

Minutes of the meeting of Morteoh Parish Council held in the Council Chamber, The Esplanade, Woolacombe, on Monday June 16th 2014 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

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

Clerks: S Hocking and J Keiff

Also Present: Councillor: A. Davis D.C.C.; P Barker (N.D C.) and 2 members of the public

125/2014 Apologies: P.C. Kirk, J Fairhurst and S Mulberry (N.T.)

126/2014 Public Speaking Time

Jonathon Oakes Re: Planning Application 57500 - 5 Barton Court - Mr Oates expressed his concerns regarding this application and felt that the prospect of another drinking establishment in the village centre was detrimental to Woolacombe. He felt that there should be more diversification in order to attract a wider range of interests and tastes.

127/2014 Police Report – The following report was read out by the clerk on behalf of P.C. Kirk.

Crime Figures - There have been 10 reported crimes for the period 15th May to 16th June compared to 11 for the same period in 2013. 5 of the above crimes related to incidents on holiday parks, mainly of a domestic nature.

128/2014 Declaration of Interests

57444 Rocks Hotel – Councillor Duffield declared a personal interest in this application as friend of the applicant.

57500 5 Barton Court - Councillors Wilkinson and Woodman declared personal interests in this application as friends of the applicant.

129/2014 Minutes:

It was Proposed to approve as a correct record, and sign the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on May 19th at 6.30 p.m. Seconded. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

It was Proposed To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on May 19th 2014 at 7 p.m. Seconded. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

130/2014 County Council Report

Government Spending Cuts - Councillor Davis reported on an all-party plea to the government to reverse council spending cuts which are already having a severe impact on the most vulnerable people in society. Mr Hart (D.C.C. Leader) warned that if further planned cuts go ahead the County Council will have to cut its budgets from £600 million to £400 million. Devon County Council is one of the lowest funded local authorities with cuts now having a real impact on the council's ability to provide services. He felt that rural authorities were being penalised at the expense of urban authorities. Currently rural authorities receive £336 a head in government grant whilst those living in urban authorities receive £481 (£81 difference a head)

Council savings – D.C.C has saved more than £97 million since 2010 and reduced its non-school work force by 1,800. Any further cuts will directly lead to large reductions in front line services.

£7 Million repair programme for winter damaged roads - the County Council are carrying out £7 million of repairs on roads damaged during the wettest winter on record. 250 repair schemes are underway across 4,000 miles of roads across the county. £7 million of Severe Weather Recovery funding from the government. Further applications will be submitted for a share of the £168 million pot hole grant. 39,000 holes have been filled so far on the 8,000 miles of roads across the county.

County Libraries - Councillor Davis reminded members that they have until the 17th July to submit responses on the ongoing library consultation.

Care Provision – Councillor Davis informed members of the announcement made during the day on the planned withdrawal of the County Council of care home provision which will lead to the closure of many homes such as Burrow House in Ilfracombe.

Road Closure – In the light of recent disruption caused by ongoing road works on the A361, members requested that better information should be provided to the wider public regarding planned road closures especially major routes into the county and more specific information provided on the County website.

Spreacombe Road Sign – Councillor Davis and members discussed the practicalities of the provision of a warning sign to prevent towing vehicles from attempting access on the hill.

131/2014 Planning

57403 Replacement of existing roof at Driftwood, Headlands View Avenue, Morteheo.

Members were concerned at the quality of the drawings and information provided on the plans and felt that there was a lack of information on many details. They had no objection to the proposal provided that the proposed increase in height fitted in with the existing street scene. *Proposed APPROVAL. Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.*

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

(The clerk read out one letter of objection)

57444

Retrospective application for erection of one shed/surfboard store at The Rocks Hotel, Beach Road, Woolacombe.

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

(Councillor Duffield returned to the chamber)

57445 Replacement of a 1.9 wide window with a 4m wide window (West elevation) at The Tides Inn, Beach Road, Woolacombe.

Members had no objections to the proposal providing the fenestration matched that of existing windows at the property. *Proposed APPROVAL. Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.*

57434 Extension to dwelling & raising of roof to provide additional living accommodation at Lundy Roads, Morteheo.

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

57500 Full planning application for change of use from A1 (Shop) to A4 (Drinking establishment) (amended description & site address) at shop unit 5, Barton Court, Barton Road, Woolacombe.

Members voiced concerns at the existing number of drinking establishments within the village centre and felt that an additional bar could lead to saturation and threaten the integrity of the existing establishments. They felt that more diversification was required in Woolacombe and in particular, in the area around Barton Court which is predominantly residential in nature. *Proposed REFUSAL. Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.*

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

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

Planning Permission Received:

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

57266 Extension & alterations to dwelling at The Willows, Morteohoe Station Road, Morteohoe.

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

56934 Demolition of one dwelling & erection of five flats together with associated works at Panorama, Rockfield Road, Woolacombe.

57497 Application for non material amendment to allow amended plans to planning permission 56164 at Westwinds, Woolacombe Rise.

57347 Erection of unit of holiday accommodation at Crows nest, Upper Clay Park, Morteohoe.

57514 Notification of works to trees in a conservation area in respect of removal of 1 Pine tree at Wave Crest, Sunnyside Road, Woolacombe.

Planning Permission Refused: None

Application for a Certificate Of Lawfulness – for the existing use of static caravan as residential accommodation at Driftwood, Headlands View Avenue, Woolacombe.

Highways Act 1980 Section 119

Devon County Council (Footpath No 21 & Bridleway No 5, Morteohoe)

Public Path Diversion and definitive Map and statement modification Order 2014-05-19

Members had no objections to the proposed changes.

Devon County Council (Footpath Nos, 7,8,12,13, 15 and 20) Morteohoe Public Path Extinguishment and creation and definitive map and statement modification orders 2014 *Members had no objections to the proposed changes*

132/2014 District Council Report

Transfer to Lynton House - Councillor Barker reported on the planned move of N.D.C. staff to Lynton House and withdrawal from the Civic Centre. Councillor Barker expressed the hope that the staff would be relocated within one building for the ease of public access to services. It was not yet certain what would happen to the civic centre once the County Council have vacated the building.

Parade House Planning Application - the application result had yet to be signed-off by the authority.

Once Upon a Time site – Councillor Wilkinson reported on forthcoming meetings with the applicant and planning officer to discuss the alteration of the design of the buildings following comments made by the Parish Council. The applicant had offered to resubmit the design for the buildings to accommodate members views.

Conservation Areas – the clerk was asked to write a letter to the chief planning officer requesting guidance for planning applications within conservation areas. They regretted the recent loss of the aspects of an historic and significant building in Woolacombe and were surprised that the application had been approved despite the considerable objections to the plans for the property.

133/2014 Questions for the National Trust - none

134/2014 Correspondence: i) **Letter from N Harvey M.P. Re Woolacombe Pharmacy** – *contents noted.* . ii) **Letter from Chief fire Officer Lee Howell Re- Co Responder Scheme.** – *members asked the clerk to write to Mr Howell to ask for clarification of exactly what was proposed for the fire station in Woolacombe. Members queried how the existing service could be improved as the figures proved that the service was working very efficiently. Members were concerned about the possible changes and practicalities of the changes as outlined in previous plans.*

iii) **Letter from L Stevens Re; Borough Farm** - *members suggested that Mr Stevens pursued his queries with the appropriate offices.*

iv) **Letter from Neil Worth (Friends of the Assault Training Centre, Woolcombe)** - *Members were sympathetic with the intentions of the organisation and felt that a joint application for a permanent exhibition area would be appropriate in conjunction with Morteohoe Museum.*

v) **Letter from Morteohoe Heritage Trust Re: Financial Support.** – *contents noted.*

vi) **Information Re New Super Fast Fibre Broadband.** – *contents noted*

135/2014 Register of Outstanding Matters

Eurofest, Europa Park - the licensing officer confirmed that there were a number of complaints regarding the event which was licensed under a ‘Temporary Events’ Licence. All complaints had been logged and would taken into account under any future applications for a similar event.

Noise Nuisance - licensing officers advise that any complaints regarding noise should be emailed or telephoned direct to the police or the council either on the emergency number 01271 388255 or the licensing office direct which is 01271 388870. The police also confirmed the actions that they had taken at the time.

Combesgate Steps - - the bottom sections of the railings have been replaced.

Beach Entrance - the sand and overgrown bank obscuring the yellow lines has been reported to Highways . Photos have also been taken and submitted

Road Safety - a ‘walking bus ‘ demonstration took place on Wednesday 11th June by pupils and staff at Woolacombe Primary School to highlight speed and safety issues around the school.

Village Hall Car Park – a meeting will take place on Monday 16th 10 a.m. with Councillor Davis; representatives from the Village Hall committee, the school and the District Council to discuss possible improvements to the car park.

136/2014 Crown Estates Lease, Beach Trading Agreement and Greensward

Agreement - *Members approved the signing of the lease but pointed out that a number of corrections needed to be made to the documents in order to bring them up to date with both recent changes within the council and the licence fee.*

It was proposed to sign the leases but to seek legal advice about the corrections before submitting the documents. Seconded.. APPROVED.

137/2014 Matters Brought Forward with the Consent of the Chairman

Footpath at Royal Hotel - further cutting was required on the footpath to allow easy access of users.

Finger Post at Morteohoe- the finger post requires updating to repair damage to some of the arms.

Morteohoe Sign - members enquired whether an additional sign could be placed on the Woolacombe boundary in order to promote the village.

Tarka Trail Post - has fallen over.

Burger Van - members queried the presence of a van trading on Bay View Road. It was pointed out that the road is private and that responsibility was beyond the remit of the district council.

138/2014 Licence Applications: None

139/2014 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	103720	R Walker	693.56
16	103721	S Hocking	1,176.24
16	103722	D. Hodges	864.28
16	103723	J Keiff	244.46
16	103724	Inland Rev	981.60
16	103725	GCSS	57.32
16	103726	NDC	33.40
16	103727	J&J Bins	69.33
16	103728	W M Ironworks	1,308.00
16	103729	Streamways	303.10
16	103730	Wilts	137.98
16	103731	Plandscape	329.89
16	103732	Gliddon & Squire	29.50
16	103733	BFS	180.00
16	103734	K Dennis	30.84
16	103735	MLHocking	50.00
16	103736	W &M Tic	50.00

16	103737	Cancelled	
16	103738	Fircroft Signs	774.00
16	103739	Petty Cash	40.00

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 July 21st at 7 p.m.

The meeting ended at: 8.15 p.m.