

Minutes of Morval Parish Council Meeting held at Widegates Village Hall on Wednesday 5 March 2025

Present: Councillors J Collings (Chair), J Fullalove, S Hutchins, D Kirkland, J Kitson, T Patterson, B Pengelly, Parish Clerk, Councillor A Toms, PSCO D Billing, 4 members of the public

Councillor Collings was saddened to report that Peter Harding had passed away and spoke about his work as a Parish Councillor for many years. A minute's silence was held.

25/030 Apologies for Absence

Councillors Jackson, G Tamblyn, C Pearn

25/031 Declarations of Interest on items on the Agenda

Councillors Kitson & Pengelly declared an interest in the donation to Morval and Widegates Country Fete agenda item.

25/032 Open Forum/Public Participation

Richard Dorling introduced himself and confirmed he will be standing for election in May as a Conservative Councillor.

Councillor Kitson explained that there is Morval Woodland plan consultation taking place and encouraged everyone to offer feedback. Work will also be taking place on Sunday by the coal yard so there may not be access.

A parishioner raised concerns about boundaries on the Little Chimneys development. It was suggested they take legal advice.

25/033 Devon and Cornwall Police Report

PSCO D Billing apologised for not being able to attend regularly. In February there was one crime reported in the Parish for common assault.

25/034 Cornwall Councillor Report

Councillor Toms reported Firstly I wish to thank the clerks to the parish for their work over the last four years both Sam and Laura have been great to work with and for. I know that whoever takes on the role of councillor to this area will have a safe pair of hands to help them with this parish. Can I also thank the Chairman to the parish over the last four years as the meetings have been managed in a very professional way. To the current Councillors my thanks for being the eyes and ears on the ground keeping me informed and I can say it has been a pleasure to work with and for you. To Councillor Collings my thanks for the excellent work on social media and the well informed posts for the community. During this time decisions have been made in a clear and open way and there is a good method of allowing residents to come and speak to the council and make their feelings known. My wish is that you all consider staying on the council as experience counts. Let's hope that the new Cornwall Council keep the popular scheme of Highways local improvements. These have brought changes welcomed by residents. Yet housing is still a concern I know that the council has allowed a good number of social houses in the area in past years. The largest legacy of this council will be the play park as it displays the commitment to the community and especially the youth of the parish.

For me it is retirement and the opportunity of working for my family and having time with my grandchildren. I promise I will always be available to help with working for the community with litter picking, grass cutting and community events. Can I lastly thank the community for the kindness shown to me over these four years, I will miss my work and the people I have served. I ask that this note is published in the minutes and the local newsletter as these thanks to you and Mike Willmott should not go unnoticed.

Councillor Toms reported that the CC budget has been increased by 4.99%. The amount from the government is now smaller than the monies contributed by the residents.

Councillor Collings thanked Councillor Toms for all his work, support and dedication to Council matters over the years.

25/035 Minutes of the meeting held on the 5.2.25

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 5.2.25 which were confirmed as a true and correct record.

25/036 Planning

The Parish Council strongly object to this application. The planning layout provided does not show what has been built so far as the houses are in a different position (there are 3 on one side and 1 on the other) and therefore the application should be classed as invalid. We strongly oppose the removal of the footpath, this was meant to provide pedestrian and cycling access on a narrow road. We believe the removal of the footpath is so that the applicant can build more houses on the same footprint. The foot high bit of soil currently in situ is not a Cornish hedge which is in contravention of the net gain biodiversity drawings that were originally provided.

- PA25/01392 Land Adj. Little Chimneys Widegates Outline application for erection of four dwellings with all matters except access reserved without compliance of Conditions 3 and 5 of Decision Notice PA20/02271 dated 26.10.2020

25/037 Finance

It was resolved to approve the financial statements and payments that had been circulated including expenditure totalling £6419.88.

25/038 Play Park update/next steps

The groundwork has been finished off this week and an inspection is planned for Friday. The bund has been seeded but we need more plants and shrubs. Temporary fencing has been installed against the bund edge.

There is some remaining grant funding. It was agreed to organise fencing around the entrance gate/footpath in order to stop livestock gaining access and ask the landowner to take ownership of any ongoing maintenance of this fence. Any remaining funds can be spent on the planting and the details of this will be discussed at the focus group meeting after this meeting.

It was resolved to allow the resident of no 1 to pay for 2 extra muga panels against the wooden fencing on the football area.

It was agreed to hold the opening on Friday 4 April at 3.30 pm. It was agreed to ask Mrs Harding, Mr Liddle and Councillor Toms to officially open the play park. It was agreed to spend up to £200 on the opening event.

25/039 Correspondence for action

It was resolved to make a donation of £491.60 to the Morval and Widegates Country Fete.

25/040 Clerk's Report

- Nothing to report

25/041 Correspondence for information (Circulated to all)

- Consultation - Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP) from Peninsula Transport sub-national transport body
- Town and Parish Council Newsletter: 14 February 2025
- Safe 38 Meeting Wednesday 19th February 2025
- Closure Order A387 Bickham & Bake Lane, Widegates 3-7.3.25
- Closure Order - A387 Morview Road To Bindown Court, Widegates 24.2-7.2.25
- Policy Update, Call for Sites and Neighbourhood Priority Statements

- CALC: Town & parish councils elections 2025 - documents to navigate the election period & training dates
- Local Council briefing: Interim Planning Position Statement and decision-making, Call for sites - Weds 26 February 2025, 4.00-5.15
- Building for the Future at University Hospitals Plymouth
- Visit Cornwall Tourism Summit 2025
- Planning News for Local Councils and Agents - Winter 2025 now published

25/042 Time, Date and Venue of next Parish Council Meeting

7.00pm on Wednesday 2.4.25 in Widegates Village Hall