

MORCHARD BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual Meeting 13 May 2019

Present: David Grant, Dawn Parkhouse, Keith Davies, Les Partridge, Roger Field, Sarah Gillbard, Luke Denno, Sheila Sinclair, John Lewin, Steve Watson, David Gillbard & David Parker (Parish Clerk).

Margaret Squires, Elizabeth Wainwright and five members of the public attended.

All Parish Councillors completed and gave to the clerk their Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Parish Councillor.

Les Partridge opened the evening's meetings with prayer.

Apologies: None

1. David Grant was elected as Chairman, proposed L Denno, seconded R. Field, unanimous. David Grant took the chair and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman.
2. The Chairman thanked the outgoing Parish Council for their service and asked that a letter of thanks be sent to those four councillors who had not sought re-election. Then followed the election of officers:

Officer	Current Officer
Deputy Chairman	Dawn Parkhouse
Snow Warden	Roger Field ***
Churchyard Committee	Les Partridge*
Memorial Hall Committee	Keith Davies
Parochial Church Council	Dawn Parkhouse
MB Playing Field Association	Sarah Gillbard
MB Playing Field Association	Roger Field
PTA	Luke Denno **

* Les Partridge's election as Parish Council Representative on the Churchyard Committee was proposed R. Field, seconded D. Parkhouse, unanimous. ** Luke Denno's election as Parish Council Representative to the School PTA was proposed by Les Partridge and seconded by Dawn Parkhouse, it was accepted subject to the practicalities of Luke sharing attendance at the meetings with his wife who is also on the PTA. All other officer holders were elected *en-masse* from the previous Council, proposed Luke Denno, seconded K Davies, unanimous.

*** Roger Field will train a replacement over the next year with the intention of stepping down as Snow Warden in May 2020.

Dawn Parkhouse signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Deputy Chairman.

The Parish Paths Partnership (P3) was elected *en-masse* will consist of:

Chairman:	Keith Davies
P3 Coordinator:	vacant
Volunteer:	Christine Davies, Jackie Patten
Parish Councillor:	Roger Field

Proposed: Sheila Sinclair, Seconded: Luke Denno

3. The Minutes of the 2018 were agreed as accurate, Proposed: Les Partridge, Seconded John Lewin. The Chairman signed those minutes.
4. Clerk's Report.

During the year the attendance at Parish Council meetings was 78.79%. A total of 38 planning applications were discussed, 16 were Listed Building Consents, others were Extensions / Modifications (6), barn conversion (1), Class Q (3 – 1 repeated), tree felling (1), garage conversion (1), agricultural store/building (2), outline applications for two new dwellings (1), Applications for a new house (2), Applications for Replacement/New Garage (2), Poly tunnel (1), creation of a tennis court (1) and an Access Track (1).

Projects completed during the year include the Speeding in the Village Consultation, the posts around the war Memorial were refurbished, two flags (St Georges and Union) were bought for the Church Tower, the Parish council supported the First World War commemoration, new Christmas Lights were bought for the trees on the green and the Parish Council supported the Village Nativity scene. Successful meetings were held with the Mid-Devon Conservation Officer and the Mid-Devon Planning Obligations Monitoring Officer (s.106) applications. On-going Projects are the Grant application for a renewed play area, St Gatien Garden Wall and a Re-furbishing the Seats around the village.

The financial aspects of the year were presented to the meeting and accepted.

5. Register of Parish and Town Council Member's Interests. New Notices are being gathered from all Parish Councillors following the election.
6. Public Session.

The Lay-by on Hill Barton Lane opposite Northwood Lane needs resurfacing and a catch-pit with grating putting in – **the clerk** to report.

These matters can be reported by the public using the Devon County Council Web-site or by calling 0345 155 1004.

Complaint about the Pull-in at Pepperlake Cottage and the user reversing onto the main road which is thought to be dangerous. – **the clerk** to report to Planning Enforcement

The drain cover opposite Shippens appears to be dropping – **the clerk** to report

Complaint that the "bright lights" above the steps leading from Chulmleigh Road to Greenaway have been made less bright. – No action

Thanks to Devon Highways for mending the Pot-hole at Spire Lake. – Councillor Squires explained that the delay had been because after work commenced, it was discovered that water was escaping through the road and the pipe needed to be fixed before the road could be mended.

Report that the lights in Church Street are not working – **The Clerk** will report.

The meeting ended at 8.05pm