

**HALWELL & MORELEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Village Hall, Moreleigh**  
**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 at 7pm**

OPEN FORUM No members of the public attended .

PRESENT: **Councillors: D. Treeby, S. Dunham, M. McInerney, J. Mussen, N. Palmer, H. Reeve, P. Westlake, R. Widger, E. Wilson**  
In attendance: Cllr. M. Hicks, S. Winstanley (Clerk)

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr. M. Hicks

- The Local Plan is due for completion at the end of February and following consultation and being forwarded to the planning inspectorate – the plan is due for publication at the end of 2017.
- The proposal to set up a Local Authority Company has now been shelved but a smaller scheme may go ahead.
- There has been an improvement in communication services.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - None

POLICE REPORT – PC Jane Gerrard – by email

I have checked the crime figures since the beginning of December 2016 and report there were four reported. These included two crimes which resulted from a civil issue, a theft of motor vehicle which again, bordered civil crime and criminal damage to a vehicle which could have occurred anywhere.

We are not aware of any emerging issues within the Parish.

If we can assist any Parishioner with any issues, please contact the Neighbourhood Team either via 101 or email.

**1. APOLOGIES –** Cllr. R. Gilbert

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** that the Chair should sign the Minutes as a true and correct record.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –**

Members are invited to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting. None

**4. CLERK'S REPORT –**

- G. Hallett having resigned from the Parish Council the vacancy was advertised and no request was received for an election. A notice inviting Parishioners to be co-opted has been put up.
- The possibility of closing Church Street was raised and a price for the Parish Council to do this will be sought.

**5. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS –**

To be considered – **3516/2768/12/F – Orchard Barn (formerly Brook Barn, Washbourne**  
Proposed material changes to barn conversion permitted under extant planning  
Consent 22/2768/12/F, including construction of single storey rear extension  
Following discussion it was **resolved** to recommend support

**6. CHAIR'S COMMENTS –**

- There is still no superfast broadband at the business park.
- Airband are well on in getting support for SFB in Halwell & Moreleigh. There will be three masts which will cover the majority of the Parish, the remainder will receive SFB via Rattery.
- The churchyard at Halwell is full and additional room is needed.

**7. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

To approve payment of the following cheques:

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 605 – £130 – P. Westlake - Strimming  
 606 - £217.37 – S. Winstanley (Dec)  
 607 - £546.00 – Brooking Hire (gully sucking)  
 608 - £35.00 - Information Commission  
 609 - £217.37 – S. Winstanley (Jan)  
 610 - £34.75 – SLCC sub  
 611 - £25.00 – S. Winstanley (computer repair) **Resolved**
2. Cash at bank – £17180.30

**8. To arrange for a risk assessment to be carried**

P. Westlake will carry out the assessment on the play area as usual and S. Dunham will Check the bus shelter.

**9. UPDATE ON INSTALLING DEFIBRILLATORS IN THE PARISH –**

Discussion took place as to the cost but it was agreed that the order with Community Heartbeat be placed as soon as possible.

**10. Provision of a footpath from the parking area to the play area at the Village Hall**

- A new swing seat has been installed.
- It was agreed the Chair will get a quote for new stainless steel steps for the slide and that a quote be obtained for a replacement before a decision is made. When work is carried out the path across the gravel will be constructed.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE** - Email correspondence with Highways re. road closure as below

**11. COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS –**

- J. Mussen – will meet the Chair to discuss the footpath from the Vicarage.
- S. Dunham - Rubble has been swept into Crocadon Meadows.
- R. Widger - During the road closure there were constant enquiries from lost drivers as to how they should get to their destination because the signage was inadequate. The gangmaster was determined to be unhelpful and the Chair had confirmed that he was rude and abusive. Highways were contacted and sent a most unhelpful reply. Highways was again contacted and replied that they had been mistaken as to what had happened.
- E. Wilson - The agricultural mechanics near Short Cross have a floodlight which shines out onto the main making it very hard to see the junction when it is dark.

**13. DATES OF MEETINGS– Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in the Village Hall**

**SIGNED .....**  
**D. Treeby Chair**

**ACTION POINTS**

- D. Treeby** To meet with J. Mussen to discuss the footpath.  
 To contact Landmark re. stainless steel steps  
 To contact agricultural mechanics re. flood light
- H. Reeve Clerk** To obtain a quote for a replacement slide  
 To contact Highways re. Church Street and funding and Vicarage Bends  
 To contact Community Heartbeat
- S. Dunham** To carry out risk assessment in the bus shelter