

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> September 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 Ratcliffe

***Before the start of the meeting the Chairman read out The Proclamation for Parish and Town Councils. This is to remember our Queen Elizabeth the Second and to acknowledge the passing of the crown to her son Charles. The Accession Council met at St James's palace to proclaim the new sovereign and cause it to be read in areas of their jurisdiction. The High Sheriff of Devon discharged that duty and now the Chairman brings this proclamation to the residents of Monkokehampton.***

- 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 July 6<sup>th</sup> 2022:**  
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 July 6<sup>th</sup> 2022. These were approved and the minutes signed.
- 4. Report by West Devon Borough Councillor:**  
There is a lot of hardship for low-income families because of the rise in food, fuel, council tax etc. plus the housing crisis doesn't help. WDBC do have a hardship fund to help these families. Councils can give advice to these people i.e., teachers, vicars and the council. They maybe identified by the school. In smaller places they may have some idea of who might be in need and be able to offer support. It was pointed out that older retired people have less money coming in and if on a basic pension are probably struggling. Some workers pay has increased a bit. It was suggested that older people could teach youngsters how to be economical and less wasteful. A question was raised asking what influence WDBC has in schools. There is no formal way and teaching is very different these days and a lot of money is being ploughed into education. The ultimate control is by DCC. As regard Okehampton Station they hope to build a new station and car park. Some money has been promised by government - £47m for Okehampton Railway. The government is trying to level up areas. There maybe a planning office in Okehampton again as they are thinking of separating the planners into South Hams and West Devon as it used to be.

Signed:

Dated:

*November 2nd 2022*

Chairman Councillor T Dennis

**5. Past subject matters for further discussion:**

5.1 Kiosk – update: slowly but surely it is being renovated. It was reported that Councillor Smallacombe was doing a good job. Councillor Smallacombe asked the Council if they could pay Lisa for the use of her electric. This was agreed and the cheque will be approved at the next council meeting. Councillor Pearce has swept and washed the bus shelter. She was thanked for doing this.

**6. Clerks Report and Correspondence received:**

6.1 Latest crime figures for Devon & Cornwall: our area continues to be one of the safest places to live, work and visit in the country with the second lowest total crime rate in England.

6.2 My Place My View: WDBD launched a consultation for local residents asking what they like about their neighbourhood and what could be improved.

6.3 Tavistock to Plymouth Railway reopening: This does not affect this area. Also the Tavistock line was completely destroyed so would be expensive to reinstate.

6.4 Civility and Respect: to agree that councillors, clerks and members of the public will work with civility and respect in their roles.

6.5 Okehampton District Community Transport Group: after much discussion it was agreed to donate £50. This will be completed at the next meeting.

**7. Planning:**

None received

**8. Finance:**

8.1 Statement of Accounts: Current Account £11,277.48 Reserve Account £6,770.04

8.2 Clerks' salary & Expenses: These were passed around and it was agreed to pay.

8.3 Rent for hiring OSR: this were agreed.

**9. Matters for further reporting:**

9.1 The clerk asked if there was enough salt for the winter. Councillor Smallacombe said there was plenty.

9.2 Parish Links: returning to physical meetings will be discussed in early October.

9.3 Clerk & Councils Direct: the chairman will circulate.

9.4 There was a suggestion about placing a defibrillator in the kiosk but as the kiosk has no access to power this cannot happen.

9.5 The bin beside the car park has once again been filled to overflow. The councillors will keep an eye on this.

9.6 Cars are parking on the kerb again irrespective of the danger this can cause.

9.7 There are lots of weeds again and Councillor Smallacombe will try to arrange a clean up party on the 24<sup>th</sup> September.

**10. Confidential Matters:**

**11. Date of Next Meeting: November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022**

**There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45pm**

**Signed:**

**Dated:**

**Chairman Councillor T Dennis**

Signed:

Dated:

*November 2nd 2022*

Chairman