

**Morwenstow Parish Council**

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Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting held at 7:30pm on Wednesday 19th February 2025 at the Community Centre.

1.	Attended by: Cllrs. J Hobbs (Chair), J Phipps, K Boundy, N Steer, K Jones, G Worden, J Payne, R Savage, the Clerk – S Rosser.
2.	Apologies for absence were received from: C. Cllr. S Tilbey.
3.	Public Participation: No public in attendance.
4.	Disclosures: Cllr. Payne – Planning P3.
5.	Dispensations: None received.
6.	The previously circulated minutes of the Monthly Parish Council meeting held on 15 th January 2025 were approved and signed by the Chair.
7.	Matters arising from the minutes and updates – for information only. None.
8.	To receive a report from our Cornwall Councillor: Shorne Tilbey. Not in attendance - report to follow.
9.	<p>Parish Maintenance and Matters for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Parish maintenance & hedges; <i>Countryside Services were aware of the damage at David's lane but do not yet have a timescale for repair action. No response had been received on SWW contact details but it was reported that remedial works have taken place there to divert the water. The Hackmarsh track from Gooseham is now reported to be almost entirely blocked on the unmetalled road. Clerk to report to Oliver Jones. Japanese knotweed has been brought up by a Parishioner in Woolley. Signposted to the 'Go report me' page on CC website by the Clerk. Clerk also to report to CC.</i>b) To note completed tree log; <i>checked and signed by the Clerk.</i>c) To note completed playpark log; & remedial work - <i>checked and signed by the Clerk. Remedial work still outstanding – RoSPA due in April. It was felt that with the new facilities it would be good to pay for an accompanied visit once more.</i>d) To note completed overall grounds log; <i>checked and signed by the Clerk.</i>e) To note completed outdoor fitness equipment log; <i>checked, signed and retained by the Clerk.</i>f) 'Hawker Country' sign; <i>a final design has now been agreed by the Chair, Vice-Chair, Clerk and Alan Rowland as previously agreed. A final proof will be obtained for sharing by the end of the week. Confirmation that this is one sign only.</i>g) LMP & SWCP documentation now received. <i>No responses have been received as yet from the contractors. Two have reported that it is in hand. Will be available for appointments at the next meeting.</i>
10.	<p>Health & Well Being Project Update: Project in progress – update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. We've been asked to attend the next CAP meeting as a celebration of our project – 31st March in Camelford.2. Video has been produced – more footage is being added. Two videos were shown of a skater & skateboarder successfully completing the pump track circuit.3. Management committee request went out via email – no response as yet – need to go to wider audience. Cllr. Myers agreed to become a committee member. Some discussion took place around hire charges for exclusive use of the MUGA.4. Received a request to continue with the skate element – will need to wait until new council is formed now due to restrictions during the pre-election period.5. Still waiting on news of lottery funding – decision expected by 8th April.6. Pathway has been laid and is a major improvement to the access.7. Trees are being delivered between 3rd & 7th March. A suggestion had been made earlier in the day by Denise May MBE to link with the Woodford Community Garden to deliver the planting of said trees. Cllr. Steer to speak with a representative.8. Evaluation and final claim form have been prepared for imminent submission as requested by CC.9. Rubbish contract details are now available but the paperwork has not arrived. Newberry Recycling will be employed with costs split three ways as previously agreed. A 1100 litre bin will be supplied and emptied on request. Charge made per bag.10. Chinese whispers; a few rumours are around about what will and won't be available at these facilities and what they might cost. There is a free use policy with a hire charge for exclusive use, costs are still to be determined but will be very reasonable – a poster will be designed and put in each noticeboard to answer any questions on 14th March in conjunction with the publication of notice of election posters that will go up that day.
11.	<p>Consultations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interim Policy Position Statement – 21st February – <i>resolved to highlight the need for existing infrastructure to be given more weight in decision making. Also to note that Planning in Principle sites are too vague which has been shown to</i>

	<p><i>later prove difficult to determine.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening Standards & Conduct Consultation – 26th February. <i>CALC had provided some model answers for this. These had been distributed prior to the meeting. Noone had anything else to add. Clerk to complete the survey.</i> • Call for sites - 19th March. <i>There are four sites in the Parish that have been put forward. These were shown on screen. Four questions had been provided by CC. There were no problems in principle with the sites put forward – other than the one that has a planning refusal on it. No other sites to put forward. Clerk to respond.</i> 				
12.	<p>Election details – Thursday 1st May 2025 – Polling Day.</p> <p>Details available so far can be found here. Nomination packs are due to be delivered to Bude Library for the Clerk to collect between 3rd & 7th March.</p> <p><i>Note the meeting change date for the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council will be one week earlier than usual on Wednesday 14th May 2025 – this means that the Annual Open Meeting will be a week earlier on Wednesday 21st May 2025. Speakers required for the open meeting. GCHQ have agreed to come along – one other is required. It would be nice to have Holsworthy Rural Transport come to speak at some point as the Parish have been supporting them in the last 3 years. Police Cyber security have also recently made contact offering to come and make presentations. Clerk to liaise with the Police and see if they can also join the meeting.</i></p>				
13.	<p>VE Day Beacon – Thursday 8th May 2025. Cllr. Savage confirmed that local arrangements have been made with both the beacon host and the beacon supplier. The Parish Council Car Park outside the Community Centre will be the designated viewing space.</p>				
14.	<p>Morwenstow Parish Council website progress to gov.uk. www.morwenstowparish.gov.uk is now live. <i>The funding has not been received as thought by the Clerk, despite the firm saying we had received it. All set up now going forwards. An extra cost of £7.19 + VAT was agreed by the Clerk to extend the previous domain name for one year - to redirect people to the new website.</i></p>				
15.	<p>Policy review: General Privacy Notice was accepted as is – proposed by Cllr. Myers, seconded by Cllr. Phipps. Financial Regulations were updated by Cornwall Council after the last review (published in May 2024). It was resolved to adopt the newer regulations; proposed by Cllr. Steer, seconded by Cllr. Boundy. These will return to the March meeting; as there are sections to be completed by the Clerk first.</p>				
16.	<p>Training available: Number of opportunities within the Training Bulletin – available to all Councillors – see Calendar.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Council briefing: Interim Planning Position Statement and decision-making, Call for sites - Weds 26 February 2025, 4.00-5.15 <p>No one wished to take any training at this time.</p>				
17.	<p>Correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Cornwall Council: positive planning; planning consultations & appeal notice; CAP meeting details Monday 31st March at Camelford; Town & Parish Council Newsletter; Streetworks, CIOS Goodgrowth, Supplier update; C. Cllr. Tilbey; Countryside Services; Strategic Planning; Affordable Housing; Election Packs details; Local Plan; Consultation & updates; LMP/SWCP details. * Cornwall ALC & NALC - various * Keep Britain Tidy * Morwenstow Community Centre Committee hire procedures & big breakfast advert/AED training * JAG Signs – re new signage * H & WB Project various * Clovelly 2024: Climate & Nature bill * Ron Bailey - Lithium batteries * Redruth Town Council – fairer way of distributing second home council tax * GCHQ re attendance at Annual Open Meeting * Website – Parish Helper & TEEC * Scrapstore Cornwall * Cornwall Community Foundation: Drop-in session for East Langford Funding – The Pearl Exchange, Bude 03.03.2025 1pm-4pm * Environment Agency – Abstraction license information request * Woodland Trust – tree delivery * Thank you letters: Morwenstow Methodist Church, Cornwall Air Ambulance & Holsworthy Rural Transport * Invoices from: Aquiss/ICO Renewal/Parish Magazine Printing * Newsletters and updates from Information Commissioners Office; HMRC; Rural Service Network; South West Coast Path; Volunteer Cornwall, NHS Cornwall & IoS +ICB, Clean Cornwall, National Landscape, Planning Portal. * Parishioner call re tree surgery on Woolley green + Japanese knotweed – spreading here. Signposted to CC. * RoSPA Play Safety inspection April call. 				
18.	<p>Finances:</p> <p>The accounting spreadsheet had been distributed to Councillors prior to the meeting. All payments were agreed as per the schedule. The invoices were checked and initialled by Cllr. Hobbs, the cheques were signed and initialled by Cllrs. Boundy & Phipps. Cllrs. Savage & Steer checked and signed the bank statements.</p> <p><i>Invoices paid were as follows:</i></p> <p>January: Aquiss – Broadband: £32.00; ICO – Data registration: £35.00; Parish Magazine Printing – February Hamlets: £46.19.</p> <p>Bank reconciliation at 31st February 2025</p> <table> <tr> <td>Balance as at 31/12/2024</td><td>- £ 18,573.15</td></tr> <tr> <td>Plus income: Kilkhampton Parish Council re Duckpool</td><td>- £ 364.00</td></tr> </table>	Balance as at 31/12/2024	- £ 18,573.15	Plus income: Kilkhampton Parish Council re Duckpool	- £ 364.00
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	<p>Less expenditure - £ 3,603.86</p> <p>Balance as at 31/01/2025 - £ 15,333.29</p> <p>Bank statement as at 31/01/2025 - £ 15,333.29</p> <p>Less outstanding payments - £ 11,811.06</p> <p>Business reserve balance as at 31/12/2024 - £ 311.04</p> <p><i>Total funds held as at 31/01/2025 - £ 3,833.27</i></p>
19.	<p>Planning:</p> <p>Planning Partnership: Update from Cllr. Worden: <i>There have been talks of a call for sites meeting coming up. There seem to be a lot of delays at the moment with the elections. Will report anything new as soon as it is available.</i></p> <p><i>Applications received for consultation by members to agree a consultee response to be submitted to Cornwall Council:</i></p> <p>P1 - PA24/09640 Listed building consent for the installation of an external ASHP fan unit on a concrete plinth to the rear of the utility room and Carer's bedroom. Eastaway Manor Morwenstow Bude Cornwall EX23 9JQ MPC Comments: <i>No objections.</i></p> <p>P2 - PA25/01032 Non material amendment in relation to decision notice PA23/08701 dated 21.12.2023 Making changes to the surface water drainage from a soakaway to an attenuation tank Elm Bank Woodford Bude Cornwall EX23 9JD MPC Comments: <i>No objections.</i></p> <p>P3 - PA25/01081 Partial demolition and extension of residential dwelling. Old Smithy Morwenna Road Shop Morwenstow Bude Cornwall EX23 9SG MPC Comments: <i>No objections. Cllr. Payne left the room for the duration of this discussion.</i></p> <p>P4 - Any planning application received from Cornwall Council prior to the meeting PA25/00943 Application for Permission in Principle for the construction of 5 dwellings Land North Of The Nook Morwenna Road Shop Morwenstow Cornwall. <i>This application was received on the afternoon of the meeting. An extension was requested, but as this is a PiP – the timescale is only 5 weeks. <u>A further planning meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th March at 7pm.</u> Whilst this application was only discussed to this extent – Cllr. Savage left the room at this point. An interest was not declared at item 4 because the Councillors did not have this information before the meeting.</i></p> <p>Enforcement updates – <u>if available.</u> No update on live cases at present. <i>The Clerk had seen a member of Atlantic Horizons who confirmed that studies are still taking place for a planning application at the site there.</i></p> <p>For information only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting decision: None • Cornwall Council Decision Approved/Withdrawn/Refused: ALL APPROVED BELOW <p>PA24/07848 Single Storey Annexe Land At Hawkers Drive Morwenstow Bude Cornwall EX23 9FF PA24/08705 Proposed detached workshop/garage. East Gooseham Farm Morwenstow Bude Cornwall EX23 9PG PA24/08706 Listed Building Consent for proposed detached workshop /garage. East Gooseham Farm Morwenstow Bude Cornwall EX23 9PG PA24/07400 Proposed Agricultural Shed and formation of new access. Stursdon Farm Coombe Valley Bude Cornwall EX23 9HU PA24/09226 Change of use to retirement livery, equestrian use, proposed field shelter, temporary rural/equestrian worker's dwelling, formation of new parking area and associated works. Land West Of Valley View Morwenstow Bude Cornwall PA24/09154 Part conversion of store and extension to form new lobby and toilet facilities. Community Centre Shop Morwenstow Bude Cornwall EX23 9SL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Application Advice in process: PA25/00171/PREAPP Pre application advice for proposed conversion & extension of curtilage Grade II Listed barn. Barn West Of Marsland Manor Morwenstow Bude Cornwall EX23 9ST • Appeal in progress: 24/00205/REF The erection of an agricultural storage shed. Land At Shop Bude EX23 9SQ 24/00267/REF Outline Application for one new dwelling, with all matters reserved except for access. Land Between Foxhaven and Meadow View Eastcott Bude Cornwall
20.	<p>Date of next monthly meeting – Wednesday 19th March 2025; <i>unless a planning meeting is required before that.</i> As noted above – since the meeting ended we now require a planning meeting on Wednesday 5th March at 7:00pm.</p>

With there being no further business – the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:46pm.