

**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7th APRIL 2010
IN THE ORCHARD CENTRE
REFERENCE 04/10**

Present: Cllr Lacey, Cllr Briant-Evans, Cllr Drew, Cllr Down, Cllr Burrows, Cllr Glass, Cllr Lee (County Councillor), Cllr Kenney, Cllr Eginton (District Councillor) Laura Cockram (Clerk), PCSO Paul Roberts, 4 MOP's

Apologies: Cllr Peto, Cllr Heal, Cllr Bulley

OPEN FORUM

Cllr Eginton

04/10/01 A recent article in Shelter showed the local housing league table for affordable housing. Nationally MDDC was ranked 47th of 323 councils for the provision of affordable housing. It was also ranked 1st in Devon. MDDC are still trying to progress with affordable housing in the area even though funding has been reduced. Cllr Eginton confirmed that there will be 8 affordable houses being built on the developments at Nymet Road with priority being given to those with local connections.

Cllr Glass

04/10/02 Cllr Glass has contacted Richard Spurway regarding the grant for pathways and will hopefully know more shortly

PCSO Paul Roberts

04/10/03 There have been two sites within the village that have been authorised for the use of speed guns. One near the Post Office and the second going down the hill towards the Mill. Paul Roberts confirmed that repeat offenders should be reported with their car registration numbers and times when they are offending.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

04/10/04 Minutes of the March 2010 meeting were agreed and signed

MATTERS ARISING

- 04/10/05 The Clerk has contacted the Grand Western Canal wardens regarding the paint that was used for dog mess. Cllr Briant-Evans proposed that 2 cans of spray paint should be purchased at £7.64 per can. This was seconded by Cllr Drew and agreed by all. Clerk to purchase. **Action: Clerk**
- 04/10/06 The clerk had researched into coin operated locks for the Orchard Centre toilet but costs would be in the region of £900 to get one installed. This was thought to be too expensive and there were suggestions of a trial opening. Clerk to write to Nick Sanderson at MDDC to enquire whether there is any assistance available. **Action: Clerk**
- 04/10/07 A response has been received from Devon County Council and they are unable to place 'no cycling' signs along the pavement at Eastington Lane. They have suggested that parishioners use their discretion if it is safer for children to cycle on paths. It was also suggested that we speak to the school who may be able to incorporate something into school assemblies.
- 04/10/08 Three quotes had been received for the grass cutting tender for 2010. Cllr Down proposed that we accept Trevor and Grace Hill's quotation of £255 for grass cutting around the Shelter, £135 for around the Victory Hall, £75 for around the flower box and

signs at the top of the village and £50 for cutting around the benches. Clerk to write to advise. **Action: Clerk**

04/10/09 A letter had been received from Meg Booth who advised that road markings should be completed in the next few months. Meg also advised that following a high quotation she is continuing to investigate more cost effective ways of providing lighting along the A377.

04/10/10 A response has been received from Blossom Court who feel unable to improve their entrance on the Nymet Road Junction. It was thought that the speed of vehicles along the A377 increased the risk but there was nothing more that could be done to improve the junction.

04/10/11 Cllr Lee advised that Morchard Road will be completely resurfaced in this new financial year and that the small area recently completed was to use up funds from the 09/10 financial year.

LAPFORD ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

04/10/12 Tim Knight from the Lapford Allotment Association reported on the current position of the planned allotments at Kelland Barton. There is 1 hectare available for approximately 35 plots. The Parish Council will be required to enter a formal agreement, for which a draft will be forwarded from the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners (NSALG). Annual costs are expected to be in the region of £500 but start up costs are relatively unknown. It was asked if the Parish Council could assist with a grant to help set up the project. Cllr Lee offered £500 from Devon County Council funds. Cllr Glass proposed that the Parish Council should offer £300. This was seconded by Cllr Burrows and agreed by all. Clerk to send out draft agreement to all councillors once received so that this can be completed as soon as possible and the project can move on. **Action: Clerk**

FINANCE

04/10/13 Following a water leak outside of the Orchard Centre, South West Water debited our account by over £5000 causing cheques paid at our last meeting to bounce. Cllr Heal and Cllr Down have both been working hard to resolve this issue and Cllr Down reported that all monies have now been re-paid following a £1000 transfer from the savings account to the current account. £60 is currently owed to Cllr Briant-Evans after Jeanne Whittaker's cheque bounced. The bounced cheque has since been re-presented. Clerk to write to Jeanne Whittaker. **Action: Clerk**

Accounts

Current Account - £667.27

- Of which £500 is the grant from Cllr Lee for Church Green Fencing which will eventually need to be transferred to the Church Green account.

Footpaths - £520.00

Savings - £2873.27

04/10/15 Cllr Down has put in two VAT claims for £187 and £484. We are currently awaiting payment for these.

04/10/16 Cllr Down has also sent and completed the 08/09 audit. Clerk to contact the audit commission to check that this has been signed off before the next audit is started.

04/10/17 The insurance renewal has also been received. Cllr Lacey and Cllr Briant-Evans offered to get together to complete a risk assessment around the village and this can be discussed fully at the next meeting. **Action: Cllr Lacey and Cllr Briant-Evans**

Invoices

Chairman's Expenses - £52.30

Cllr Briant-Evans Payment to Jeanne Whittaker - £60.00

MCA Windows for Bus Shelter Glass - £145.00

Clerk - £169.16

Cllr Briant-Evans proposed that these invoices should be paid once the money is available again in the current account. This was seconded by Cllr Burrows.

PLANNING

- 04/10/19 REF 10/00323/FULL – Erection of Porch Extension, 39 Highfield
There were no objections to this application. Clerk to contact MDDC to recommend approval.
- 04/10/20 REF 10/00380/FULL – Erection of agricultural building at Lower Filleigh, Lapford
There were no objections to this application. Clerk to contact MDDC to recommend approval.
- 04/10/21 REF 10/00385/FULL – Revised Plans – Erection of dwelling at Moorland View
There were no objections to this application. Clerk to contact MDDC to recommend approval.
- 04/10/22 REF 10/00406/FULL – Erection of replacement agricultural building at West Farm
There were no objections to this application. Clerk to contact MDDC to recommend approval.
- 04/10/23 REF 09/01814/TPO – Appeal against refusal at Bowerthy, Tonyfield & Northern Woods
Clerk to contact MDDC to recommend approval of this application/appeal

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Eginton

- 04/10/24 Cllr Eginton advised that he now represents the Conservative party. This will not affect his position at MDDC and he will continue to represent our area.

Cllr Briant-Evans

- 04/10/25 Cllr Briant-Evans asked if any more had been heard about the Parish Councillors roles on the planned 'meet the candidates day'. Cllr Lacey to enquire.
- 04/10/26 The trees that have recently been cut down near Bury Bends looks untidy. Clerk to write to Morchard Bishop Parish Council to ask if they could look into this. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr Drew

- 04/10/27 Cllr Drew reported that Granville Langanterie was missing from one of the new Lapford signs along the A377. Clerk to contact Meg Booth. **Action: Clerk.**

The meeting was closed at 9.50pm

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th May 2010