

Modbury Parish Council Virtual Meeting
Tuesday 5th January 2021 at 7.00 PM
MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Watts (PW), (Chair), Middleton (MM), Vice-chair, Coates (TC), Keel (BK), Rosevear (GR), West (RW), Whybrow (CW), Woodcock (JW) **Also present:** Cllrs Gilbert (RG) (DCC) and Taylor (BT) (SHDC)

2021.01 Apologies were received from Cllrs Cole and Keohane

2021.02 In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, S1(2), Council determined that agenda item 2021.15, due to commercially sensitive information, should be taken with the public excluded

Devon Councillor's Report (RG)

- Recycling Centre remains open during lock-down 3
- Highways work at Edmeston has begun
- Confirmed that 2nd Home Owners can travel to property but not stay overnight and that if people observe this being breached it should be reported
- Confirmed that it is considered "stay local" means not to travel further than 4 or 5 miles from home unless it is essential travel

District Councillor's Report (BT)

- Electric car charging point – Modbury is due to have one installed – further info. to follow
- The new kerb side waste collection service due to begin 8th March will now be staggered. Households will receive their new containers 2 weeks prior to the new collection starting.
- New Business Grant support for Retail hospitality and Leisure industries: The one-off top-ups will be granted to closed businesses as follows:
£4,000 for businesses with a rateable value of £15,000 or under
£6,000 for businesses with a rateable value between £15,000 and £51,000
£9,000 for businesses with a rateable value of over £51,000
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/46-billion-in-new-lockdown-grants-to-support-businesses-and-protect-jobs>

Open Forum: 5 members of the public were in attendance.

- Concern expressed at potential breach of lock-down by a 2nd home owner
- Modbury Litter Pickers thanked CW and BT for advice to request equipment from SHDC who have provided various items. There are now 7 members in the group and numerous picks have resulted in more than 30 bags of rubbish being collected around the parish.
- It was noted that there has been a resubmission of planning application 3164/20/FUL for an agricultural building for poultry. This will be considered at the February Council meeting.

2021.03 GR declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 2021.6 (c) planning application 3936/20/CLE

2021.04 Minutes of Meeting 1st December 2020

- a) The Council considered the draft Minutes (distributed earlier). **Cllr Middleton proposed, seconded by Cllr West, and all were in favour they be approved as a true and accurate record.**
- b) The Appendix II Action Plan had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

Update:

- **Barracks Road** speed camera has been ordered
- **Two chick feeders** (for the distribution of dog waste bags) have been purchased to pilot their effectiveness initially in Long Park Road (2nd venue to be agreed)

- CW has studied the **Devon Interim Carbon Plan** in depth and considers it a well-thought through, professional and pragmatic plan with the ultimate aim of Devon achieving net zero carbon by 2050 – not an option but essential. It was agreed that Modbury residents would expect MPC to support the plan and provide leadership for Modbury to contribute towards achieving this. CW suggested this be delegated to the Community Action Plan Group who will; prepare a formal response to the consultation for ratification by Council at the February meeting and prepare terms of reference for approval by Council at the February meeting. **This was agreed.**

2021.05 Barracks Road Traffic Issues

Proposed by CW, seconded by MM and all in favour that MPC contribute £250 to match fund monies received from Cllr Taylor and the School Federation for the print and erection of speed control signs based using Modbury pupils' art work

2021.06 The following applications were considered:

- 3709/20/TCA T1: Spruce - Crown height reduction by 3m to reduce shading to neighbouring properties Modbury Primary School, Barrack Road, Modbury, Devon. PL21 ORB
Most Councillors have visited the site. **Proposed by BK, seconded by CW and all in favour of supporting this application**
- 3260/20/HHO Householder application for alterations including extension of kitchen, replacement of windows with sliding door and replacement roof and skylights. 5 Galpin Street, Modbury. PL21
Proposed by BK, seconded by JW and all in favour of supporting this application
- 3936/20/CLE Certificate of lawfulness for existing creation and use of building as single residential dwelling The Log Cabin Coldharbour Farm Modbury PL21 OSD
Councillors discussed the increase in these applications that allows development through the back door.
Proposed by BK, seconded by MM that MPC object on principal to the application. 6 councillors supported this and GR and TC abstained.

2021.07 CCTV cameras:

Background: As per the previous discussion in October MPC need to get a balance between purchasing a cheaper camera (approx. £350) that will act as a deterrent only until people realise it cannot be used for enforcement, and spending approx. £1,500 for a camera as recommended by The Casualty Reduction Partnership and applying for a grant from the Police Commissioner. Cameras will monitor anti-social behaviour and parking causing danger to pedestrians (including use of the disabled parking bay (JW)). The civil authority will carry out the enforcement process and data will only be accessed when an incident has been reported.

TC stated he supported the purchase for prevention of anti-social behaviour but felt a different approach could be taken towards the parking issue.

RW stated that MPC owes it to the public to demonstrate the council has done all it can to alleviate the problem
Proposed by GR, seconded by MM that a bid is submitted for £500 to the Police Commissioner towards the £1,500 camera which Council will purchase if the bid is successful. If the bid is unsuccessful Council will reconsider whether to fund full cost of enforcement camera or consider the cheaper option.

2021.08 Weed spraying

Discussion regarding potential carcinogenic effects of pesticides and difficulty in finding effective alternatives. Agreed a community approach with individual householders and businesses maintaining the area in their immediate vicinity would alleviate the problem.

Agreed that BT would consult SHDC and clerk would seek suggestions from other clerks.

Standing Orders were dropped for a member of public to offer support from her local business that is already researching the issue.

Standing orders resumed.

2021.09 Finance and Human Resources

- 1. Proposed by GR, seconded by RW and all in favour of submitting a precept demand of £47,000 for 2021-2022**
- 2. Proposed by RW, seconded by CW and all in favour that the payments as listed in App. 1 be approved.** (It was noted that there was a double entry for one payment – clerk will amend.)
- 3. Proposed by CW, seconded by BK and all in favour of renewing the DCC County Council urban grass cutting service contract.**

2021.10 Car Parking Spaces on the Palm Cross Estate and the closure of The Green to public parking

The Green car park is now closed. Thanks to everyone who vacated the space so quickly. Landscaping work will begin imminently and MPC has liaised with the police to remove the remaining car. 16 bollards are now installed on Palm Cross parking area and 8 spaces have been taken. Thanks to the residents on Palm Cross Estate for their hospitality to the councilors doing the work.

2021.11 Barrack Wall

SHDC are still working on this.

2021.12 MPC Facebook page

TC agreed this would be a good way of communicating with parishioners but that it's important not to disable comments. CW proposed it is part of a wider communication strategy

MM reminded council there was an existing Facebook page currently registered to a previous councillor and inaccessible
Agreed Communications Committee would pursue and bring to the February meeting.

2021.13 Condition and signage of the road from Dark Lane to Strode Cross

The Clerk read a submission from Cllr Cole regarding SatNavs directing inappropriate traffic down the lane and the need for weight limit signs at Strode Cross, Dark Lane and Mill Hill.

Agreed that the clerk would consult with DCC and BT would re-erect signage used previously in the interim period.

2021.14 Committees, Sub-committees and Working Groups: To receive updates (if any) from Committees, sub-committees, working Groups not dealt with earlier.

Palm Cross Play area - still closed awaiting signage. Drainage - The industrial solution is being ripped out and will be replaced by a Rain Garden more fitting for a residential area. Emergency entrance on Barrack Road – being revamped and wild flower seeds will be planted. Landscaping of The Green due to begin next week and will be closely monitored by MPC.

Maintenance Committee – A letter has been received regarding public access to the school swimming pool. This will be considered at the February meeting.

Emergency Support Team – The team met following the announcement of the current lock-down. Will be informing previous people using the service that support is still available. There might potentially be a need for more drivers to transport people to the vaccine centre in Buckfastleigh.

Dementia Friendly Parish – Work is progressing and someone from the Alliance will be at the February meeting to give a brief presentation

Emergency Plan – There are 2 new flood warden volunteers. MPC to purchase more sand to fill sand bags. One will be delivered to Wakeham Close as requested by a resident. The committee will meet Wednesday 13th Jan 2021.

PART 2

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, S1(2), Council determined that this agenda item, due to commercially sensitive information, should be taken with the public excluded.

Members of the public left the meeting.

2021.15 Memorial Hall Play Park

First public consultation informed the tender specification

5 companies were invited to tender and 3 of these placed a bid. One other company bid having seen the advert locally.

School pupils and a focus group were consulted and a scoring process used.

Funding - S106, Crowdfunding, Sponsorship, Donations in kind

Pupils, Focus group and scoring process all favoured the same tender

- a) **Proposed by TC, seconded by CW and all in favour that the preferred contractor be appointed but not contracted until the lease has been agreed and that there should be no fundamental changes to the design and total cost and as much of the extra requirements noted by the focus group be included as possible.**

- b) **Proposed by GR, seconded by RW that the application to South Hams District Council for S106 funding for renewal of the Modbury Memorial Hall Play Park (Distributed previously) be approved.**

CW thanked TC for his work on this extensive project – echoed by all councilors.

It was noted that, as a result of the lock down, the parish office is now closed.

Meeting closed at 21.53