

MORCHARD BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Meeting Monday 2nd September 2024 at 7.30pm

At Morchard Bishop Memorial Hall

Present: Steve Watson (Chairman), Dawn Parkhouse Simon Baker, David Gillbard, Sarah Gillbard, David Grant (late), Andy Hankins, Les Partridge, Sheila Sinclair, Debbie Ticehurst, and David Parker (Parish Clerk).

Member of the public attending: Derek Horn

1. **Apologies:** Stephen Leese, County Councillor Margaret Squires, District Councillor Helen Tuffin and District Councillor Mark Jenkins.
2. **Members of the Public** - Nothing to raise.
3. **The minutes** of the Council meeting held on 5th August 2024 were approved - Proposed: Simon Baker, seconded: Sheila Sinclair – carried unanimously. Since the meeting on 5th August, Simon Baker and Sheila Sinclair had agreed to join the Bonfire Committee.

4. Finance.

Cashflow table for September was circulated which explained the income and expenditure figures for August/September. Expenditure for September is £47.65 on the main account, nothing on the Reserve Account and £1,715 on the footpaths account. Funds at the end of August 2024 before payment of these invoices stood at: Reserve Account, £15,140.10; Current Account £5,684.78; P3 Account £2,585.14.

Current Account Receipts and Invoices to be paid:

Function 28	Web hosting and Email management	£ 24.00 Standing Order
British Gas Energy	Outside lighting of the Church	£ 11.65 Direct Debit estimate
Function 28	Additional 10GB mailbox quota	£ 12.00 BACS

P3 (Footpaths) Account Receipts and Invoices to be paid:

Northfield Landscaping Works to footpaths	£1,715.74 BACS
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The Current account stands at £5,637.13 after payment of these invoices, the Reserve account stands at £15,140.10 including funds for Jubilee Funds (£113.46), DAAT (£1,116.80), Sustainable Morchard (£39.54), Clock Face fund (£613.99), Election Expenses (£1500), and the P3 account stands at £869.40.

Dawn Parkhouse proposed, and Debbie Ticehurst seconded that these invoices be paid and the Financial report accepted – carried unanimously.

5. Planning

24/01154/HOUSE	Erection of free-standing greenhouse	Weeke Barton, Morchard Bishop
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After discussion Les Partridge proposed that this application be SUPPORTED. Dawn Parkhouse seconded the proposal, and it was carried unanimously.

24/00981/FULL	Erection of a horticultural shade net tunnel Revised Drawings	Lydcott Nursery, Black Dog, CREDITON
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After discussion Simon Baker proposed that this application be SUPPORTED. Debbie Ticehurst seconded the proposal, and it was carried unanimously.

24/01072/FULL	Change of use of land to horse manege	Land at NGR 278284 110062 (Mear Farm) Black Dog
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David Grant joined the meeting at this point.

A letter from a consultant working for three neighbours was read out – The letter pointed out certain inconsistencies between the original planning application (20/00794/FULL) and the work that had actually been carried out on the site.

After discussion David Grant proposed that Morchard Bishop Parish Council decline to comment on the application at present but suggest that the application be updated to include the current circumstances, including all the work that had been done to the site, and then reapply for planning permission. Sheila Sinclair seconded the proposal, and it was carried unanimously.

Planning: decisions / appeals / withdrawals

24/00781/FULL Approved	Erection of a general-purpose agricultural building	Land at NGR 275593 104905 Willobrooke Farm, Morchard Bishop
24/00781/LBC Granted	Listed Building Consent for urgent remedial works to west wall	Whites Farmhouse, Morchard Bishop
23/00217/FULL Appeal Hearing	Erection of a rural workers dwelling 10 th September at 10.00am at Phoenix House, Tiverton	Lydcott Nursery, Black Dog, Crediton
24/01008/HOUSE Approved	Erection of a replacement outbuilding (Revised Scheme)	Northfields, Morchard Bishop

6. Correspondence not dealt with elsewhere in the meeting:

- Grand Western Canal Conservation Area – the consultation closes on 16th September – everyone was encouraged to contribute to the consultation: <https://letstalk.middevon.gov.uk/grand-western-canal>
- Devon Community Resilience Forum – Thursday 26th September at Crediton Rugby Club 9.30am – 4.00pm – Councillors were encouraged to register for a place and to attend.

7. Ongoing Matters:

- Roads, Signage, Hedges, Potholes, Footpaths and Mud: The finger pointing towards Black Dog at the Village Cross had been damaged and cut down, the Clerk would approach those responsible and would add this to the list for Ken White signs. With the road through the village being used as a bypass when the M5 was closed, the Clerk was asked to write to Steve Tucker at Devon Highways to use this incident as a reason for the road to be repaired.
- Road Warden Scheme: Our order for Tarmac has still not arrived. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to submit a formal complaint to Devon County Council about their lack of response to enquiries about our missing tarmac and the Highway Safety Awareness Course and the tardy delivery of pothole repair material.
- Accidents and Incidents: Nothing to report.
- Dog Control: Nothing to report.
- Defibrillators – New pads are required for the defibrillators in Church Street and Frost during August at a cost of approximately £97 each.
- Bus Shelter – Nothing to report.
- Church Clock – Nothing to report.
- Emergency Plan – No further progress.
- Village Maintenance Plans – Nothing to report
- Christmas Lights – Karl from KAL Home Improvements, had confirmed that the lights could be directly linked to the 12v battery proving that an in-line fuse was used.
- War Memorial – A working party was arranged for Tuesday 10th September at 6.30pm at the War Memorial to clear the turf that has grown over the road and to complete the pressure washing of the War Memorial.
- Autumn Bonfire – Although the organising committee had not met, the group had had a number of ideas – Story telling by Cliff Easterbrook, The Waie Inn fireworks would be on 6th November so avoid that – suggest we go for Saturday 2nd November, Best Guy competition, Laser Light Show - £1200 for 10 minutes, local businesses to sponsor and to provide models that could be burned with the Guys. Any funds raised to go to FOMBS towards the track that the school want to build around the School Fields.
- Tree Opposite Polson Hill Garage – the Clerk had moved the plaque, and we now awaited the planting of the tree that had been offered to the Council.

n) Parish Calendar – Steve Watson and Simon Baker were working on this project.

8. Crediton Cluster Meeting Report – There had not been a meeting in August.

9. Sustainable Morchard Report – There had not been a meeting in August, but the group had bought two hedgehog signs for The Green.

10. Trustees and Village Organisations Reports

- Memorial Hall – There would be a Book Swap Library on the first Wednesday of each month between 3.00pm and 4.30pm. At the Big Breakfast, 50 breakfasts were served. The Treasurer role would be split between Stephen Leese and Kate Pope who would do the billing. The Memorial Hall was financially sound. The Memorial Hall were looking to replace their audio-visual system with a Television
- Morchard Bishop Playing Fields – The Annual Vintage Rally and Fun Day had made £5,016.30 profit. There was a Boot Fair on Sunday 8th September. The Playing Fields had been asked to come up with a proposal to spend £45,500 s106 funds which could be available within a month. The Clerk was asked to check on the limitations with regards what the funds could be spent on.
- School – no report.
- Churchyard – no report.
- Parochial Church Council – The Church were responsible for the Coffee morning on Saturday 7th September.

11. General (Note – items in this section cannot be discussed – merely scheduled for a future meeting).

It was again raised about the number of cars parked outside Polson Hill garage causing a nuisance by blocking the visibility splay. There was insufficient room for customers and staff to park their cars and so they were using the lay-by opposite the garage and other parts of the village. The Chairman will visit the landowners and report back to the Parish Council. The next step would be for a letter to be sent to the garage owner telling him to seek alternative storage for the cars that he is not presently working on. Sooner or later an accident will happen.

The second King Charles III Portrait had not been claimed back by those who sent it, the Clerk was asked to add it to the agenda for next month for consideration of who to offer it to.

Meeting Closed at 9.05pm

The next meeting of Morchard Bishop Parish Council will be on **Monday 7th October 2024** at the Memorial Hall **at 7.30pm**. when we will consider Parish Initiatives and proposals for the Nativity scene.