

## MORCHARD BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of Annual Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Present:, Dawn Parkhouse, Steve Watson, Sarah Gillbard, Sheila Sinclair, David Gillbard, Simon Baker, Debbie Ticehurst, Stephen Leese, David Parker (Parish Clerk), County Councillor Margaret Squires

Apologies: David Grant, Les Partridge, District Councillor Helen Tuffin

No members of the public attended.

1. Election of Chairman:  
Steve Watson proposed by Simon Baker and seconded by Sheila Sinclair.  
David Grant proposed by David Gillbard and seconded by Sarah Gillbard.  
A vote was taken, there were 4 votes for Steve Watson and 2 votes for David Grant with 2 members abstaining. Steve Watson took the chair and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman.
2. Dawn Parkhouse was elected Deputy Chairman, proposed Sheila Sinclair, seconded David Gillbard. All in favour.
3. Then followed the election of officers:

Officer	Officer for 2023/24
Bad Weather Warden	Debbie Ticehurst
Churchyard Committee	Les Partridge
Memorial Hall Committee	Shared by rota
Parochial Church Council	Dawn Parkhouse
MB Playing Field Association	David Gillbard & Steve Watson
P3 Footpaths Committee	Sheila Sinclair
MB School	Sheila Sinclair

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

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

The Parish Paths Partnership (P3) was elected *en-masse* and 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 2022-23

The attendance at Parish Council meetings was 78.47%.

A total of 33 planning applications were discussed, 5 were Listed Building Consents, 3 were for Agricultural Dwellings, Extensions/Modifications (5), Variation of Plans (2), Class Q (0), agricultural store/building (3), Change of use of land (3), Siting of holiday units (3), New Building (1), Revised Drawings / Applications (0) Reserved matter for 257 dwellings and five traveller pitches at Credion (2), Installation of Sewage Treatment Plant (1), Applications relating to Tree felling and reduction (4), Agricultural Track and Hard standing (1).

Projects completed during the year include:

New Defibrillator at Frost

We finally persuaded SWW to fix the leak in Church Street by the Car Park by the School  
Three Councillors passed a course allowing them to safely close roads as part of the Road Warden Scheme

We completed 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 and analysed the results.

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

We continued to pressure Devon Highways into mending our roads

We hosted the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Village Celebrations – 6 events over three days, a Commemorative mug given to children, 7 Platinum Jubilee Trees planted and a best dressed house competition.

We tried and failed to have a bottle bank placed in the village.

A successful first "Apple Day"

We acquired a Potato Baker

We considered the future of The Forge at Frost

We erected 4 x "20's Plenty" signs

The Parish Council read the Proclamation of the New King

We completed fund raising for the repair of the Clock in the church and fitting of the electric auto winder and sent the clock for repair

We bought a new bench and erected new Gates in St Gatien Garden

We rearranged the pedestrian entrance to the car park by the school to make it more accessible to those on mobility scooters and those pushing buggies

We fitted two new Defibrillator cabinets

We tried to get some Youth Provision in the village arranged but it looks as if that ambition has failed

We arranged for the roads to be gritted and pavements cleared during two separate weeks of snow

We bought a new Grit Bin for the car park by the school

We arranged for new white lines to be put down in the car park by the school

On-going Projects:

Heart of Devon Climate Action Group now known as Heart of Devon Environment Group

Campaign for better Broadband connection

Emergency Plan

Road Warden Scheme

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 Parish Council aligned itself with the Equality, Inclusion and Diversity Policy of the Mid Devon District Council.

The meeting ended at 8.05pm