

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held on 18th March 2002 at 8.0pm.

Councillors Present: - W.K. Bourdy - Chairman.

K.E. Webber

S.J.D. Hayes.

T. Ford.

B.W. Gilbard.

District Councillor. - R. Quick

County Councillor - M. Lee.

Chairman Witheridge & Nonsm Island C.C. Mr. P. Blight.

Sixteen members of the Public.

Apologies for absence received from Councillors T. Gibson, and G. Webber, also from Mr. Charlton.

Public Session

There were no questions from members of the Public. The Chairman said that he would accept questions from the Public for items on the agenda at the relative times. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed and duly signed by the Chairman.

Matters Aising

Roberts out-line planning for a dwelling to replace a mobile home. The Chairman said that he had attended a Planning Meeting at Mid Devon Council and had spoken in favour of the application. The Clerk reported that he had received notification that Mid Devon Planning Authority had rejected the application and read out to the meeting the reasons for refusal, the application was also recommended strongly for refusal by North Devon District Council, Councillor S.J.D. Hayes said that he was in favour of the proposed application and did not agree with the Council's decision.

The Clerk reported that he had informed Mid Devon Planning Authority of the decision reached regarding longworth construction of 16 homes at Nomansland, Mr Smythe, resident of Nomansland said that the developer had met with a small group of residents as agreed.

Traffic Management. - Nomansland.

The Clerk reported that the lower speed limit through Nomansland had been introduced. Mr. Best, resident of Nomansland said that H.M.P.H was still marked on the B3137 roadway.

proposal for the possible lease of land at Nomansland to provide a Cricket Pitch + Childrens Play Area.

Mr. P. Blight stated that plans were being formulated to lease a field from Mr. Cole to provide a Cricket Pitch & said that a Childrens play area could also be incorporated into this scheme, which would also include changing rooms + a toilet, and suggested a partnership with the Parish and District Councils, with the possibility of funding coming from this source.

Mr. Best said that he considered the location was too far from the village centre, also children would have to negotiate the B3137 which could prove to be dangerous.

The Clerk said that he understood from Mr Charlton that access to the field could be through his gateway.

District Councillor R. Quick suggested that a Sub Committee could be set up to look into the proposals. No decision was reached. This item was to remain on the agenda.

Correspondence.

a letter was read from Mr. Best regarding the repositioning of a Pillar Box and the location of the telephone box.

After a debate the residents of Nomansland present voiced their

opinion, that both the pillar box and telephone box should remain. Mr. Beet pointed out that the majority of residents present did not come from within the Parish of Thelbridge. Councillors supported the majority of the public present.

Items of Correspondence received from Mid Devon + Devon County were tabled. These included:-

- 1) Monitoring of Planning Control
- 2) News from Devon County Council
- 3) Refuse Collections - Holiday arrangements.
- 4) Public Transport Information Line.
- 5) Parish Lengthman's Programme.
- 6) Consultation Waste Strategy + Consultation
- 7) Potential Taxi Voucher scheme.

(The Clerk reported on a meeting he had attended)

- 8) News from Devon County Council - January + February issues
- 9) Mid Devon Hartland Visitor Guide 2002.
- 10) Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership.
- 11) Bus information Strategy
- 12) Proposed Devon Day Rover.
- 13) Strong local leadership and Quality Public Services
- 14) Grants for play areas (improvements)
- 15) Listed Building and Conservation.
- 16) Annual meeting of Parish and Town Council Chairmen + Clerks
- 17) Devon County Council Tax 2002/2003.

Councillor Webber queried the difference between Puddington + Thelbridge. He said that Puddington Parish Council kept their precept low.

- 18) Terms and conditions for the employment of Clerks.

Councillor Webber said that the Clerk's salary at Puddington was £200.00 per annum.

Planning

The Clerk reported on all Planning Applications that had been dealt with since the last meeting. The Chairman explained

that due to time constraints uncontroversial applications were dealt with in consultation with Councillors.

Model Code of Conduct.

The Clerk handed document relating to the Code to all Councillors present. Concerns were expressed concerning the declaration of interest clause, it was agreed that a further meeting to discuss the Model Code of Conduct would be held on Monday 16 April at 7.30pm.

Highways

The Chairman reported on a Site Meeting held at Noman's Land to discuss this issue. The Clerk said he was awaiting proposals from the Highways Authority. District Councillor R. Quick said that a Public meeting should be held to discuss the proposals when they are received. The road from the Forge to Mount Pleasant Inn. County Councillor M. Lee agreed to chase this item up with the Highways Authority on behalf of the Council.

Finance

The Clerk reported that the Parish accounts stood at.

£

Business account	322.62
Current account	<u>19.36</u>
Total	341.98.

The Clerk said that the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2001 had been audited.

Councillors agreed that the Precept for the year commencing 1st April 2002 should remain at £575.00 and the DAPC affiliation should be deducted at source from the Precept.

Councillors agreed the following expenditure	£
Cometary grants St Davids Church	50.00
Hele Lane Chapel	25.00

after having declared an interest in the grant for Hele Lane Chapel, the Chairman left the meeting and took no further part in deciding the grant.

The Chairman returned to the meeting and Councillors agreed to purchase seventy Golden Jubilee Mugs to celebrate Her Majesty's Golden Jubilee to be given to children under the age of 16 years, of the Parish, the approximate cost of £150.40

The Council agreed the following dates and times for next meetings.

15th April 2002 at 7.30pm.

13th May 2002 at 7.30pm. A.G.M.

There being no other business, the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 10.15 pm.

Signed: - W. K. Boundy

Dated: - 13th May 2002

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting
held on 15th April 2002 at 7.30pm.

Councillors present: - W.K. Boundy, Chairman.
T.H. Gibson
B.W. Gilbard.
K.E. Webber.
S.J.D. Hayes.
G.J. Webber.

Apologies for absence Councillor T. Ford.

Model Code of Conduct.

The Clerk outlined the reasons for introducing the Code. The Chairman said that he was in favour of the Code. Councillor K.E. Webber gave his reasons for supporting the Code of Conduct. Councillors unanimously agreed in principle to the Code of Conduct, a discussion followed, regarding declaration of interest. Councillor K.E. Webber said that the declaration of interest was not such an invasion of privacy as it first appeared. Councillors G. Webber, B.W. Gilbard agreed, after further discussion, Councillors agreed to sign their acceptance to the Code and to complete declaration of interest forms.

Councillors present signed the necessary documentation.

The Clerk said that he would inform the Monitoring Officer and the Standards Commission accordingly.

Planning

Planning applications: -

H/50/2002/642 CLO

Mr. & Mrs K. Birch.

Certificate of lawful use to retain annex accommodation as a separate dwelling.

Little Barn Cottage. Stetchdown. Thelbridge.

H/50/2002/5471

Mr. J. Gibson.

Erection of livestock building.

Field adjoining Kensfield. Nomanland. Thelbridge.

Mr. T. Gibson expressed an interest in the planning application in respect of Mr. J. Gibson and took no further part in the decision making process of that application.

Both applications were approved by the Council.

Jubilee Service.

Councillors agreed that the Clerk and his Wife should represent the Council at the Jubilee Service to be held on Sunday 2nd June 2002 at Exeter Cathedral.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.38pm
The Chairman thanked all present for their attendance.

Signed: — W. K. Boundy

Dated: — 13th May 2002

Minutes of an Annual General Meeting of the
Parish Council held on Monday 13th May 2002
in Thebbridge Parish Hall.

Councillors Present: W.K. Boundy Chairman.
K. E. Webber.
B. W. Gillbard.
S.J.D. Hayes.
G.J. Webber.
T. Ford.

Two members of the Public were also present.
Apologised for absence. District Councillor R. Quick.
Councillor T. Gibson.

Minutes of the last A.G.M. were read and adopted as a true record, and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the last A.G.M.

Election of Officers.

Councillor W.K. Boundy was elected as Chairman unopposed.
Councillor T. H. Gibson elected Vice-Chairman unopposed.

Financial Statement

The Clerk reported that the accounts for the period 1st April 2000 to 31st March 2001 had been duly audited by the Audit Commission and a certificate of approval had been received.
The current financial situation was Business Call account £865.75
Current account 19.36
Total £885.11

The Chairman thanked the Clerk for his work during the year.
There being no other business the meeting closed at 8pm.

Signed : - W. K. Boundy
Dated : - 6th May 2003

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held
at 8pm on Monday 13th May 2002
following the A.G.M.

Councillors Present

W. K. Boundy Chairman.

K.E. Webber

B.W. Gillbard

S.J.D. Hayss.

G. J. Webber.

T. Ford.

Three members of the Public.

Apologies for absence District Councillor R. Quick.

Councillor. T. Gibson.

Public Session.

No questions were raised at this point. The Chairman said that he would accept any questions to any item on the Agenda at the relative time.

Matters Arising

Proposal for the possible lease of land at Noman'sland to provide a Cricket Pitch and Childrens Play area. Fears were expressed regarding the location, also that children would have to cross the B3137 to access the play area; also that parking for teams arriving to use the Pitch could cause problems, a suggestion was made regarding the partial funding for such a project coming from a Section 106 agreement with the developer at Noman'sland. Councillors instructed the Clerk to discuss the funding with the District Councillor and in the first instance with the Parish Clerk of Coumgs Marchand.

Model Code of Conduct.

The Clerk read the minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on 15th April 2002. Councillors agreed that the minutes were a true record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising.

The Clerk reported that he had received further correspondence and a video regarding the declaration of interest clause. The Chairman and Councillors agreed that as they had already signed their declaration of interest this information was a little late forthcoming. The Clerk distributed the latest booklet, and handed the video to the Chairman. The Chairman reminded all Councillors regarding declaration of interest in any item on the agenda.

Correspondence.

The Clerk tabled the following items of correspondence.

1. Whats on in Devon Heartland.
2. Policing Summary and Performance Plan.
3. Market and Coastal Towns initiative
4. R. S. P. B.
5. Changes to local bus services
6. DEFRA. Parish and Town Councils.
7. Japanese Knotweed.
8. Eating well Community Grants.
9. Junk Mail.
10. Devon Primrose.
11. Devon C.C. Common ground.
12. News from Devon C.C.
13. Parish Emergency Planning.
14. Land Drainage.
15. Notes of a meeting between the Chief Executive & Parish Council representatives
16. Devon C.C. Partnership and Practice.
17. Devon D.C. Newsletter.
18. Mid Devon Transport forum.
19. Road Safety in Devon.
20. Public rights of way.
21. Area Committees
22. Tiverton Library.

Planning.

The Clerk reported that he had been notified that Planning application 4/50/00/0127 to install W.C. facilities within Cow Port, erection of livestock shelters and installation of septic tank. The Barns, Southwick. Nomansland had been granted full planning permission by Mid Devon District Council.

Highways.

The Clerk reported that he had been in contact with the District Councillor, regarding the problems with H.G.V.'s at Nomansland, the current situation was that the District Council were awaiting proposals to reduce the current situation, as had been already agreed, these proposals would be put before a Public Meeting of both Thelbridge and Croysey Moorland Councils. Mr Beek reported that he had also been in contact with the Police regarding the H.G.V. situation. Councillors agreed that no further action could be taken until the report & proposals were received.

Finance

The Chairman signed the accounts ledger and supporting documentation as required by the Audit Commission, for the period 1st April 2001 - 31st March 2002. The Clerk said that he had received notification that the method of auditing accounts was being altered and this would come into effect from 1st April 2001.

The Chairman explained that the Council was required to appoint an independent auditor and it was agreed that Mr ROUNDOTIABAK WOODISON would be given all the correspondence to look at. Councillors considered that as he held the position of an accountant, he would be the most suitable person for the position.

Councillors agreed the following items of expenditure for the coming year.

Clerks Salary

200.00

Burial grounds

75.00

Hire of Parish Hall.

44.00

Cornhill Assurance

127.10

Celebration Mugs.

193.29

Total

739.39

There being no other business the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 21.30 hrs.

Signed: - W. K. Boundy

Dated: - 29th August 2002

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held
at 8pm on Thursday 29th August 2002.

Councillors present: - W. Boundy Chairman.
K. E. Webber
B. W. Gillbard
S. J. D. Hayes.
G. J. Webber.
T. Ford.
T. Gibson.

Prospective Internal Auditor
Mr. Roundtable.

Member of the Public Mr. E. Best.

Public session.

Mr Best queried the current position regarding H.G.V traffic at Nomansland. The Chairman replied that proposals were awaited from Devon County.

The Chairman invited Mr Roundtable to talk to the meeting on the subject of Market Town status and Rural development agency. This covered many aspects, including the setting up of a Housing Group, Rural Transport initiative & vital villages. Money has been made available for various projects which are Parish led. The Chairman thanked Mr Roundtable for his very enlightening contribution to the meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and agreed as a true record of the meeting and was duly signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising:

Highways - The Clerk reported that there had been no proposals forthcoming from Devon County regarding the H.G.V. problems at Nomansland. Mr Best said this was just an accident waiting to happen.

Correspondence.

The Clerk tabled the following items of Correspondence

- Best Value Performance Plan.
- Chairmans Receptions.
- Parish Newsletters
- Vital Villages updates
- Devon Structure Plan.
- Update Electoral Roll
- News from Devon County.
- Devon District Council - who does what.
- Race Equality Scheme, Draft Document.
- Mid Devon Transport Forum.
- DEPRA re-planning
- Devon Christmas card.
- Crime - disorder act.
- Planning Folder.
- Devon County News
- Fire Authority - Best Value Performance Plan.
- Transport Grant.
- Best Value Performance Profiles
- Working for a better Devon.

Planning

The Clerk reported that the following Planning Applications had been approved by Mid Devon District Council.

Erection of agricultural and machinery and storage building
Buddleswick Nomansland, Thelbridge.

Change of use of agricultural land and formation of Riding
area Chapner Farm Thelbridge

Erection of 2016 dwellings including garages and associated
access points and road layout - land adjacent to the Ark
Nomansland.

All these applications had been approved by the Parish Council.

Planning application 4/50/2002/1828.

Mr. G. Cox. Reserved matters for the erection of agricultural dwelling Mill Barton Farm Stretchdown Thelbridge.

After discussion this application was approved, the Clerk was instructed to inform Mid Devon Planning Authority accordingly.

Planning application 4/50/2002/1845.

Mr. & Mrs Gillband was withdrawn.

Highways.

Nothing further to report.

Finance.

The Chairman asked Mr. Roundstable if he would be prepared to undertake the role of internal auditor. Mr Roundstable confirmed that he was, and would be prepared to undertake the work required, by the Audit Commission in connection with the accounts for the period 1st April 2001 to 31st March 2002. free of charge. The Council gave their approval.

The Clerk passed the relative documents over to Mr Roundstable.

The Clerk reported that the accounts for the period 1st April 2002 to 29th August 2002 had been prepared and showed a balance of income over expenditure of £445. 96.

The accounts for this period were duly signed by the Chairman and countersigned by the Clerk.

A.O.B.

The Council agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk would represent the Council at Mid Devon District Chairman's reception on Thursday 18th October at Moreland Bishop.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Signed: — W. A. Boundy

Dated: — 12th December 2002.

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held
at 7.30pm on Thursday 12th December 2002.

Councillors Present: -

W.K. Boundy Chairman.

K.E. Webber.

B.W. Gillbard

S.J.D. Hayes.

G.J. Webber.

T. Ford

Chairman Mid Devon D.C.

D. Knowles.

County Councillor

M. Lee.

Five members of the Public.

The Chairman opened the meeting and asked for one minutes silence in respect for the passing of Councillor Toz Gibson.

The Chairman praised the contribution Councillor Gibson had made to the Council and the Parish, both as Clerk and Councillor. Councillors present endorsed fully the sentiments expressed.

Chairman of Mid Devon District Council addressed the meeting outlining the services that Mid Devon District Council were providing for Parishes. Councillor Knowles stressed the point that the Creedy area Committee was the forum for ensuring that the District Council were pursuing policies that Parishes approved of. Councillor Boundy thanked the Chairman for his attendance at our Council Meeting.

Public Session There were no questions to the Council, the Chairman said that he would accept any questions to items on the Agenda at the relative time.

The Chairman reminded all Councillors of any declaration of interest that they may have. Minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed, and duly signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising.

Highways - The Clerk reported that he had received nothing further, relating to the H.G.V. traffic situation at Somans land.

Freedom of Information Act. - The Clerk explained that the Council had to conform with the Act and this was mandatory, the problem the Parish would have, was that the Act determined that Councils had to be more Pro-active on informing Parishioners of information received from various sources, Publishing minutes, agendas etc: and as we did not have the facilities of a Parish Notice Board, this could prove difficult.

The possibility of having a dedicated web site on the Internet was discussed, and Bob Crooks, a member of the public, said he would forward an address of a contact, he could carry out work that would be required by the Clerk. The Clerk was instructed to pursue this course of action. The Clerk suggested that the Council should adopt the Parish Council Model scheme.

The Council agreed.

Correspondence.

The Clerk tabled the following items:-

- 1). Local Bus information.
- 2). Street naming - Somansland.
- 3). Devon & Cornwall Constabulary report.
- 4). Vital Villages update.
- 5). Countryside Agency Parish Transport
- 6). Mid Devon Transport Forum.
- 7). Devon Talk.
- 8). Grant applications.
- 9). D.A.P.C. Subscription Rates.
- 10). News round up Devon County.
- 11). Community Safety Partnership.
- 12). Crediton Area Market.

- 13). D.A.P.C. Annual report.
- 14). Credeney area Committee minutes.
- 15). County Benchmen.
- 16). Mid Devon Community Plan.
- 17). Crime and Disorder Act.
- 18). Register of Electors.
- 19). December Monthly News.
- 20). First Aid Courses.
- 21). South West Forum Newsletter.
- 22). Village Green Newsletter December.
- 23). Christmas and New Year Refuse Arrangements.
- 24). Grants and Funding News.

Councillors considered that item Number 2, the street naming of the new development, was not in keeping with the area and the new development should be named East Wick, rather than Eastwick Barton. The Council instructed the Clerk to inform Mid Devon operations services accordingly.

Highways-

Nothing further to report

Planning-

Applications dealt with :-

- 450021933 Mr. & Mrs M. Cambell, outline for the erection of a new dwelling and garage at The Brambles Thelbridge. - agreed.
- 45020011494 Mr. G. Cox, outline for the erection of agricultural works dwelling Mill Barton Farm, Thelbridge - agreed.
- 4500122399 Executors of Mrs H. Tomms - deceased. Agreed with Provisions regarding entrance.

Planning applications current.

- 450022574 Mr. & Mrs K. Bick - Erection of two storey extension to Little Barn Cottage. Stetchdown, Thelbridge - after discussion this application was agreed by Councillors.
- 45020022617 Mr. M. Tribe - use of land for the retention of a temporary dwelling (TURF) and Studio Workshop. Mr. Tribe was invited by the Chairman to speak on his application. Mr. Tribe explained the reasons for seeking Planning consent. After discussion, Councillors agreed the Application.
- 45020022674 Mrs S Edwards - change of use of Farm outbuildings - to a glass shed (B1 Light Industrial) - incorporating a Retail Area and formation of Parking Area. Thelbridge Cross Farm. The Chairman invited Mr Bob Crooks to speak on his application. Mr. Crooks outlined his reasons for submitting the application, saying that this could bring work into the Parish. Councillors fully supported this application. The Clerk was instructed to inform Mid Devon Planning Authority of the decisions taken.

Finance.

The Clerk said that following the internal and external audit the Council Finances for the Period 1st April 2001 to 31st March 2002 had been fully approved.

The Clerk said that the precept for 1st April 2003 - 31st March 2004 had to be decided, the Clerk reminded Councillors that this year would include the possibility of Election expenses.

After discussion Councillors instructed the Clerk to seek a Precept of £650.00, plus additional costs of any Election expenses. Councillors approved expenditure for December :-

Parish Clerk - 300. 00
St David's Church - 15. 00
Held Lane Methodist Chapel - 10. 00
Total 325 00.

There being no other business, the Chairman thanked Members of the Public and Councillors for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.15 pm.

Signed: - W. K. Bondy
Dated: - 11th March 2003.