

MONKKEHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Prior to the meeting commencing the Chairman invited the following people to address the meeting: There being no public attending the meeting, the Chairman opened the meeting.

Minutes of the Monkokehampton Parish Council Meeting that took place on Wednesday 5th January 2022 at 7.30 pm in the Old School Room.

Present: Chairman Councillor T Dennis, Vice Chairman Councillor S Smallacombe, Councillor P Fishleigh, Councillor B Pearce, Councillor V Allin, Councillor J Murrin, Councillor V Murrin.

Also Present: Borough Councillor B Ratcliff

- 1. To receive apologies for absence and consider if the reason for the absence should be formally approved by the council:** None
- 2. To receive any Declarations of Interest from members:**
Councillors are reminded to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in any agenda items: None declared
- 3. To receive the Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on Wednesday November 3rd 2021:**
Copies of which have been previously circulated to members and are to be agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the previous meeting held on November 3rd 2021. This was agreed by all and the minutes were signed.
- 4. Report by West Devon Borough Councillor:**
West Devon is concerned about the lack of social and affordable homes in the borough, they want to encourage two bed houses being available at affordable prices. Borough Councillor Ratcliffe has made some contacts with small plots of land which could be built upon. He is looking for small parcels of farmland to build affordable housing for the youngsters to allow them to stay in the areas they live and work in. However social housing groups who own and rent homes are selling them off and are buying affordable housing as new builds to then rent at a higher price. It was suggested that some youngsters want to move out of their rural areas to have better access to shops, buses etc.
- 5. Past subject matters for further discussion:**
None to be brought forward
- 6. Clerks Report and Correspondence received:**
 - 6.1 WDBC Support Directory: this has contact details for anyone who needs financial etc. help during these times. The clerk asked Councillor Allin if she would put the notice on the notice board.
 - 6.2 Civility & Respect project: the clerk has read this and some of the information needs to be put into the Code of Conduct, which does need updating. The council agreed.
 - 6.3 DALC ref: meetings: that all meetings must now be held physical, face to face. They also state that Council Meetings are regarded as work for councillors and clerk alike.
 - 6.4 Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Services: after a survey about their services, they have a new management plan online and are inviting further comments.
 - 6.5 Queens Jubilee: the council have asked the clerk to research prices of mugs and medals. Borough Councillor Ratcliffe suggested a memory box, made by the children, to be buried for the future, he went on to say he liked the idea Iddesleigh PC has of an arboretum. Also,

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in London there will be 'A gallop through History' held at Windsor Castle and will be televised in June.

6.6 Road Sign: there is a sign dumped into a ditch along the road into the village. Evidently it has been there for some time and was to warn of a bend in the road. The council do not want it reinstated but it does need to be removed. However, there is a pot hole and the clerk will report this.

7. Planning:

7.1 The Old Quarry 337/21/FUL: a letter was sent to support this application and as yet no response has been made by WDBC planners. Councillor Ratcliffe had some further information: the planning officer is using the West Devon Local Plan to refuse this application. Although it depends on how you interpret it. She does have someone helping her in her quest, and has written to the planners. The council feel to refuse this is unreasonable as it seems it is all about buses and shops, which is a contentious way of looking at it but the planners are standing their ground. Possibly the way forward would be to withdraw the application, review and reapply. No one sees any reason why it should not be allowed and totally support Mrs Sims. She is considering her options.

8. Finance:

8.1 Statement of Accounts: Current Account £10,074.40 Reserve Account: £6,767.65

8.2 Precept: this was discussed and it was agreed by all to raise it by 2% to £4,598. This is less than the recommend 4% by WDBC.

8.3 Cheque for Councillor Smallacombe ref: Children's Christmas Presents: this was agreed and signed.

9. Matters for further reporting:

9.1 Email received from Citizens Advice asking for a donation: it was decided not to contribute this year.

10. Confidential Matters:

11. Date of Next Meeting: March 2nd 2022

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.25pm

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