ZEAL MONACHORUM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Zeal Monachorum Parish Council on Thursday 27th March 2025

MINUTES

Present - Councillors: Rob Peck (Chair), Ken Hogg, Mike Russell, Sally Rowden Councillor Squires (County) + The Clerk. 4 MOP
Apologies – Councillors: Peter Heal, Alison Birchwhite, Jocelin Birchwhite, Cllr A White (District) & Natalia Letch (District)

1.	**Declarations of Interest** **None**
2.	**To approve and sign Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 22nd January 2025** The Minutes were approved by al members.
3.	**Open Forum** – an opportunity for the Electors to address the Parish Council. The Parish Council encourages the use of an Open Forum. 4 MOP **MOP** – The road leading to the Fishing Club and along Rattle Street is very poor. There are potholes everywhere. The Bridge at Hayne is in a poor condition. IT seems that repairs have been undertaken which are inadequate. **MOP** –There is a TPO application to Fell a lime tree. The trees are in a location that will eventually cause damage to their property. They urge the council to support this application. Members would discuss this application throughout the course of the meeting. One is dangerous and support should be given to the application. Phone Box – It is noted that there is an application remove the telephony from the red phone box in the village. IT is also noted that there is also a discussion to be had for the Parish Council to adopt the phone box. They are not in favour of the PC adopting the Red Box. It is noted that it is a listed structure and the box is not going to be removed. BT will have to keep this in a good state as it is in a conservation area. General discussion then took place regarding uses of the box in the future Discussion arose on any future use and agenda item 6.a relating to adoption of the box by the Parish Council. The parish Council decided to not adopt the Red Phone Box and take responsibility from DCC. **Proposed** - Cllr Hogg **Seconded** - Cllr Russell
4.	**County / District Council report** Steve Keeble & Polly Colthorpe – Candidates for the upcoming Devon County Council Election for Creedy Taw and Mid Exe Division on the 1st May 2025. They introduced themselves and spoke briefly about the forthcoming elections. Steve Keeble also spoke about North Devon railway line. This is new to the Parish Council and had not been discussed before. The increasing number of passengers are using a service that is understocked leaving insufficient capacity to manage the increasing passengers. New trains can be introduced onto the line soon to ease overcrowding. GWR are acknowledge it is busy and note it has the fastest growth in passenger numbers on their network. Changes to the line will allow a train to arrive every 40 minutes. Northern Devon Railway Alliance will be consulting all Parish Councils that would benefit. It is also noted that s.106 money is being allocated to Eggesford Station to increase the Parking available on site. **Cllr Squires -** Unitary statues for Devon County is considered and five options have been provided. New councillors will be looking at this after the elections.

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Chairman to Zeal Monachorum Parish Council

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	Many people will consider that one stance amongst one council will help. Waste and Recycling could be crystalised. Planning may also simplify under unitary statues. The white lining within the village and junctions are poor. DCC are undertaking this around the area. The Stopgate sign is to be replaced for HGV limits.
5.	**<u>Property / Environment</u>** **a. Pollarding Work to tree at Jubilee Shelter.** Report A Tree Surgeon has viewed the work required. The Cost would £800. Pollarding is taking place as the tree is too high and roots are showing. It is noted that the PCC have made TPO application sin the past for work on this tree. A TPO application is required and this will be investigated. **b. BT Phone Box and Removal of Telephony Equipment –** To Decide if the Parish Council wish to 'adopt' the phone box. See minute ref 4 above.
6.	**Den Brook Windfarm Fund –** Update on applications. There were only four applications made at this round. No applications from Bow. All applicants succeeded. One village has had to borrow money from another to enable them to complete one project. Money in July will come through in July taking the balance of Zeal Monachorum to approximately £5.
7	**s.106 Applications -** To consider any s.106 applications. Nothing received.
8.	**Planning** **Ref:** 25/00184/RPPS **Proposal:** Removal of public payphone service: Telephone Number 01363 82311 **Location:** Public Telephone Box Zeal Monachorum Devon **Site Vicinity Grid Ref:** 272130 / 104138 **Parish:** Zeal Monachorum 61 **Link:** https://planning.middevon.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=SRGLP2KS07T00 Members had no comment to make on the application. **Proposed** – Cllr Hogg **Seconded** – Cllr Rowden **Ref:** 25/00222/TPO **Proposal:** Application to remove 1 Lime tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 88/00003/TPO **Location:** Kentmere Zeal Monachorum **Site Vicinity Grid Ref:** 272043 / 103752 **Parish:** Zeal Monachorum 61 **Link:** https://planning.middevon.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=SRTQSKKS05K00 Members had no objection to the application. **Proposed** – Cllr Hogg **Seconded** – Cllr Russell **Ref:** 25/00177/FULL **Proposal:** Change of use of a holiday cottage to residential use **Location:** Stables Cottage Lower Burston Farm Bow **Site Vicinity Grid Ref:** 271328 / 102425

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9.	**Finance** **Balance Instant Access** - £6092.12 **Savings** - £2,093.00 **Payments to be made.** **Clerks Salary -** £1088.33 The above payment was approved. **Proposed** – Cllr Peck **Seconded** – Cllr Hogg
10.	**Member Statements** **Cllr Rowden -** The bin at the jubilee seat is overflowing and can MDDC be asked to empty this bin more often. Clerk is to make contact with MDDC. **Cllr Hogg** - Quite a lot of new adverts have been placed in the Monachorum matters and finances are looking better. Paper quality reduction has made a change to the costs.
11.	**Correspondence** **MDDC 4.3.25 –** Report regarding Devolution **Mr Mike Bostock 14.2.25 –** Freedom of Information Request & Reply to FOI request 8.3.25
12.	**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 undertaken.

There were no further topics of discussion and the meeting concluded at 19.40pm

Date of next Meetings – 29th May 2025

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