

**Modbury Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 7th February 2023, 7.00 pm
The Pavilion, QEII Recreation Field
MINUTES**

Present Cllrs Pete Watts (PW), (Chair), Rob West (RW) Vice-Chair, Barbara Price (BP), Phil Smith (PS), Ann Turner, (AT), Andy Walker (AW), Jo Woodcock (JW)

Also present: Bernard Taylor (BT) (SHDC)

4 Members of the public were in attendance

2023 14 Apologies were received from Cllrs Keel, Nathanson and Rosevear all of whom had previous personal commitments.

There were no updates from Devon County Councillor or District Councillor.

Public Forum

A member of the public reported on business concern at the lack of footfall and traffic in Modbury and highlighted that there is a possibility this is due to people not knowing the SWW works had been postponed.

It was agreed that MPC would issue a press release and BT would take to the SHDC marketing team.

2023 15 A declaration of pecuniary interest was made by AW regarding agenda item **2023 18(c)**

2023 16 Minutes of Meetings held on 24th January 2023
The Council considered the draft Minutes (distributed earlier). Proposed by RW, seconded by AT and all were in favour they be approved as a true and accurate record.

2023 17 Planning

1. The following planning applications were considered:

a) [0159/23/TPO](#) Mr Duncan Currall T150: Beech – Fell and Remove to ground level and retain stump due to stem leans SW Stem over road and adjacent driveway, T158-T161: Beech -Crown lift by removing secondary and tertiary branches to 4m above existing lawn level (Eastern side) and to 6m above path/road (South & West side) to provide clearance over garden, footpath and road, T160.1: Beech – Remove suppressed stem originating at hedge bank height, fell to bank level the removal of the stem would favour the future growth of the retained trees above the public bench. Honeywell House Church Lane Modbury PL21 0QN
Proposed by AT, seconded by BP and all in favour of following the recommendation of the tree warden to object to this application.

b) [4430/22/HHO](#) Lucy McTamney Householder application for single storey rear & front extensions with associated works 12 Traine Villas Modbury PL21 0RL
Proposed by PW, seconded by AT and all in favour of objecting to this application on the grounds that it is potential over-development of the site. MPC recommend that SHDC make a site visit.

c) [4516/22/FUL](#) Millco Farming Ltd Cover over existing slurry store on site
Address: Great Orcheton Farm Modbury Ivybridge PL21 0TG

Proposed by PW, seconded by RW and all in favour of supporting this application.

d) [0077/23/FUL](#) / [0078/23/LBC](#) Mr Nick Grodhunce Change of use of salon treatment rooms to one residential flat Flat 1 8 Church Street Modbury PL21 0QW

Proposed by RW, seconded by AT and all in favour of supporting this application

2023 18 Finance

- a) **Proposed by RW, seconded by BP and all in favour that the payments as listed in Appendix 1 be approved**
- b) The financial statement Appendix 2 was received
- c) **Quotations for work to clear the growth on the bank at the top of Church Street to assess the feasibility of the development of a path:**
4 quotations had been applied for and 2 received following site visits by the contractors.
It was agreed to accept the cheapest quote of £300 (including VAT) provided by Coastal Garden Services.
It was noted that once the work had been done barriers would be erected to prevent people using the cleared area as a walkway.
- d) **Modbury warm space**
It was agreed that Council would fund the opening of a warm space on Monday mornings from 10 -1 starting 20th February and on Wednesdays 10 -1 starting 22nd Feb. for an initial period of 2 months. As the Wednesday session would focus on providing a comfortable and quieter space for people with dementia and their carers (although open to all) this would be funded through the dementia Earmarked Reserve.
- e) **Proposed by RW, seconded by AT and all in favour of purchasing [Coronation Coins](#) for Modbury School and Pre-school pupils to a value of £220 (pending confirmation of pupil role numbers)**

2023 19 Policy

- a) **Proposed by BP, seconded by AT and all in favour of adopting the updated Finance and Business Risk Assessment.** It was noted that this document is crucial to Council business and should be brought to the attention of the new council in May as a priority
- b) The amended date for the **first meeting of the new council in May - Tuesday 23rd May was noted.**
- c) **Civility and Respect Pledge** – the pledges were reviewed and the Chair signed the certificate. **Clerk to inform NALC of grammatical errors**

2023 20 Neighbourhood Plan

Polling cards have now been delivered to everyone and the referendum will take place on 9th March in Modbury Memorial Hall. The count will take place on 10th March. There will be a high profile campaign providing residents with information about the process to encourage as many people as possible to vote.

2023 21 School and Barracks Road Safety Group

- a) The group will meet next week. Preparation is in hand to give a detailed response to the Penn Parks full planning application when it is submitted to ensure the development addresses concerns.
- It was agreed that the clerk would request comments from DCC regarding the proposal to remove the leading edge on the green on Barracks Road corner to create either a pavement or similar.**

2023 22 Maintenance

- a) **The following options for the future of the Corn Grinder were considered:**
 - Approach Ivybridge Community College as a possible student project
 - Approach The Cookworthy Museum in Kingsbridge
 - Approach members of South Hams Vintage Club / Devon Rural Archives
- It was agreed that the Cookworthy Museum would be the last option as it would mean losing the grinder and that the Maintenance Committee would continue to pursue a solution.**

2023 22 Updates from Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Groups:

a) Sustainability Committee

- There has been a first joint meeting of local parish councils to discuss water quality in The Erme. The next meeting in early March will be extended to other stakeholders.
- BT had organised a zoom meeting to give details of funding opportunities through the UK shared prosperity fund and the Committee will assess ways in which Modbury might be able to tap into this
- PS raised the issue of the electric charging bays in Poundwell car park being used for standard parking preventing cars from charging. **BT to take to Scottish Power who lease the spaces and request better signage and prominent marking out of the charging bays**

b) P3

- Survey work has continued since the last meeting.
- DCC have agreed to finance the replacement of the rotten bridge on FP2 and this will be replaced over the next few weeks
- Shilston Bridge is now closed due to its dangerous state
- A grant application will be made shortly for the new financial year

c) Homes for Ukraine Support Team

- A new Ukrainian guest has arrived in Modbury and is receiving support with financial matters, job hunting and English language.
- The main priority is to find a home for the 2 families approaching the end of their stay in Brownston Street.
- All our Ukrainian guests have been invited to a get-together with Ukrainians elsewhere in the South Hams at the Watermark Centre next week. 12 are definitely attending to date and BP will represent MPC.

c) Marigold's Day

Plans are currently being made by the Maintenance Committee and volunteers and MPC has budgeted £700 for the event. **This will be discussed in detail at the March meeting.**

d) MARS

Plans are progressing well for the great big coronation street party.

2023 23 Correspondence received:

Modbury Trade and Business Group expressing concern at the light footfall and traffic in the town – possibly as a result of the fact that many people still think the SWW works are in place – **Discussed earlier.**

2023 24 To agree the Saturday Rota:

Andy Walker	11th February
George Rosevear	18th February
Rob West	25th February
Jo Woodcock	4th March
Phil Smith	11th March

Meeting closed at 8.17pm

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 7th March