

**Modbury Parish Council Virtual Meeting**  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 at 7.00 PM**  
**MINUTES**

**Present:** Cllrs Watts (PW), (Chair), Middleton (MM), Vice-chair, Coates (TC), Cole (BC), Harvey (JH), Keohane (PK), Rosevear (GR), West (RW), Whybrow (CW), Woodcock (JW)

**Also present:** Cllrs Gilbert (RG)(DCC) and Taylor (BT)(SHDC) and Dan Taylor (SHDC)

2 Members of the public were in attendance

**20.99 Apologies**

**Received from Councillor Keel**

**20.100 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, S1(2),**

It was determined no items should be taken with the public excluded

**Councillor Gilbert's Report (DCC)**

BROADBAND.

CDS (Connecting Devon & Somerset) are at present completing the tender process for installation of fibre across Devon and Somerset. The outcome will be finalised before Christmas. It must be completed contractually by December 2024. Also BT Openreach are offering a 'rural Gigabit Voucher Scheme'. This would involve a BT installation target cost figure being achieved by pledging your Gigabit vouchers to BT Openreach. Once the pledged vouchers total value has reached the BT target figure and you wish to proceed, BT would aim to install the infrastructure within twelve months.

RG pleased to report that a Vehicle Activated Speed Sign (VAS) can be erected on Barracks road and that he will be happy to contribute £1,000 towards the cost from the locality grant. (Clerk to apply)

RG sorry that time has expired for the installation of the raised platform on the road.

MM thanked RG for his support

**Presentation from Dan Taylor (DT) (SHDC) regarding the new arrangements for waste disposal.**

Copies of the PowerPoint are on the MPC website:

<http://www.modburypc.co.uk/document-category/parish-council-general/>

The new arrangements for recycling will be introduced in March 2021. The current plastic bags collection process will cease and all households will be provided with two large boxes for paper and glass, and cardboard and batteries etc respectively; one white sack for tins and plastic bottles and a food caddy for food waste. The existing black and brown bins will continue to be in use for non-recyclable waste and garden waste.

**Answers to questions raised:**

- The use of existing recycling banks will be monitored and they will be removed if not being used
- There will be a saving of over £100,000 on sacks (still a saving despite the initial outlay on containers) and also reduced contamination costs.
- Sacks will continue to be issued up until March
- The containers have proven to be very durable in West Devon
- Acknowledgment that there have been some difficulties with the change of dates and new routes and DT agreed to look into the problems at Shearlangstone.

**Councillor Taylor's Reports (SHDC)**

- £500,000 available from the Government and Climate Emergency Fund for external house insulation for anyone earning less than £30,000
- Small Business Grants are available during this second lock down – apply to SHDC finance dept.
- The mortgage holiday has been extended
- SHDC is reactivating COVID-19 Community Support Groups
- The electric car charging point in Ivybridge is up and running

### **Open Forum:**

CW raised a request from a member of public unable to attend the remote meeting for the “queuing on bends” warning sign to be replaced on the A379 approach to Goutsford junction. **Clerk to report.**

### **20.101 Declarations of interest**

Received from CW as recipient of payment under 20.105(A)

### **20.102 Minutes of Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

a) The Council considered the draft Minutes (distributed earlier). RW proposed, seconded by MM and all were in favour they be approved as a true and accurate record. (CW abstained – absent at that meeting)

b) The Appendix II Action Plan had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Updates:

20.85 The girders for the MM lower bridge have been installed

20.89(B) SATNAV – changing directions- clerks discussed at their group meeting. Aveton Gifford are going to continue to pursue but the general consensus was that it would be a difficult and long procedure. **Clerks to share all efforts made in parishes for traffic calming.**

20.91(D) CCTV cameras outside parish office – GR reported back on research to date. Summary. Emphasis needs to be on Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime Detection and Prevention and Accident Protection. Recommendation to erect 2 cameras with the consent of the co-op and residents of 2 Galpin Street. **Clerk to place as agenda item in January.**

### **20.103 Barracks Road Traffic Issues**

- MM will circulate the presentation (dropped to save time at this meeting) and the updated problem and solutions spreadsheet.
- The school has responded confirming what actions they can take
- Agreed that it is excellent news the VAS can be installed

**TC to pursue poster competition and MM to move forward purchase of VAS**

### **20.104 The following planning applications were considered:**

#### **a) 2868/20/FUL Mrs & Mrs A Thorns**

Description: Proposed conversion and extension of existing garage to dwelling

Address: Stones Close Modbury PL21 0RZ

Concern regarding what proposals there might be for the tree, proximity to neighbouring property border and over-development of site.

**Proposed by MM, seconded by BC and agreed by 7 councillor (3 abstentions) that there is no objection subject to protection and preservation of the tree (Preservation order to be considered at December meeting)**

#### **b) 3337/20/FUL 3339/20/FUL 3340/20/FUL 3341/20/FUL**

4 Applications - Provision of roof to cover existing yard area Butland Farm Modbury PL21 0<sup>TH</sup>

**Proposed by MM, seconded by PW and agreed by 9 councillors (1 abstention) to support application**

#### **c) 3164/20/FUL Proposed agricultural building for poultry (2 applications) Land at SX 675 511 Trehele Cross**

**Proposed by MM, seconded by GR and all in favour to support this application**

#### **d) Appeal reference: APP/K1128/W/20/3257649 To consider a response to the Appeal Notification - Moor View Park, Modbury PL21 0SG**

**Noted that this appeal will not be activated until a decision has been made about the application. Council expressed concern that the suggestion of an expensive appeal might influence decision-making and were assured by BT that this was not the case. BC noted the significance of the objection to the application from DCC Highways on the grounds of a lack of a pavement for other concerns in the Parish. MPC continue to object to the application.**

## **20.105 Finance and Human Resources**

**a) Payments:** Proposed by GR, seconded by MM and agreed by 9 councillors (CW abstained due to interest noted earlier) to **approve payments as listed in Appendix 1**

**b) New IT equipment:** The clerk stated that of the 3 companies contacted for a quotation for new IT equipment, only 1 reply had been received from CUTEC. GR commented that a recent quotation he had received was a comparable cost and it was agreed that, as the long-term provider of MPC, council were confident that the quote represented value for money and that a quality service was assured and that, as the matter was urgent, this quote should be accepted.

**Proposed by GR, seconded by RW and agreed by 9 councillors (1 objection on the grounds that further quotations should be pursued) that Council commit £931 +VAT of the Business Support grant for the purchase of new equipment.**

Standing orders were dropped to allow comment from B Weeks regarding the storage shed and the difficulties performing the voluntary work for Millenium Meadow and P3 due to inaccessibility of equipment.

Standing orders were resumed to -

**c) Consider ceasing the charge to P3 (£20 per annum) and the Millennium Meadow funds (£180 per annum) for use of the parish store**

**It was resolved that MM and BK as MPC P3 reps would discuss this further with B. Weeks.**

**d) The request for grant funding from Libraries Unlimited for the mobile library will be taken to the next Finance Committee meeting.**

## **20.106 Modbury car park tariff review**

4% increase needs to be achieved but MPC has the opportunity to suggest different bands of charges.

**It was resolved that TC would forward the MPC price recommendations and comments as follow:**

- Rationale: Offer quick easy alternative to parking on double yellows and capture passing traffic for 'drop and shop'.
- Further Requirement: Purchase sign for outside Co-op and near post office (visible to passing traffic) advertising 30mins free parking. Advertise to community and surrounding villages and hamlets.
- 6 month trial period to be agreed with SHDC to ensure their revenue is not affected and our community are happy with the new charges.

RW thanked TC for all the work he has put into this.

## **20.107 Representation on the Four Rivers Dementia Alliance**

Standing orders were dropped for BT to give details of what the role entailed. **Agreed that BT would attend the meeting this month and give more details of the role for consideration in January**

Standing orders resumed

**Representation on the Millenium Meadow Committee**

**It was agreed that MM and BK would take on this role alongside P3.**

## **20.108 MARS update**

All the surveys are taking place and work is progressing.

CW raised the issue of **inclusion of a footpath from the pavilion to Dark Lane** in the project. It was generally agreed this was a desirable option and GR explained it could not come out of the s.106 grant for the works as this was ring-fenced for specific projects detailed in the application and that if it is not spent on these projects in the time-scale the money would need to be returned.

**GR recommended the following sequence to take this forward:**

- 1) Negotiate a conditional, time-limited contract with the land-owner that they would gift/peppercorn rent the land if Highways sanctioned a path
- 2) Liaise with Highways to take the project forward (including extending pedestrian access from the corner along Dark Lane)

## **20.109 Memorial Hall Play Park update and agreement on funding for legal work regarding the lease agreement.**

Following discussion regarding MPC as the tenant taking on responsibility for the trees -

**It was agreed to commit up to £1,800 +VAT for the legal work and up to £500 + VAT for the proposed tree survey.**  
MPC require this to take place for their insurance schedule prior to taking on the lease.

There have been 4 site visits to date from 3 local companies and 1 national. Bids are due by 6th November. Community Focus Groups will be conducted once all bids have been received.

## **BC left the meeting**

### **20.110 Correspondence**

- 1) SHDC - Pavement Parking - Options for change – consultation – MM agreed to consider this consultation and bring any items of interest to council.**

### **20.111 Palm Cross Green update**

- Most of the work identified on the joint inspection visit is being completed and the play park has been signed off by ROSPA and is likely to open soon pending some proposed work on fencing.
- MPC will retain their Bloor contact once the company have left the site which will assist with any future issues.
- Residents near the play area are concerned about children's safety crossing the road to and from the play area. MPC is in discussion with Highways

**20.112 Committees and Working Groups:** To receive updates (if any) from Working Groups and Committees and any groups not dealt with earlier (as required).

Due to the imminent lock-down the following information was shared:

- The Parish Office is now closed to the public and councillors. The clerk will continue to use it as a place of work
- Regret was expressed at the effect of the restrictions on the Remembrance Day events and councillors were advised there would be no church service and attendance at the war memorial and garden of remembrance was strictly by invitation.
- Modbury Emergency Support group will reactivate the telephone helpline and monitor recruitment of volunteers according to need.

PW urged everyone to continue to play their part in controlling the virus and thanked all for attending the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.51 pm.