

Thelbridge Parish Council

Minutes

June 12th, 2019

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Present: Cllrs Boundy, Cowell, Gillbard, Grant, Hayes, Squires (DCC & MDDC), Wainwright (MDDC)

Apologies:

I. Apologies for absence

There were none.

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes for 8th May 2019 were signed as a correct record.

The Black Dog defibrillator cost c£3,000 with a heavy duty box and electrical supply, but with British Heart Foundation grant funding for half the cost a further £1,500 was raised by the community through fund raising. The grant was with the proviso that some people had first aid training.

III. Public forum

One member of the public attended.

IV. Declarations of interest

Cllr Grant declared an interest with respect to the Wick Lea planning prior notification since this was formally his mother's home.

V. Clerk's report

Councillor Resignation

Cllr Charlton has resigned; the elections office has been notified and the vacancy advertised. Since he was to be Vice Chairman and an authorised signatory, an alternative councillor is now required.

Funding

Two Devon County Schemes are open to legally constituted and registered as not-for-private-profit organisations including town and parish councils, voluntary, community and social enterprises, charities and business. Applications can also be made by a combination of groups working together.

The new Doing What Matters Community Grants Fund is now live. This offers one-off grants of between £5k to £20k to successful community project applicants. The scheme features an intervention rate of 75% (25% match required).

Another grant fund called Making the Connection, provides small, one-off grants of up to £300 to support community-led ideas and initiatives across Devon. No match funding is required.

Making Tax Digital

Where a council is not VAT-registered and reclaims using a VAT126 form, it will NOT be affected during 2019/20, nor does it seem likely this will change in 2020/21.

Action for Wildlife Conference

The Devon Community Action for Wildlife Conference is being held on 6th July in Chagford. It is hoped as many parish representatives attend as possible. The day is free and will include talks, walks and discussion on bats, road verges, hedges, pollinators, churchyards, meadows, gardening and much more, see <https://www.naturaldevon.org.uk/2019-community-action-for-wildlife/> for more information and booking details.

NALC Annual Conference and Exhibition

Early-bird rates saving 20% are available until 31st July. Conference is at the Double Tree Bay Hilton Hotel in Milton Keynes on 28th - 29th October 2019. More information can be found on NALC's website.

Training

Being a Good Councillor

Our 'Being a good councillor' course is designed as an introduction for new councillors. The interactive full-day course covers four modules: Roles and Responsibilities; Powers, Duties and Precepts; Management and Meetings; and The Council and the Community.

The course costs £55 + VAT per person. Event times: 9.45am to 4.00pm.

Course Dates:

- Thu 20 June 2019, Tiverton
- Tue 2 July 2019, Bideford
- Thu 11 July 2019, Kingsteignton
- Wed 17 July 2019, Honiton

Fly a Flag for Armed Forces Day

MDDC will be raising a flag at 10:30 Monday 24th June at Phoenix House. Councillors are invited to join the Chairman, Cllr Les Cruwys, at 10:00 for coffee before the ceremony.

Custom and Self Build Houses Workshop

Councillors are invited to attend the workshop on **20 June 2019**, at Phoenix House 17:00 – 20:00. This will be facilitated by the national Right to Build Task Force and focus on how local communities can provide support to people wishing to commission or build their own homes in Mid Devon.

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Custom and self-build housing can be a more affordable way for people to meet their housing needs, help raise design standards and support local jobs in the construction industry. It forms part of a push by Government to diversify the housing market and offer greater choice for everyone wishing to own or rent their home.

Light refreshments will be provided. Please advise on any dietary requirements when confirming your attendance by **17th June 2019**. Direct dial:01884 234221
Email:abeecham@middevon.gov.uk

VI. Finance

- a) The most recent bank statement and budget monitoring report were reviewed
- b) Payments were approved for the insurance policy renewal £160.65 and HMRC £27.40

VII. Planning

Erection of first floor rear extension and lean-to porch and conversion of annex loft to ensuite bedroom

Hele Bridge House Black Dog Crediton Devon EX17 4QJ Ref. No: 19/00875/HOUSE
Unanimous decision was to support this application.

Prior Notification for the erection of single storey extension, extending 6m to the rear, maximum height of 3.65m and eaves height of 2.44m

Wick Lea Nomansland Tiverton Devon EX16 8NW Ref. No: 19/00817/PNHH
Unanimous decision was to support this application.

Erection of a permanent agricultural rural worker's dwelling to replace existing temporary accommodation

Land at NGR 283096 113691 Menchine Farm Nomansland Devon Ref. No: 19/00709/FULL
Unanimous decision was to support this application.

Erection of carport linhay/garden store, replacement porch, bay window and day room and conversion of existing garage to annex

Cannington Mill Witheridge Tiverton Devon EX16 8NX Ref. No: 19/00577/HOUSE
Since the agenda was published, this application has been granted.

VIII. Items for future agenda

Councillor co-option
Defibrillator

The meeting closed at 8:20

Signed W. K. Boundy.....(Chairman) Date 11th Sept 2019