ZEAL MONACHORUM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Zeal Monachorum Parish Council on Thursday 30th March 2023

MINUTES

Present: Councillors: Rob Peck (Chair) Ken Hogg (Vice Chair), Mark Burrow, Ken Down, Sally Rowden, Alison Birchwhite & Margaret Squires
Peter Heal (District Councillor) + The Clerk 6 MOP
Apologies - None

Action

1.	**Declarations of Interest** A personal interest was declared by Councillors Rowden and Birchwhite in relation to The Village Hall as they are committee members.	
2.	**To approve and sign Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting and Part 2 held on 26th January 2023** The minutes were agreed by all members and were signed by the Chairman. **Proposed** – Councillor Hogg **Seconded** – Councillor Birchwhite The Part 2 Minutes were distributed to members and these were approved. **Proposed** – Councillor Burrow **Seconded** – Councillor Down.	
3.	**Open Forum** – an opportunity for the Electors to address the Parish Council. The Parish Council encourages the use of an Open Forum. 6 MOP MOP – The applicant in relation to planning ref - 23/00264/FULL attended and gave a general overview of the application. Members had no question of the applicant and the matter would be considered during the meeting. Members thanked the applicant for his attendance. MOP – A representative of the Photography Group within the village attended to offer anything he could to the Parish Newsletter. There was an article within the Monachorum matters in respect to the allotments and no reply was received. He questions how many people read the newsletter. Allotments – Allotments have progressed with a potential site at Bow Recreation fields and Football Pitches. In order to progress this, a committee has been formed to implement the practicalities. There is a view that the archaeological remains at the site which is being considered. IT is also confirmed that there is water at the site. MOP – Cllr Stuart Penny – Standing as a candidate for the New Yeo and Upper Taw. Zeal Monachorum is within this Ward and Cllr Penny already serves as a District Councillor but stands again. IF elected, he will attend meetings from May. MOP - Residents of Blackaditch Lane are becoming concerned about the lorries that are being used to dump soil at Barons Wood. The speed of the lorries is excessive as is the number of lorries. The roads are not designed to cope with such traffic and anything between 40-50- lorries a day are present. It was noted that Coldridge Parish Council had been contacted about this issue and failed to offer any assistance. Margaret Squires was part of the Coldridge meeting where this was raised and Highways have investigated the issue. From a DCC perspective. Statutory signage may not be allowed but 20's plenty is the best situation. It was noted that the Parish Council had excess 20's Plenty signage and it was offered to residents in the affected are to assist. Councillors Rowden and Hogg would look to pass signage over as soon as possible.	

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4.	**District Council report** **Councillor Heal -** Budget considerations are still being undertaken and it was hoped that a balanced budget could be achieved. An increase in charges and cuts will be implemented. MDDC are increasing the rents on all council owned accommodation. It was also noted that MDDC members agreed to tap into reserves and obtain £600k to achieve a balanced budget. Reserves at MDDC are now only £1.6 million. Recycling Trials are soon to take place in trial areas to bring in weekly recycling. As domestic waste is every three weeks, there is spare capacity to boost the recycling services. **Councillor Squires –** Comments were passed on regarding Budget concerns at DCC. Budget concerns are gravest due to Childrens Services and Social Care overspending. Cllr Squires will also be standing for re-election in May 2023.	
6. **a.** **b.** **c.**	**<u>Property / Environment</u>** **Jubilee Seat replacement** – Report on renewed drawings. Canopy is now self-supporting. Drainage is now sorted with the designer to take account of the planning conditions. The costs will be the same as the previous quote three years ago. It was thought that s.106 money can be considered, and the Clerk was asked to make an application to MDDC for this. **Allotments within Zeal Monachorum** – Report on landowner discussions. Burston Meadows have been approached by members of Zeal Monachorum. Subject to agreement, it is hoped that allotments could be set up there in a spare part of the ground. Bow recreation have a few issues with subletting and this is now being dealt with by their solicitors. Water is on site. Funding may need to be considered. The Parish Council would be responsible for the setup costs and the upkeep of the ground. It is thought that further information will become clearer when Burston Meadows have rectified their legal issues. **Funding of Monachorum Matters** The newsletter has a shortfall of £700. The Parish Council are asked to provide funding to assist. Members had concerns on the costs of producing the magazine and how costs could be undertaken here. The matter was not considered as a specific budget request in January as it has only just been received. At present, members would not provide funding until cost cutting measures are considered. It was also noted that the newsletter could approach the Denbrooke fund for assistance.	**Clerk**
7.	**Kings Coronation 2023 –** Report Village Hall reports on the coronation. They have reported back on this but no specific ideas have been generated other than a celebration afternoon in the Village Hall. It is thought that Commemorative Mugs could still be an option but difficult to obtain at such short notice. Ken Hogg will consider the matter. The Parish Council considered that a figure of £50 could be set aside if mugs area available. This was agreed by all members. **Proposed** – Cllr Hogg **Seconded** – Cllr Birchwhite	
8,	**Denbrook Windfarm Fund –** Report The last funding meeting had recently been held and eight applications were made and succeeded. It was also seen that some villages are sending in a shopping list of requirements. The amount of monies that are required exceed what is available. The fund was not designed for this, and only specific projects will be considered. At present, the available funding for Zeal Monachorum is £1876, this increases to £6000 in August.	

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9.	**s.106 Applications** Application for s.106 money from Bow Village Hall and Field for development of a Cycle Track in Bow. It was noted that Bow have now received the full amount of £60,000 for the project and no longer require monies from s.106 allocated to Zeal Monachorum. At present, monies for Zeal and other parishes stand at £16,500.	
10.	**Planning** Ref - 23/00210/FULL **Proposal:** Construction of walls around existing silage clamps **Location:** Land at NGR 269168 104553 Mann's Newton Farm Zeal Monachorum **Site Vicinity Grid Ref:** 269107 / 104471 **Parish:** Zeal Monachorum 61 **Link - https://planning.middevon.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RPPEB6KS05K00** Applications are going to increase due to new rules being brought in by DEFRA in relation to silage. **It was agreed to make no comment on the application.** **Proposed –** Councillor Down **Seconded –** Councillor Hogg Ref: 23/00264/FULL **Proposal:** Erection of 4 dwellings following demolition of agricultural buildings, utilising the Class Q fallback position (21/02209/PNCOU) **Location:** Land and Buildings at NGR 269926 104480 Lower Newton Farm Zeal Monachorum **Site Vicinity Grid Ref:** 269932 / 104441 **Parish:** Zeal Monachorum 61 **Link - https://planning.middevon.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RQ2DVOKS07T00** **Traffic issues is also relevant. Farm vehicles will reduce as the houses are taking over farming vehicles.** Members agreed to support the application. **Proposed –** Councillor Burrow **Seconded –** Councillor Rowden. **Ref**: 23/00085/FULL **Proposal:** Erection of 3 rural workers dwellings in replacement of 3 caravans **Location:** Land and Buildings at NGR 268808 104381 (West Newton) Zeal Monachorum Devon **Site Vicinity Grid Ref:** 268881 / 104344 **Parish:** Zeal Monachorum 61 **Link** – https://planning.middevon.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=consulteeComments&keyVal=ROKP1RKS07T00 Members had previously attended a site visit for the previous application and saw little difference in the application to warrant further comment. Members agreed to make No Comment on the application. **Proposed** – Cllr Peck **Seconded** – Cllr Down	
11.	**Finance** **Balance Instant Access** - £9,023.20 **Savings** - £2,048.12 **Payments to be made.** **Clerks Salary (Quarterly) – £915.73** **MDDC – Dog bin clearing 2023/24 - £162.00.** **All members agreed to the above payments.** **Proposes –** Cllr Peck	

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	Seconded – Cllr Hogg **To note.** Village Hall charges and agreement- Increase from £15 - £25	
12.	**Correspondence** **30.01.23 & 16.02.23 -** Bow Village Hall and Field – s.106 application. **22.02.23 -** MDDC election information. **23.02.23 -** Dave Chesney, drawings and information on the Jubilee Seat / Canopy. **01.03.23** – DCC Highways, Temporary Traffic Notice - ROAD FROM GREAT WOODEN CROSS TO FOLDHAY CROSS, Zeal Monachorum (TTRO2349065)	
	There were no further topics of discussion and the ordinary meeting concluded at 19.50pm No Part 2 was held.	

Date of next meeting – 18th May 2023 at 7pm

This is the Annual Meeting of the Council, The Annual Parish Meeting and Ordinary Meeting.

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