. Devon Talk - D.C.C. Magazine plus Monthly News Round-Up.
3. CPRE. Devon Winter Newsletter and Annual Report
4. Village Green
5. Junk Mail - Community Recycling Network
6. 'Everyone's Tomorrow' – Newsletter from Senior Council Of Devon
7. Devon Playing Fields Association – Annual Report.
8. Devon Senior Voice - Newsletter.

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: February 18th 2013 Parish Council Meeting at 7 p.m.

The meeting ended at 8.25 p.m.

Minutes of the site meeting of Morteheo Parish Council to determine planning application 54722 Barton Close Farm held at Chapel Woods, Spreacombe at 11.15 a.m. on 30th January 2013.

Present: Councillors: M Wilkinson; E Bond (Chairman), K Cook: D Duffield and D Barron.

Clerk: S Hocking

Also Present: M Hohl; G Clatworthy (Pineapple Rural Consultancy) G Muroca (S.P.G.L), G Dennis and E Hydlemann

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Whilst members had great sympathy for the applicant's need for diversification, they felt that the visual impact of the panels on the proposed site was contrary to policy CO5 for Coastal Preservation Areas. They concluded that the development was not of a minor nature and would not benefit the community at large. They were not satisfied that an alternative site outside the protected area had been investigated and felt that the development would detract from the unspoilt character and appearance of the coastal preservation area.

Proposed REFUSAL. Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

