Agenda for the Ordinary Meeting of Zeal Monachorum Parish Council on Thursday 31st March 2022 at the Village Hall starting at 7pm

All members of the Council are summoned to attend for the purpose of considering and resolving upon the business as detailed on the attached agenda. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

AGENDA

1.	**Apologies –** Cllr Burrow, Cllr Birchwhite & Cllr Squires
2.	**Declarations of Interest** No declarations of interest were provided.
3.	**To approve and sign Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 27th January 2022** The minutes were agreed by all members and were signed by the Chairman
4.	**Open Forum** – an opportunity for the Electors to address the Parish Council. The Parish Council encourages the use of an Open Forum. None
5.	**County / District Council report** Many people will have received their council tax bills, which shows an increase from MDDC of 2.99%. There have been may savings made to provide a balanced budget. MDDC's own development company is progressing well and is on budget. MDDC are to also build 23 Houses on Blundell's Road in Tiverton. Staffing at MDDC continues to change, there is a New Development Manager who has recently been recruited. Planning and Enforcement Officers are also difficult to acquire. The Chairman sought further information on the removal of dog waste from the Parish Bin. MDDC have not acknowledged any correspondence from the Chair. MDDC drive past this bin and the PC seek for this to be cleared on-route for the driver from MDDC. Cllr Heal would progress this with officers at MDDC. In the absence of Cllr squires, the Chairman again raised the condition and state of repair at the Wait Inn Road. This will be passed to Cllr Squires for progression with Highways.
6. **a.** **b.** **c.**	**Property / Environment** **Village Hub Project / Survey Results – Report, Cllr Down**. As a result of the survey reply, there is no need for a further analysis. A further sub-committee has been formed with the task of refurbishing the hall only. It seems that this is a long-term project. Further reporting will be made during the year. **Jubilee Seat replacement / Conservation Area Application – Report, Chairman.** A survey has been undertaken to seek detailed information from the fabricator. This is not an odorous task, and a planning application should be progressed before the May meeting. An offer to refurbish the seat only has been made by two residents. It was thought that the canopy must be replaced before this is undertaken. If any applications must be made, Cllr Heal requests to be cc'd into any correspondence. **Tree Safety Issues with Zeal Monachorum – Cllr Hogg** There are trees in private gardens which are not maintained and could safety issues with power / telephone cables. It was known that Western Power distribution assess such risks and remove any potential hazards. The Chairman offered to write an article for the Newsletter to highlight issues that could be remedied by landowners.
7.	**Queens 70th Jubilee Celebrations 2022 - Report, Cllr Rowden** Proposals are in the recent Newsletter outlining the full weekend of events. The Waie Inn event is still progressing. The issues with resident and funding for the Waie Inn function have been settled and the demand may not be that great. The event organisers still request funding up to £500. This will be considered at subsequent meetings.

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8.	**Denbrook Windfarm Fund –** Report The Church Path project is now complete. Photos are required for the Denbrook committee. It also appears that some parishes are seeking large amounts of funding from the project that is beyond their means. North Tawton has recently made an application for £60,000. is now completed.
9.	**MDDC Local Plan 2033/43 –** Report on Parish Council Comments The Chairman provided a report on recent comment made to MDDC from the Parish council. The initial reply to the consultation was welcomed. IT was noted that further and significant consultations were to come from MDDC.
10.	**Finance** **Balance Instant Access** - £9172.20 **Savings** - £2,044.19 **Funding Request** Zeal Monachorum Newsletter - £500 AC outlines the request. He is merely a contributor There is a drop in advertising revenue. It is hoped that funding should come from the Church and the village hall committees, but this is not a condition. It is also thought that funding for such a project should be raised through the precept, this way everyone pays an equal amount. We can support funding up to £500 for now and when needed. Further information on future funding is required. P – SR S – Rp but also, we wish to undertake a review of the magazine and all village hubs that can utilise the website. £500 would keep them going for a while. Printing costs have increased. It is thought that the past year has hit them hard. Margaret Squires community fund can be utilised. Chairman will write to Jan regarding the funding and would ask for more information about this. **Payment to be made.** Clerks Quarterly Salary - £815.30 Stationary - £5.25 Clerk Expenses – Replacement Defibrillator Pads for Village Hall - £61.59 Clerk Expenses – zealmonachorumparishcouncil.co.uk purchase – £6.49 The above payments were agreed by all members present **Proposed** – Cllr Hogg Seconded – Cllr Rowden It was noted that the Clerk had also received a recent request for rent for the Village Hall. As the dates had already been utilised, payment was agreed for the demand of £60. **Proposed** – Cllr Peck **Seconded** – Cllr Hogg
11.	**Correspondence** **22/03/22** Jan Summers – Monachorum Matters **10/02/22** MDDC – Dog Waste Bin, Beer Lane / Western Road
12.	**Member Statements** **Cllr Chandler -** Notice was given by the Chairman that he would be standing down as Chairman and Parish Councillor after the annual meeting. A new Chairman would be required and a vacancy on the Parish Council would arise.

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	Cllr Peck - The Style from Hayne to Three Cross Ways is inaccessible. Specific footpath references are required on an OS map before this can be reported. Cllr Peck would provide this to the Clerk to report onwards. **Cllr Rowden -** Defibrillator Training does not appear to be progressing due to Covid consideration. This would be under review when available again. **This is not progressing under covid at the minute.** **Cllr Hogg -** Drainage – Western Way. This issue continues. Environmental Health need to be informed and a site meeting is requested with DCC to consider the matter further. Southwest Water would also be infirmed.
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Date of next meeting

Annua Meeting and Annual meeting of the Parish – 26th May 2022

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