ZEAL MONACHORUM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Zeal Monachorum Parish Council, held on Thursday 27th January 2022 Held at the Village Hall

MINUTES

Present: Councillors: Andrew Chandler, Ken Down, Rob Peck, Ken Hogg, Alison Birchwhite, Councillor Margaret Squires (County), Peter Heal (District Councillor) + The Clerk
3 MOP
Apologies – Mark Burrow, Sally Rowden

1.	**Declarations of Interest** None	**Action**
2.	**To approve and sign Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 25th November 2021.** The minutes from the previous meetings were approved by all members present. **Proposed** – Councillor Down **Seconded** – Councillor Peck **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes –** None	
3.	**Open Forum** – an opportunity for the Electors to address the Parish Council. The Parish Council encourages the use of an Open Forum. The Applicant and Agent for Planning application ref 21/02553/FULL attended. The agent gave a brief presentation on the application. It was noted that Pre-Application advice had been sought from MDDC to specifically consider the utilisation of Class Q permission. It was felt that the applicant presented would be more acceptable to MDDC. The applicant intends to live in one of the 5 developments after selling the listed building to generate funds for the build. The agent stated that some of the remaining builds could be rented to residents of Zeal Monachorum. It was noted that Highways had made a positive comment on the application. With approval from all Members, the Chairman moved agenda topic 9, Planning ref 21/02553/FULL forward for decision Ref: 21/02553/FULL **Proposal**: Erection of 5 dwellings following demolition of existing farm buildings **Location**: Land and Buildings at NGR 271344 102459 Lower Burston Farm Bow **Site Vicinity Grid Ref**: 271345 / 102460 **Parish**: Zeal Monachorum 61 **Web link: https://planning.middevon.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=R4GNLKKS05K00** It was noted that a site visit was undertaken on the 26th January with Councillors Chandler, Peck and Rowden in attendance. Members were again presented with the report form the agent at the site visit. It was felt that the application was in keeping with the surrounding area. It would present an opportunity to have further housing stock for local people. Members raised no objections to the application and therefore supported the applicant **Proposed** – Councillor Peck **Seconded** – Councillor Down. **1 Abstention.**	

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4.	**County / District Council report**	
a.	**Margaret Squires (County)** **Budget considerations at DCC**. There is a large deficit of approximately £630K. It is thought that extra monies will have to come from reserves. **Meetings of SPARSE at DCC**. This relates to rural authorities seeking fairer funding for those in rural areas compared to Urban Areas, for example, there is £250 less funding for children in this area compared to the average. **Social Care within DCC**. – There is a recruitment drive for carers and social workers. Training programs are being arranged by DCC to promote this. Many vacancies exist which add an extra burden to DCC services that can be provided. The Chairman raised the serious pothole issues. Some are manageable but others are unbearable. Traffic going to the Waie inn is large and the road dissuades people from attending the Waie Inn. This area needs resurfacing. Despite being told of it's scheduling at DCC Highways, there is no sign of any work. This will again be clarified at DCC. It was noted that Councillor Rowden had previously sought clarification on the planned road closure for the Jubilee Celebrations. Councillor Squires will investigate this.	
b.	**Peter Health (Ward)** **Three-week domestic waste collections.** This is gaining momentum and is to be discussed formally by MDDC. This will only apply for domestic waste. **New Plan Mid Devon Consultation**. This relates to housing stock and potential land uses from 2033 – 2044. The consultation starts on the 31st January 2022. Online events re plans from MDDC will be circulated to all members in due course. Consultation ends 28th March 2022. **Parish Governance Consultation.** This relates to shoring up Parish Boundaries and District Council Wardship. At present, there are no plans to change the Parish Boundary or Ward that Zeal Monachorum resides within. Councillor Heal was also asked to provide details on the amount of s.106 money available to the Parish for the next meeting.	
5.	**<u>Property / Environment</u>**	
a.	**Village Hub Project / Survey Report** Councillor Down provides a report. The survey results have not yet been fully analysed but results have shown that 144 surveys were sent to all address. Additional questionnaires were also sent out for multiple occupancy households. 180 people responded (59% turnout) 53% voted against having a new village hall. It has transpired that the village wish for further input to the village hall by the Parish Council. It is felt that if there was a specific site available, the views of the parish could be taken another way. It is now up to the village hall to see what they want to do and further reports and funding initiatives will be considered at future meetings.	
b.	**Parish Council Website provisions and review.** **Councillor Birchwhite provides a report.** Mike Bostock is not willing to relinquish the village website but is willing to add additions to the Parish Council aspect of the website. It is felt that these needs utilizing for now. It is felt that at some point, our own website may be needed. It was noted that the domain	

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	zmpc.org.uk is available to register. It is felt that ownership of this unique domain needs to be purchased for future use. All members agreed to purchase this option at £10 **Proposed** – Councillor Peck **Seconded** – Councillor Hogg	**Clerk**
c.	**Jubilee Seat repairs within conservation area** The Clerk reports that a Planning application is relevant after receiving a brief reply to our initial questions to MDDC. The Clerk passed comments to Councillor Heal about the service received from the Conservation Department. It is felt that the response was very late and without any consideration of the request and information provided by the clerk. Councillor Chandler suggests approaching an agent in Crediton to consider the application and response to MDDC. All agreed on this way to move forward.	
6.	**Queens 70th Jubilee Celebrations 2022 – Report** Councillor Birchwhite reports that £197 has been raised so far. Another £180 is to come. A request has been made to the Parish Council for £650 as a donation. The largest costs involved are the lighting of the beacon and the food at the Waie Inn. The suggestion is to cover Approximately £4 a head for resident of Zeal Monachorum. There were concerns that anyone could attend the Waie Inn event, and the costs would spiral. This needs to be ironed out before further confirmation is made. At present, the Parish Council are unwilling to increase their donation above £500.	**AM + SR**
7.	**Denbrook Windfarm Fund –** Report There would be a £2000 credit to the account in July 2022 therefore modest projects can be considered before July. IT was hoped that the Church Path work would be fully completed by March 2022.	
8.	**Planning** **Ref**: 21/02525/HOUSE **Proposal**: Erection of attached annex for ancillary accommodation **Location**: Venn Lake Bow Crediton **Site Vicinity Grid Ref**: 271439 / 102060 **Parish**: Zeal Monachorum 61 **Web link: https://planning.middevon.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=R4979WKS0I100** It was agreed to provide no comment on the application. **Proposed –** Cllr Birchwhite **Seconded** – Cllr Chandler	
9.	**Finance** **Balance Instant Access** - £9172.20 **Savings** - £2,044.19 **Payment to be made.** **Burridge Printers Ltd – Village Hall Survey Printing -** £129.00 **Proposed –** Councillor Hogg **Seconded –** Councillor Down	

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10. **a.** **b**	**Parish Council Budget and Precept request for 2022/23** **To set Parish Council Budget for 2022/23** The Clerk had circulated figures relating to past budgets and expenditure to date. It was noted that financially, the Parish Council had the capacity to fund a more significant project in the next financial year. The Jubilee shelter would take up considerable funding now that planning is required for the project**.** The Parish Council Budget for 2022/23 would stand at £4900 with approximately £500 contingency. **To set Precept request to MDDC for Financial Year 2022/23** IT was agreed to present a 0% rise to MDDC, therefore the Parish Council was set the precept at £5400 for 2022/23 **Proposed** – Cllr Birchwhite **Seconded** – Cllr Down	
10.	**Correspondence** **23.12.21** DCC Highways Update re Drains at Road to Foldhay Cross	
11.	**Member Statements** **Councillor Down** – Street Lighting on Western Road is not functioning and has been reported to Highways. Village Hall meeting on Monday 31st January, a feasibility study on improvement to the village hall was presented. Extensive alterations will be discussed further on the 7th February. **Councillor Hogg** – Complaint. Friday and Saturday Night incident and potential theft. Surrounding roads are used as a racetrack with Three Ways Cross bins full of rubbish and strewn around the road. There was also an incident at Deer Park. This is continuing and can be reported to Julia Ryder MDDC liaison with the local Police and MDDC Anti-Social Working Group There has been a Complaint about large vehicles within the village and the signage is not clear in any way to drivers. Hedge trimming along western way has also been undertaken. Signage relating to wide vehicles is not visible. **Councillor Birchwhite** - Noted a complaint about drainage and frozen water near Hayne. This has been reported to Highways.	**Clerk**
	There were no further topics for discussion within the Ordinary Meeting which concluded at 20.30pm	
	Date of next Ordinary Meeting – 31st March 2022	

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