

Morwenstow Parish Council

Minutes of the monthly Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday 21st October 2020 at 7.30pm via a virtual meeting platform

1.21/10 Attendance:

Cllr. J Hobbs (Chair)
Cllr. K Boundy
Cllr. S Braund
Cllr. J Colwill
Cllr. R Francis
Cllr. J Phipps
Cllr. B Richards
Cllr. H Rogers
Cllr. R Savage
Mrs S Joyner (Clerk)

2.21/10 Apologies: None

3.21/10 The minutes of the meeting held on 16th September 2020 were agreed and will be signed as a true record of the meeting.

4.21/10 Matters Arising from the Minutes and updates– **for information only:** Thanks to Cllr. Colwill for repairing the playpark shelter. Cllr. Hobbs advised that he was no further forward with finding out from Cornwall Council the position with the bus shelter being built in an AONB. Cllr. Braund offered to take this on.

5.21/10 Dispensations/Disclosures for items on the agenda: None

6.21/10 To discuss and clarify new quotes for 'no dogs' signs: At the February meeting Cllr. Savage had reported quotes for the signs of £23.50 for a portrait sign and £30.40 for a landscape sign, plus VAT for each. It was resolved that 2 portrait signs should be ordered to include 'except guide dogs' and it was noted that this may increase the cost slightly. Cllr. Savage was to order them. Cllr. Savage confirmed that the cost of a portrait sign on an aluminium plate would be £44.55 plus VAT. It was proposed, seconded and resolved that Cllr. Savage should proceed with ordering 2 of the portrait signs. **RS**

7.21/10 To discuss quotes for tree inspections: Cllr. Hobbs had been unable to obtain any quotes in time for the meeting. Cllr. Richards provided him with details of a tree officer covering this area. Item to be put on November agenda. **JH**

8.21/10 To discuss grants for playpark refurbishment and acceptance of offers: Cllr Colwill advised that several of the organisations that had been approached for funding were only issuing grants to Covid related projects. However, we have been lucky enough to receive a grant of £2399 from Grantscape and a conditional offer of £7481 from Viridor. The actual amount of the grant from Viridor is still to be confirmed. Due to the lack of funding available the original plans for the refurbishment have had to be scaled down. The preferred option is for a proposal from Outdoor Playpeople, who we have dealt with previously, to supply, deliver and install a quad swing (2 cradle seats and 2 flat seats), a bird's nest swing and 5 pieces of equipment for a junior assault course at a cost of £11,255 plus VAT. The Parish Council have already committed £1000 to the project and it was proposed, seconded and resolved that we would accept the Outdoor Playpeople quote and pay the shortfall up to a further £1000. Clerk to contact company to agree terms when we hear back with a firm offer from Viridor. Cllr. Colwill expressed his thanks to Denise May for her work putting the bids together and the time she has committed. **SJ**

9.21/10 To review options for broadband suppliers: Cllr Richards had obtained figures from other broadband providers. It was proposed, seconded and resolved that we would stay with the present company but take out a 12 month contract which would be £4 cheaper per month. Clerk to arrange. **SJ**

10.21/10 To consider applying for 'We're Watching You' posters: After discussion it was agreed that we would not be able to appoint a Community Ambassador and would not, therefore, be applying for the posters.

11.21/10 To discuss precept planning for setting in November: The precept will be set and agreed at the November meeting. All Councillors are to consider what needs to be included to ensure we receive enough income to cover expenses, an allowance for contingencies and reserves for future projects. **ALL**

12.21/10 To discuss response to 'Planning for the Future' consultation: Response to be sent advising that temporarily lifting the small sites threshold below which developers do not need to contribute to affordable housing in urban areas from 10 to 40 or 50 dwellings would be detrimental to local people and communities. It was felt that to extend the current Permission in Principle to major development would also be detrimental and give developers too much freedom. It was felt that the consultation is just an exercise as the decisions have already been made. Clerk to respond. **SJ**

13.21/10 Correspondence

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| 1. CALC | Various briefings/ updates |
| 2. Community Network Panel attended) | Various briefings/ survey/meetings; 29.9.20(planning)(Clerk attended) & 5 10 2020(Chairman attended) |
| 3. Community Network Panel | Poppy Appeal 2020 information |
| 4. Cornwall Council | Various briefings/ meetings: 29.9.20 (Covid)(Clerk attended) |
| 5. Cornwall Council | Locally Led Learning information |
| 6. Football Club | Thanks |
| 7. Resident | Closure of public toilets |
| 8. Resident | Vehicles parked in Community Centre carpark |
| 9. Various | Regular newsletters |

All the above were noted. Item 7. It was explained why the toilets are not able to be opened at this time. Item 8. It had been reported that a camper van and a car were being left in the Community Centre car park. Vehicles are not permitted to be parked there overnight and the Councillors were asked that if anyone knew the owners could they have a word with them about this.

14.21/10 Finances: To confirm Delegated Decisions Register, accounts spreadsheet and expenditure against budget update: The Register of Delegated Decisions, showing the cheques and direct debits paid to date, and a copy of the accounts to date was seen by all and approved. Also a budget monitoring spreadsheet with the funds debited and credited to date and anticipated payments due to the end of the financial year. Figures showed that we are well within projected budget. Resolved to approve all.

15.21/10 Any Other Business the Chairman considers urgent: None

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm