

**HALWELL & MORELEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Village Hall, Moreleigh**  
**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7pm**

OPEN FORUM One member of the public attended .

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

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – No report

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'R REPORT – Cllr. R. Gilbert

- SW Highways have lost the contract to maintain Devon's highways. The contract has been awarded to a company called Skanska. It is hoped that better communication with PCs can be achieved.
- Devon has 8000 miles of roads – the cost of maintaining which, as they are, is £62 million, the budget for which is £46 million meaning that there is a £16 million annual shortfall.
- There are 3500 bridges on the highway network, 3000 miles of public rights of way and 2000 miles of retaining walls.
- Recycling rates for Devon are 54% - which is good.

POLICE REPORT: PC J. Gerrard (by email)

- There have been no reported crimes since the last report
- Parishioners are warned to take extra care to prevent domestic fuel theft.

**1. APOLOGIES –** J. Mussen, E. Wilson, M. Hicks

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 26<sup>th</sup> September 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.

**4. CLERK'S REPORT –**

- Attended a meeting for Clerks at SHDC to provide updated information – planning was a major part of the morning and it was noted that SHDC was the only DC in Devon still sending out paper copies of planning applications.
- It may become essential to have wifi installed in the Village Hall if paper applications are stopped. It was agreed support for wifi in the Village Hall be on the next agenda.
- A quote of £40 for drain clearance had been received – it was agreed that clearing of the drains from Moreleigh Fork into Moreleigh village centre be arranged.
- The BT phone box in Halwell is now in the possession of the PC.
- The invoice from E. Dancer for SF Broadband work was requested.

**5. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS –**

- To be considered:
1. 2617/16/FUL – Gripstone Cottages, Halwell TQ9 7JF  
Erection of a single attached dwelling including parking & landscaping  
Following discussion it was **resolved** to recommend support
  2. 3191/a6/TPO - TPO application to fell Elm tree at 16 Crocadon Meadows  
Following discussion it was **resolved** to recommend support
  3. Update on the development works at the old reservoir  
No information has been received from SHDC and the site is very quiet.

**6. CHAIR'S COMMENTS –** No report

**7. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- 1. To approve payment of the following cheques:  
595 - £217.57 – S. Winstanley – (Oct)
- 2. Cash at bank – £19,046.78 (including £3850 2<sup>nd</sup> precept payment)
- 3. To approve reconciled 6 months accounts
- 4. The Audit had been returned without comment.

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

The Parish Council have confirmed the order for two defibrillators at a cost of £3,240.

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

The Chair will meet with G. Hallett to discuss the route of the path and examine the swing.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE -**

- Email from Highways re. BT ducting
- Letter from S. Prime re. affordable housing.
- Letter from resident re. traffic in Church Street. The ongoing saga of trying to install some kind of traffic calming was discussed.

**11. COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS –**

S. Dunham - Debris in Church Street

G. Hallett - Play area – the small swing needs to be replaced. It was agreed the Chair & G. Hallett will meet to decide what action to take about the proposed path and the slide steps.

**13. DATES OF MEETINGS– Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in the Village Hall**

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

**ACTION POINTS**

- D. Treeby** To provide an invoice from E. Dancer for SFB work  
To arrange for the hedges to be cut back along Bickleigh Lane  
To discuss the provision of a footpath over the gravel near the playpark and examine swing and the slide steps with G. Hallett
- Clerk** To add wifi to next agenda