ZEAL MONACHORUM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Zeal Monachorum Parish Council on Thursday 25th July 2024

MINUTES

Present - Councillors: Rob Peck (Chair), Peter Heal (Vice Chair) Sally Rowden, Ken Hogg, Mike Russell, Alison Birchwhite, Jocelin Birchwhite, Councillor Natalia Letch (District), Councillor Squires (County) + The Clerk 1 MOP
Apologies - Councillor Alex White (District)

Action

1.	**Declarations of Interest** Pecuniary Interest – Councillor Mike Russel declared a pecuniary interest regarding planning application ref 24/01053/HOUSE.	
2.	**To approve and sign Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 30th May 2024** These minutes were approved by all members and signed by the Chairman. **Proposed –** Councillor J, Birchwhite **Seconded –** Councillor Heal	
3.	**Open Forum** – an opportunity for the Electors to address the Parish Council. The Parish Council encourages the use of an Open Forum. 1 MOP in attendance relating to Hedging at North Star House. The height of the boundary hedge is extreme and has not been cut. Over the past 4 years the height has increased. The Parish Council note the MOP concern but at Parish level, no powers are granted to the council to assist. There is legislation in respect of hedging and this gives powers to MDDC to remedy the situation. Councillor Letch noted the matter and invited the MOP to contact her over the matter.	
4.	**County / District Council report.** **Councillor Margaret Squires - County** A meeting with Steve Tucker is being planned to go through Highway matters in the Parish. Members would be asked to attend on the 22nd August 2024. Any specific topics for discussion are welcome and could be passed to Margaret before the meeting. Members asked about the signage and Stopgate Cross informing that unsuitable for long vehicles. The sign is needed as long HGVs are causing issues on smaller roads. This will be included in a request to view at the meeting. Road Warden Training is still outstanding and one volunteer is not content with the delays. This will be added to the meeting agenda. Steve Tucker needs to be contacted directly on this. The Community Enhancement Fund is available to varied projects in the parish. Her Locality Budget is also available which would fund footpath enhancements. A general discussion was undertaken regarding footpaths. There are still footpaths within the Parish that require disabled access. Old Styles exists that are unsuitable. **Councillor Letch - District** Mid Devon Show is soon and MDDC will have a stall at the show. Councillor Letch notes the concerns raised in the public session and asks for anyone with issues to contact her.	
5.	**Property / Environment** **Highways Reporting** Nothing to report other than what was discussed above. **Village Hall –** No report given.	

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6.	**New Parish Council Website –** Report The Clerk reports on the new website. This is currently being built and should hopefully be online within the next two weeks. The parish council will be using the zealmonachorumparishcouncil.org.uk address and this will be published in due course. Members will be informed when this is in place.	
7.	**Den Brook Windfarm Fund** The final date for applications is Wednesday 31st July. Instances of applicants wanting to spend money on different items to the application is not allowed. IF this is the case, a new application is required.	
8.	**Planning** **Councillor Russell left the meeting and took no part in the discussion or vote.** **Ref:** 24/01053/HOUSE **Proposal:** Erection of two-storey rear extension, front porch and replacement roof following removal of workshop and porch **Location:** April Cottage Zeal Monachorum Crediton **Site Vicinity Grid Ref:** 271917 / 104068 **Parish:** Zeal Monachorum 61 **Link -** https://planning.middevon.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=SGRIQLKS07T00 The Parish Council wish to support the application but want to raise the fact that the application may be for a part of land that is not owned. The First floor Plan and the bedroom is on someone else's land. The Clerk will contact MDDC on the matter. **Proposed** – Councillor Heal **Seconded** – Councillor Rowden	
9.	**Member Statements** **Councillor Heal -** Ken Downs Seat. This should be complete in the next two week. This will be placed in the church grounds.	
10.	**Part 2 -** To resolve that under section 1(2) of The Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, The public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting. During consideration of items of business if publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted as it involves the likely disclosure of personnel, commercially sensitive or legal matters. **No Part 2 was held.**	
	There were no further topics for discussion and the meeting concluded at 20.10pm **Date of Next Meeting – 26th September 2004.**	

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