

MORCHARD BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual Meeting 9th May 2022

Present: David Grant, Dawn Parkhouse, Sarah Gillbard, Sheila Sinclair, David Gillbard, Andy Hankins, Julie Murby, Simon Baker, David Parker (Parish Clerk),

Apologies: Steve Watson, Les Partridge, Derek, Horn, County and District Councillor Margaret Squires, District Councillor Elizabeth Lloyd.

No members of the public attended.

1. David Grant was elected as Chairman, proposed Dawn Parkhouse, seconded Andy Hankins, unanimous. David Grant took the chair and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman.
2. Dawn Parkhouse was elected Deputy Chairman, proposed David Gillbard, seconded Sheila Sinclair. All in favour.
3. Then followed the election of officers:

Officer	Officer for 2022/23
Bad Weather Warden	Andy Hankins
Churchyard Committee	Les Partridge
Memorial Hall Committee	Shared by rota
Parochial Church Council	Dawn Parkhouse
MB Playing Field Association	David Gillbard
MB Sports and Social Club	Derek Horn
MB School	Sheila Sinclair

All officer holders were elected *en-masse*, proposed Sheila Sinclair, seconded Simon Baker, carried unanimously.

Dawn Parkhouse signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Deputy Chairman.

The Parish Paths Partnership (P3) was elected *en-masse* will consist of:

Chairman:	Neale Meade
P3 Coordinator:	Jackie Patten
Volunteers:	Sonja Andrews, John Kanefsky, Karen Hayman, Claire Proietti, Massimo Proietti, Paul Trimming.
Parish Council Rep:	Sheila Sinclair
Clerk:	David Parker

Proposed: Simon Baker, Seconded: Dawn Parkhouse, carried unanimously

4. Clerk's Report for the year 2021-22

The attendance at Parish Council meetings was 85.31%.

A total of 27 planning applications were discussed, 4 were Listed Building Consents, others were Extensions / Modifications (9), barn conversion (2), Variation of Plans (2), Class Q (1), agricultural store/building (4), Polytunnel (1), New Building (1), Revised Drawings / Applications (1) Reserved matter for 257 dwellings and five traveller pitches at Credion (1), Applications relating to Tree felling and reduction (1).

Projects completed during the year include:

We continued the Emergency Response team for COVID-19 Pandemic

A Red Oak has been placed on the Green by the Bus Shelter and a Devon Sorbus has been planted in place of the Cheery tree on the green opposite Polson Hill Garage

We considered the proposal that the Village School join the Academy

We arranged for our Salt Spreader to be serviced

We ran an Environmental Quiz with the school and as a result have tidied up St Gatiens Garden and placed there six half barrels planted with wild flowers

The Parish Council were represented at the Village History Day

We supported the Village Nativity scene again and Carol Singing around the village

We considered whether the Village Shop should be nominated as an asset of Community Value

We reviewed our Parish Boundaries with the clerk contacting those properties and landowners that may be affected

A larger Dog Poo bin has been placed in Wood Lane

Play Area project handed over to Playing Fields Association

We continued to pressure Devon Highways into mending our roads

We supported Sandford Parish Council in getting the bus route 369 re-routed to go past Crediton Railway Station and the new Doctors' Surgery

On-going Projects:

We instigated a Survey of the Village seeking views concerning Public Transport, Youth Provision in the Village and the Children's Play area at the Playing Fields

Heart of Devon Climate Action Group

Heart of Devon Community Energy Community Energy group formed to build a Community Wind Turbine

Defibrillator at Frost

Campaign for better Broadband connection

Electric winder for the Church Clock and chimes

Emergency Plan

Road Warden Scheme

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Village Celebrations

Youth Provision in the Village

The financial aspects of the year were presented to the meeting and accepted.

The Parish Council's own Governance Documents had been examined and approved at the Parish Council meeting held in February.

The meeting ended at 7.56pm