

Halberton Parish Council
A meeting of Halberton Parish Council will be held on
Tuesday 12 December 2023 at 7.00pm in Halberton Village Hall

All members of the Parish Council are hereby summonsed to attend the above meeting for the purpose of considering and resolving the business as set out hereunder.

Members of the public are also invited and may speak in the Public Forum.

Susan McGeever
Clerk, Halberton Parish Council
5 December 2023

AGENDA

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1	Apologies	N/A
2	Declarations of Interest	N/A
3	Public forum Members of the public may speak for a period of 3 minutes on matters they wish to bring to the attention of the Parish Council and these matters may be related to the items on the agenda. Unless the Chairman elects to put down standing orders, members of the public may not speak during the remainder of the meeting.	N/A
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10	Consideration of Mid Devon District Council's planning applications The planning application with its supporting documents and comments made by the public and other consultees which are published on the MDDC planning website prior to the meeting will be considered as part of the Council's deliberations on planning applications.	22-23

11	Consideration of Mid Devon District Council's Planning Decisions The following planning decisions have been received	24
12	Highways matters and the Road and Snow Warden Schemes Update and any new matters to report excluding those reported under the Traffic Committee.	25
13	Amenity matters Update and any new matters pertaining to the amenities located within the parish not covered by the Recreation and Amenities Working Group Cemetery Addendum A (Pages 30-31)	26-27
14	Recreation and Amenities Working Group The Recreation and Amenities Working Group Minutes - Addendum B (Pages 32-33)	28
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17	Newsletter Working Group The Newsletter Working Group will meet again on 1 November 2023	31
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20	Items for next meeting	N/A

Next meeting: Tuesday, 13 December 2023 at 7pm

*Signed: Susan McGeever
Clerk to Halberton Parish Council*

HALBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Item		Report pages
4	To approve the minutes of the Council meeting on 14 November 2023	3-12

Halberton Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Halberton Village Hall on Tuesday 14 November 2023 at 7.30pm

Present

Councillors Batchelor (Chairman), Browse, Furmedge, Graham and Saunders together with Councillor DuChesne (MDDC) (arrived late following an MDDC meeting) and Councillor C Slade (DCC). The Clerk, Mrs S McGeever, was also present.

Councillor Batchelor opened the meeting at 7.35pm and thanked everyone for their attendance.

220-1 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Councillor Ayre, Campbell and E Slade.

220-2 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

220-3 Public Forum

The following items were raised during the Public Forum and would be discussed under the relevant agenda items or placed on the agenda of the next meeting:

- Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – it was felt that the last public meeting had been a failure with only one person in attendance. Therefore, to move the scheme forward it was suggested that a small meeting be held with, if possible, an interested party from the High Street, Pethertons, Lower Town, Brithem Bottom, Crossparks and Ash Thomas. That meeting could decide what the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme wished to achieve and how. A lead from the Parish Council was required to replace Councillor Marshall who had resigned.
- Two Trees Solar Panel Farm being discussed at the MDDC Planning Meeting on 22 November 2023
- An email of objection to the Red Linhay planning application for two biomass boilers was read out. The objection was based on the opinion that insufficient information had been supplied to respond.

220-4 To approve the minutes of the Council meeting on 10 October 2023

It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting and for the Vice-Chair to initial each page and sign the final page given the Chairman had not been present at the meeting.

220-5 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman advised that he had attended the Remembrance Day Service and laid a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Chairman had also attended the MDDC meeting that was discussing the parking spaces at The Orchard. MDDC had run through a number of permutations and spoken a) on the Parish Council's belief that this had always been designated to be a community benefit to remove cars from the road and b) had questioned the legality of selling of the spaces. A decision was being made in Part Two of the meeting.

220-6 Mid Devon District Council matters

a. To receive a report from the MDDC Council Member

In the absence of Councillor DuChesne, the Chairman referred to her report that had been circulated to Parish Councillors after the agenda had been published.

The key points were:

- Hartnoll Farm Appeal had been dismissed
- Greenway Landfill Site had agreed an extension and new information would be provided
- Two Trees Solar Farm and the possibility of MDDC producing a tool kit for parish councils to use with respect to negotiating community benefit.

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- Orchard Car Parking spaces – decision imminent
- MDDC portal for residents
- State of the District meetings
- Polling District Review
- National Recycling Week

The information on Neighbourhood Alerts would be included in the Newsletter.

b. Grand Western Canal

No report was given.

220-7 Devon County Council matters

Councillor C Slade had submitted a report which formed part of the agenda for this meeting.

Councillor Slade advised that he had attended the Armistice Day services in Exeter and Tiverton.

In an update to his report, Councillor Slade advised that DCC had made the decision to cease the mobile library service but that the wider library network was secure. Usage had dropped to just 3000 people and it was felt the money could be better spent providing a more permanent solution. Residents could use Libraries Unlimited and order books online.

The re-surfacing of the road from the Methodist Church to the Cemetery had been completed.

The new junction to the link road at Tiverton had been opened and should be of benefit to Halberton.

John Hart would be giving State of the County talks online to the various Devon districts.

220-8 Police Matters

Councillor Browse advised he had nothing to report regarding the Councillor Advocate Scheme and had agreed to head up the Community Speedwatch Scheme at the start.

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Councillor Browse advised that he could not take on this role as well. Equally Councillors Furmedge, Graham and Saunders did not have further capacity. Councillor Campbell would be contacted with a view to representing Lower Town and Councillor Batchelor advised he might be able to provide some cover.

The Parish Council RESOLVED to provide support for the scheme and, in the first instance, Mr Charles would liaise with the Clerk and Councillor Graham with regard to booking the Village Hall.

220-9 Vacancies on the Parish Council

There had been no applications to join the Parish Council but more councillors were needed to move projects forward.

Vacancies would continue to be published in the Newsletter.

Action: Clerk

220-10 Consideration of Mid Devon District Council's planning applications

Councillor Furmedge had put together details of each application so that they could be viewed on screen during the meeting.

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New applications:

23/00727/HOUSE

Proposal: Erection of single storey side extensions

Location: Old School House Ash Thomas Tiverton

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 300288 / 110753

Parish: Halberton 25

The Parish Council RESOLVED that it had no objection to this application but noted the public comments with regard to water run-off and the shared septic tank, as well as the boundary wall which currently housed a shed.

The Parish Council would also comment that the extensions should be in natural stone in keeping with the main building.

Deadline for comments: 26 October 2023 – extension to 15 November

23/01419/FULL

Proposal: Erection of replacement agricultural storage building (720 sqm)

Location: Building at NGR 305943 116471 Ebear Farm Westleigh

Grid Ref: 305943 / 116471

Parish: Burlescombe 06

The Parish Council RESOLVED that it would take a neutral stance on this application but given the significant size of the storage building would seek clarification as to whether the application was for a replacement agricultural storage or for industrial use.

The Parish Council would also seek information relating to the traffic levels to/from the agricultural storage building and access routes so that any resultant traffic would not travel through Halberton High Street.

23/01561/HOUSE

Proposal: Erection of single storey side extension and infill first floor rear extension

Location: The New Barn Uffculme Cullompton

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 304803 / 112753

Parish: Halberton 25

The Parish Council RESOLVED that it had no objection to this application.

23/01721/CAT

Proposal: Notification of intention to pollard1 Walnut tree within the Conservation Area

Location: Springfield Lodge High Street Halberton

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 300601 / 113048

Parish: Halberton 25

The Parish Council RESOLVED that it had no objection to this application given the recommendation to pollard the tree in question.

23/01718/FULL

Proposal: Erection of extension to an agricultural building to provide two biomass boilers and a timber store

Location: Land at NGR 299678 112796 (Red Linhay) Crown Hill Halberton

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 299621 / 112764

Parish: Halberton 25

The Parish Council considered the information available in the planning application as presented on the MDDC portal.

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There appeared to be insufficient information to establish:

- the purpose of and need for two industrial sized biomass boilers and timber store
- the size and height of the buildings and associated works including flues/chimneys
- how it would sit alongside the existing 'Biogas Power Station'
- the impact on the immediate locality in terms of noise or details of any noise mitigation measures planned
- the potential of any risk of odour or gasses
- the impact on traffic follows
- the operational hours
- any screening works planned to mitigate the impact of such large buildings

The Parish Council RESOLVED to object to the application for the planning consideration relating to Conservation areas believing that the size of the units would have a detrimental effect on the adjoining Conservation Area and the Grand Wester Canal which is a heritage asset.

The Parish Council would ask MDDC to ask the applicant to provide a further information in relation to the visual impact, noise assessment and traffic volumes so that a full assessment of the application could be undertaken.

Existing applications:

Ref: ABX/DCC/4358/2023

County Matter Planning Application

Retention of existing deposition and temporary landfill site for the deposition of additional inert waste and a construction waste recycling facility with associated works including temporary buildings, access and landscaping, at Land at Greenway, Uplozman, Tiverton

An extension had been agreed to 31 January 2024 and documents were awaited that would provide further information on the traffic assessment as requested. Once received by DCC, there would be a further consultation period.

It was noted that most building sites now re-purpose waste and do not send it to landfill sites.

21/01576/MOUT - APPEAL

Proposal: Outline for the extension of existing business park for up to 3.9ha of employment land and up to 150 dwellings with associated infrastructure and access with all other matters reserved

Location: Land at NGR 298976 112882 (Hartnoll Farm) Tiverton Devon

The appeal had been dismissed based on the MDDC's robust local plan. The key point being that the proposed development was on agricultural land outside the curtilages of both Halberton and Tiverton and had not been identified as potential housing land in the local plan.

22/02374/MFUL

Proposal: Construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic (PV) farm together with associated works, equipment and infrastructure

Location: Land at NGR 301974 110937 Dean Hill Road Willand

It was noted that the Environment Agency had removed their objection following additional documentation placed on the portal. The Local Lead Flood Authority had also removed their objection following additional information on the drainage strategy. The Planning Officer was recommending that permission be granted at the MDDC Planning Meeting on 22 November.

There were 25 conditions one of which indicated that works traffic should not travel through Halberton. It was noted that if the application went to Appeal, it would be approved.

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The Clerk advised that she had been involved in further discussions relating to the offer of Community Benefit and an increased offer had been put on the table. A 'Letter of Intent' was awaited. Such benefit would come into effect once the site was producing energy.

Given that the Parish Council was split on whether or not to add a further comment to the portal based on the additional information, it was RESOLVED that the Parish Council would leave its comments as they were but not make any comment on the application at the MDDC Planning Meeting.

22/00665/MFUL

Retention of silage clamp and erection of roof over

Land at NGR 299554 112915 (Red Linhay) Crown Hill Halberton Devon

No further information had been received.

23/01141/FULL

Variation to the noise condition at Red Linhay

It was noted that the Parish Council had supported the application as the revised variation that required a noise assessment take place within one month with reference to Condition 12 and that any noise mitigation work would need to be carried out within three months.

It was RESOLVED that a member of the Parish Council would speak in support of the application to ensure that the long awaited noise assessment was carried out at the MDDC Planning Meeting on 22 November 2023. (Councillor Batchelor/Campbell or Furmedge.)

22/00868/MFUL - APPEAL

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council's objection to the application had been uploaded to the Inspectorate's Portal.

Other planning matters:

The Orchard – discussed at MDDC meeting on 14 November 2023

Pleasant Streams with Enforcement

Heron's Bank with Enforcement

No further information has been received regarding Selgar's Mill.

220-11 Consideration of Mid Devon District Council's Planning Decisions

The following decisions were noted:

23/01179/FULL - APPROVED

Proposal: Erection of building for Class B2 commercial use and change of use of land to ancillary B2 and B8 use following demolition of existing agricultural building

Location: Land and Buildings at NGR 304538 111652 Uffculme Road Willand Devon

23/01349/FULL - APPROVED

Proposal: Erection of extension to existing farm shop to include dining area and timber decking

Location: Halberton Court Farm Shop High Street Halberton Tiverton

23/01413/HOUSE - APPROVED

Proposal: Erection of a car port and raised decking and installation of dormers and cladding to south and west elevations

Location: Journeys End Greenway Halberton Tiverton

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23/01677/CLP – APPROVED

First Schedule

The proposed use of dwelling as a children's home

Second Schedule

Rose Cottage, Willand, Cullompton.

The question of work on Orphington House was raised and the Clerk would investigate.

220-12 Highways matters and the Road and Snow Warden Schemes

a. Potholes

Potholes continue to be reported online to Devon County Council.

Re-surfacing from cemetery to methodist church had taken place and a response received from DCC with respect to the cutting back of the hedges along the route. DCC considered that the hedges had been cut back sufficiently.

It was agreed that letters would be sent to residents in Lower Town where the hedges protruded well into the road.

Action: Councillor Batchelor/Clerk

b. Herne Bridge

First half term of 2024.

c. Road Warden Scheme

Training

Initial training had been organised for Councillor Campbell.

Chapter 8 training had been organised by Councillor Furmedge and the cost would be met by DCC.

The Clerk would report flooding at the Farm Shop to DCC and ask that the drain be cleared. Clearance of drains was also required along the road from Pethertons to The Mead.

Action: Clerk

d. Snow Warden Scheme

A call for volunteers would be included in the December/January Newsletter.

Councillor Batchelor would report on salt stocks to the next meeting.

Action: Councillor Batchelor/Campbell

220-13 Amenity matters

a. Platinum Jubilee Car Park

Councillor Batchelor advised that he would be undertaking the work to put the gravel base to be put under noticeboard. The key for the noticeboard was now with Councillor E Slade who had volunteered to keep the notices up to date.

The Clerk had circulated the tree report to the Parish Council and contacted MDDC regarding the work to be carried out.

Action: Clerk to put in a planning application for the work required

The Clerk advised that there had been a call by DCC for sites for EV charging points and it was RESOLVED that the Parish Council would apply to provide a site.

Action: Clerk

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b. Footpaths

Councillor Furmedge reported as follows:

Existing paths

- no updates
- aim to add QR Codes to footpath signs (Councillor Furmedge to contact DCC).

DMR

- Awaiting DCC draft report
- Footpath 7 would require remediation to extend to Corner Lane

c. Cemetery

The following actions were outstanding from the original meeting:

- a) Councillor Batchelor would examine the contents of the shed.
- b) Scrap the moss of the path by the shed
- c) Spray moss in other areas
- d) Re-do the courtyard
- e) Additional signs on the bins to prevent the wrong items being placed in them (Clerk)
- f) Clean/repair benches
- g) Next year cut a path through the wildflower area and put down more wildflower seeds

Tasks in hand

- i) Grave lowering to take place in the Spring.

Action: Clerk to contact EROB holders and the grave digger

- ii) safety inspection of the gravestones completed.

Action: Clerk to contact EROB holders

- iii) Noticeboard

The Locality Grant of £250 had been approved.

The Clerk had ordered the A2 green, wall mounted notice board - domed and personalised with Halberton Parish Council. Proof awaited.

Action: Clerk

- iv) Quotes for courtyard

Quotes for the re-surfacing of the courtyard had been circulated in Addendum A. They varied greatly in price and details.

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would also contact Kenford Tarmac for a quote to cover the 120sq m prior to the next meeting.

Action: Clerk

d. Noticeboards

i) The Village Hall committee had taken on the installation of second noticeboard at the Village Hall

ii) access to the noticeboard at Brithem Bottom

Action: Councillor Batchelor

e. Defibrillators

Councillor Graham asked the Clerk to organise a training session. This would be held at Ash Thomas.

Action: Councillor Graham/Clerk

f. Landmark Tree

The tree for the Pigeons (Ash Thomas) will be purchased and planted in the autumn.

Action: Clerk to purchase

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220-20 Recreation and Amenities Working Group

The minutes of the last meeting had been circulated with the agenda (Addendum B).

The Clerk reported as follows:

a. The Mead

The Clerk had provided the Parish Council with three quotes for carrying out the work to review the draft lease and register the lease with the Land Registry.

The quotes were all very similar in cost (around £1000.00) and it was RESOLVED that Quote 2 would be accepted.

Action: Clerk to advise solicitors

b. Community Growing Area

The Clerk would send the Tree Report to DCC for agreement on the actions to be taken to improve the light to the growing area.

Action: Clerk

Several residents had advised they were willing to assist with the project and a public meeting would be called.

Action: Councillor Campbell

Councillor Browse was working on quotes for the fencing required by DCC.

Action: Councillor Browse

c. Halberton Children's Recreation Ground

i) Work was going to fund the new equipment for the Recreation Ground. The S106 application would be submitted and a request for a grant to DCC's Growing Communities Fund. A grant of £1000 had already been received from the Locality Budget.

Action: Councillor Campbell/Clerk

ii) the monthly safety reports were being carried out.

d. Fund raising

See c. above.

e. Mid Devon Wildlife Warden Scheme

On hold.

It was noted that there were several hedges and banks that needed to be cut include the Jubilee Path and by the pond. It was too wet to carry out the work at present.

The Clerk would send a copy of the Grass Specification contract to Councillor Batchelor who would look to see what items remained outstanding. A meeting would then be arranged with the contractor.

Action: Councillor Batchelor/Clerk

220-15 Community items

a. Council IT tools Working Group to include Facebook page/Website/Communicating with Parishioners
Report from Councillor Furmedge

Website etc

Ongoing content being created as required. No structural changes taking place.

Facebook (HAT) and Nextdoor admin handover from Laura taken place.

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Next steps:

- Hand over additions of Minutes and Agendas to Clerk.
- Collaboration tools - complete final councillor migration
- Complete the website accessibility fixes

b. Internet connectivity Working Group (Councillor Furmedge)

Internet

Airband on network availability is increasing to more areas of the Parish.

Still some "pole" work taking place.

c. Anaerobic Digester Liaison Committee

The owners of Red Linhay had requested a meeting with the Parish Council.

It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council would meet with the owners of Red Linhay to discuss tractor movements and the functioning of the AD Plant provided that subsequent to this meeting, a Public Meeting was set up. Councillor Batchelor was happy to chair that meeting and all questions would have to be submitted in advance to allow answers to be prepared.

Action: Clerk to contact Red Linhay

d. D-Day 80

All local groups have been emailed for dates in the New Year and a notice put in the Newsletter.

e. Mid Devon Walking Festival

Parish involvement in the Mid Devon Walking Festival has been confirmed (14-19 September 2024).

f. Flies in Halberton

The Clerk had followed this up with MDDC's Environmental Health Officer and work was ongoing to alleviate the situation. Residents had been asked to keep diaries of incidents and to report to the EHO.

The EHO had also advised that there had been complaints about the noise, odour and dust generated by Red Linhay and again residents keeping diaries of incidents would assist the EHO.

220-16 Traffic Committee

Councillor Batchelor asked the Parish Council to confirm the decision to put the Traffic Committee and hold and the Parish Council duly RESOLVED to do so.

The Parish Council would continue to work on such initiatives as:

- Flashing lights at the school
- 20mph speed limits

- Community Speedwatch
- Installation of the VAS units

It was RESOLVED to purchase the flashing lights from Simmons signs.

Action: Clerk

Work was ongoing to identify the costs of a Parish Council sponsored application for a 20mph speed limit in Lower Town.

Action: Clerk

Work was ongoing to set up the Community Speedwatch initiative.

Action: Councillor Browse/Clerk

Work was ongoing to ensure that the posts could be erected safely and without impediment from underground cables or drains.

Action: Councillor Browse/Clerk

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Purchase of portable Air Quality Monitor

Ready to start initial trials.

Next:

- First deployment being planned

220-17 Newsletter Working Group

The minutes of the Working Group meeting will be circulated to the Parish Council prior to the meeting.

No-one has come forward to edit the Newsletter.

Preparation for issue 170 is underway with the workload being divided amongst the working group with the Clerk editing the main body of the newsletter and Chris Jobson editing the advertising section.

Action: Clerk to again provide details of the hours taken

It was RESOLVED that Councillor Batchelor would attend the January meeting with a view to assisting an increase in advertising revenue.

220-18 Financial accounts 2023/24

a. Financial reports 2023/24

The Clerk had circulated the bank reconciliations and the monthly reports and payments summary to the Parish Council.

It was RESOLVED that a meeting of Councillors Batchelor, Browse and Furmedge together with the Clerk would take place prior to the next Parish Council meeting to look at the budgets and reserves. The group would then put recommendations forward to the full Parish Council and provide information on the precept.

The Clerk would bring the monthly reports up to date and put together a list of key planned activities and project for the forthcoming period.

Action: Clerk

b. Payments to approve (Council):

Google workspace (monthly cost)	£ 36.80
Upcott (Ground maintenance)	£462.00
HMRC	£118.52
S McGeever (wage)	£665.25
Richard Grant (cemetery)	£990.00

DALC (conference)	£108.00
Noticeboard Company	£513.70

It was noted that the last Utility Warehouse bill had rectified the overpayments and had a minus figure of £3995.62. A credit would be requested.

Action: Clerk

c. Clerk's hours

Time sheets for October (15 hours per week) have been sent to the Chair

d. NALC pay award

Details of the NALC pay award has been received and this would be discussed at the December meeting.

e. Bank signatories/change of bank

All information has now been received from councillors to complete the switch to the Unity Bank.

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220-19 Members business including meetings attended, and miscellaneous matters (not for decision)

Devon Council Climate Network

Nothing to report

Connecting the Culm/Catchment Visioning Workshop

Nothing to report

Cullompton Health and Wellbeing

Nothing to report

220-20 Items for next meeting

No items for the next meeting other than those detailed in the minutes were put forward.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 12 December 2023 at 7pm

- Meeting of the Parish Council at Halberton Village Hall

Signed: _____
Chairman

Date: _____

HALBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Item		Report pages
6	Mid Devon District Council matters a. To receive a report from the MDDC Council Member b. Grand Western Canal Group	14-15

Major Planning applications decided

Reference: 22/02374/MFUL Permitted with Conditions to Discharge, decision issued 30/11/2023

Address: Land at NGR 301974 110937 Dean Hill Road Willand Devon

Description: Construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic (PV) farm together with associated works, equipment and infrastructure

REASON FOR APPROVAL OF PERMISSION/GRANT OF CONSENT

Subject to conditions, the proposed works are able to be supported by the Mid Devon Local Plan 2013 - 2033. It is considered that the site will be visually unobtrusive in its setting; screened further as areas of proposed planting mature. The proposals are also considered to result in a less than substantial impact on the setting of heritage assets. Whilst a number of representations have been received relating to the size of development, loss of farmland, impact on landscape setting (site specific and cumulative), ecology and flood the Council's Public Health team and independent Ecology consultant have removed all objections following amendments to the application. Similarly the statutory consultees including the Environment Agency, Highway and Flood Authorities have removed objections. The proposal is therefore considered to accord with policies S1, S8, S9, S14, DM1, DM2, DM3, DM4, DM25 and DM26 of the Mid Devon Local Plan (2013-2033) and with Government advice in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

Planning Inspectorate APP/Y1138/W/22/3313401: Land at Hartnoll's Farm, EX16 4PZ. This appeal related to 150 homes and more employment land at Hartnoll Farm. The appeal was dismissed because it was not in the Local Plan and there was sufficient housing land supply already in the plan to meet our needs.

23/01141/FULL Permitted with Conditions to Discharge, decision issued 24/11/2023

Address: Land at NGR 299621 112764 (Red Linhay) Crown Hill Halberton Devon

Description: Variation of condition 13 of planning permission 22/00868/MFUL (Removal of condition 13 of planning permission 17/01142/FULL - further noise assessments) relating to the submission of a noise assessment

REASON FOR APPROVAL OF PERMISSION/GRANT OF CONSENT

The proposal is for the variation of condition 13 of planning permission 22/00868/MFUL (Removal of condition 13 of planning permission 17/01142/FULL - further noise assessments) relating to the submission of a noise assessment at Land at NGR 299621 112764 (Red Linhay), Crown Hill Halberton. The new variation of the condition is considered to adhere to the 6 tests set out in paragraph 55 of the National Planning Policy Framework. It is also considered to protect neighbourhood amenity, the Conservation Area and local road network. As such, the application complies with policies S1, S9, S14, DM1, DM2, DM3, DM4, DM20 and DM25 of the Mid Devon Local Plan (2013-2033) and guidance in the National Planning Policy Framework.

Please select the following link for full details;

Ongoing

Greenway Landfill application DCC/4358/2023 – extended to 31 January 2023 - this will be dealt with by County Council but continues to be a source of concern to residents.

Received

23/01798/FULL Planning Application, registered 21/11/2023

Address: Land at NGR 299621 112764 (Red Linhay) Crown Hill Halberton Devon

Description: Variation of Condition 9 to allow alternative feedstock types and quantity and Condition 20 to allow the anaerobic digester plant to produce and export 1.1 megawatts of renewable energy of planning permission 17/01142/FULL

23/01718/FULL Red Linhay Extension to an agricultural building to provide two biomass boilers and a timber store

Orchard Carpark

The background to the above is well known but for clarity & posterity: Following the decision to sell land to build houses at Orchard View 6 car spaces were to be made available as a Community Benefit to the nearby residents who

would be left with nowhere safe to park. Sadly, as the build progressed and agents & officers changed the original intention was reinterpreted and Halberton Parish Council (PC) were informed that the car park spaces would be put up for sale. To their credit the PC maintained that this was not correct and continued to fight the decision. When I became MDDC for Halberton I was able to support this cause. I engaged with the Leader of the Council Councillor Luke Taylor and Councillor James Buczkowski – Cabinet member for Finance as well as senior officers at Phoenix House. Following a Cabinet meeting on 14 November a decision was made to offer 5 of the six car park spaces to the PC on terms which are more closely aligned with the original intention. This is a lovely example of Democracy in action and I am proud to be associated with it.

Of note

8 October I attended **CLr Frank Letch's MBE** Civic Service which was held at 3pm at Holy Cross,

11 November As Deputy Mayor I attended the Armistice Day in Crediton

12 November I attended the Remembrance Service in Tiverton.

29th November Extraordinary meeting of Council to approve the Polling District Review in time to publish the new electoral register on 1st December. This is something we are obliged to do once every 5 years, but obviously as we face the prospect of a general election sometime next year, we're keen to get this done and concluded before the new electoral register is published to get us as prepared as we can be.

In addition to Planning, and Audit I am now a member of Scrutiny. I can report that the subject of **Enforcement will be coming to Scrutiny soon**. I will report back.

Press releases

Confirmation of the war disablement disregard when calculating Housing Benefit

To support local Christmas programmes and to enhance trade in the market towns of Mid Devon, 24-hour free parking will be available in the Council's long-stay car parks in the run up to Christmas.

This year, we're adding an extra day to make it five Saturdays of free parking leading up to Christmas!

Read the full press release:

<https://www.middevon.gov.uk/free-parking-in-run-up-to-christmas/>

From April 2023 social housing providers including Mid Devon Housing (MDH) were required to start collecting data on a new set of Tenant Satisfaction Measures (TSMs). These new measures have been developed as part of a new regulation system by the Regulator of Social Housing (RSH) to assess how well a social housing landlord is listening to its tenants and providing good quality homes or services. This data must be collected using a prescribed methodology and published annually. I would encourage those eligible to complete the form. The survey runs from 3rd November to 22 November

For more information about the TSMs please see: [Tenant Satisfaction Measures Standard - from 1 April 2023 \(accessible version\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#).

1st November - we are launching our [residents' and budget setting survey for 2023](#) which will run until 13 December. We are keen to get as many responses as we can - many of our staff live in Mid Devon and we would encourage you to take part if you do. Please share this link among your friends and family who live in the district too, the wider it is shared the better

Mid Devon residents can now subscribe to alerts via the Council's new portal, [My Mid Devon](#).

The self-service portal, which was introduced last month, allows customers to create their own accounts, enabling them to check their collection dates as well as log issues and access information such as who their local councillors are.

Read the full press release at:

<https://www.middevon.gov.uk/sign-up-to-receive-collection-day-reminders/>

Forward look

State of the District

MDDC are intending to organise a State of the District meeting to which all parish councils and interested parties will be extended an invite. It's to discuss the issues raise concerns and also, hopefully along the way, tell us what is going well.

Horse Drawn Barge – Celebrations 2024

16 November 2023 The Horse Drawn Barge was awarded Bronze at the Devon Tourism Awards Ceremony for "Small Visitor Attraction of the Year 2023/24". They will also be celebrating their 50th year in 2024 – more information to come.

I will be on holiday 18 January – 4 February 2024

HALBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Halberton DCC Report December 2023

As I write the weather is causing some concerns as we move into winter.
Here is an update from DCC's Cabinet member for Highways, Cllr Stuart Hughes:

A lot of work has gone into the preparation for this winter with the aim of preventing a repeat of the difficulties experienced following the extended freezing conditions through late November and into mid-December last year. Our Contractor, Milestone undertook a resource analysis in Autumn to identify where there may be capacity in the current planned works and re-programmed some work to free up additional resource through November and December. They also engaged with the supply chain to identify additional sub-contract resource to bolster this process if required. As such, members may see some shuffling of programmed schemes, but these planned works should still be delivered this financial year. Schemes that are considered sensitive or require increased levels of liaison will remain unchanged.

This additional resource is being directed to address non-safety 'serviceability' defects ahead of the worst of the weather.

In addition, a 5th dragon patcher has been employed this summer to help address the backlog of serviceability defects. This additional machine has been working in tandem to the trial of Elastomac, an innovative low-carbon repair technique (which members will recall from the County Hall demo in May) and the wider patching works which aims to pick up clusters of defects.

The Government's announcement ahead of the Autumn Statement of an £8.3 billion investment for road maintenance over the next 11 years is very welcome. Devon will receive an extra £6.663 million this financial year and next. It is unclear how the funding will be allocated beyond next year. The funding is being put to use immediately to carry out patching work and other serviceability repairs.

However, the majority of the funding will enable the County Council to bring forward resurfacing schemes earmarked within its future works programme. The schemes have been identified based on 'need' using the Council's asset management approach. Road condition surveys and pothole data, together with local knowledge has been used to prioritise the next 60 resurfacing schemes in the forward programme. Bringing forward this work will replace worn out road surfaces and prevent the formation of potholes. The team have been working closely with the supply chain through the summer based on the rumour of additional funding and hope to complete these works before the end of the financial year. I shall forward a list of schemes next week.

With regard to the winter service and gritting operations, the Highways and Traffic Management Service has been very busy over the summer, preparing for the winter season. This downtime is the opportunity for all the gritters to be serviced and calibrated. This ensures the spread rate and spread pattern for salt is as intended.

Six of the oldest gritters have been replaced with newer models. The approach is to purchase second hand, relatively new gritters and replace them as they approach 10 years old. This ensures the plant is safe and minimises the initial financial outlay and helps to minimise revenue costs.

While last winter was challenging for the service, all the preparation this summer has been achieved while planning for and responding to, an unusually high number of named storms through the summer and autumn. Particularly the two significant flood events and more recently Storm Ciaran.

Gritting depots across the county have been stocked with around 24,000 tonnes of salt.

In other news from DCC

Tourism Award success celebrated at Grand Western Canal

The Tiverton Canal Co has been congratulated on winning a Devon Tourism Award, which has been hailed as a win for Tiverton, Mid Devon and The Grand Western Canal.

The family run company, which is renowned for operating one of the last horse-drawn barges in the country, picked up the Bronze Award in the Small Visitor Attraction of the Year 2023/24 category at the recent [Devon Tourism Awards](#).

It's the first time in the company's 49-year history that it's been named as one of the best tourist attractions in the county, and the owners are sharing the success with Devon County Council's team at the [Grand Western Canal and Country Park](#).

Philip Brind, of the Tiverton Canal Co, said: "A big thank you must go to everyone that has worked with us, both past and present, to make this award possible. This award for our tourist attraction, would also not have been possible if it wasn't for Canal Manager Mark Baker, as well as rangers Craig Saunderson, Jo Roberts and the volunteers that help make up the Ranger Service at the canal. We very much see this award as a win for them too, as they work so hard to keep the canal working, which is so vital for us to be able to run the horse drawn barge successfully.

"We also see this award as a win for Tiverton, and we would like to thank everyone that's visited the canal over the years and for those that continue to support us and the horses. As this attraction is so very rare in Great Britain, it is our goal to keep the horse-drawn barge going for future generations and the recognition of this impressive tourism award will certainly help us to do just that!"

Councillor Andrea Davis, Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport, said:

"Congratulations to the Tiverton Canal Co on winning this highly prized Bronze Award at the Devon Tourism Awards. The sight of the horse-drawn barge is synonymous with the Grand Western Canal and it's a fantastic achievement that it is officially among the best visitor attractions in the county. The rangers and everyone involved with the canal and country park should also take great satisfaction in their role in making this success possible."

Councillor Colin Slade, County Councillor for Tiverton East, said:

"This is such good news and a well deserved win for Phil and his team, including their beloved horses! As one of the last remaining horse-drawn boats in the country they really do deserve the recognition. Of course, this is also an early opportunity to celebrate their 50th anniversary in 2024. 50 years in which they have provided a great deal of pleasure to both local people and tourists. I congratulate them on their award and wish them continued success in the years to come."

Councillor Les Cruwys, Chair of the Canal's Joint Advisory Committee and Mid Devon Councillor for Tiverton

Cranmore, said: "This is a fantastic result for the Brind family after nearly 50 years of loyal and dedicated work on the canal. The attraction they have created is not only unique in the country but the main visitor attraction in Tiverton.

When the late Bill Authors suggested restoring the canal to something like its original glory many were doubtful if the cost would be worth it, but his forethought has seen the derelict area turned into a fantastic country park. The arrival of the horse-drawn barges doubled the public interest.

"The canal and the barge company work hand in hand to keep this attraction popular with locals and visitors alike. This award is very well deserved and Tiverton congratulates them on their achievement. The partnership between the canal and the barge company has been a great success and we look forward to the special events that will take place at the canal next year to celebrate the company's 50th anniversary."

Councillor Ray Radford, County Councillor for Willand and Uffculme, said:

"This is fantastic, we always knew this was one of the best attractions in Mid Devon and now they have been deservedly rewarded. Of course, these things don't just happen, it requires dedication from all concerned. The Brind family, who I have known for all these years, could well pick up the gold award. Well done, keep up the good work."

The [Grand Western Canal Country Park and Local Nature Reserve](#) is owned by Devon County Council and managed by its Ranger Service.

The Devon, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly (DCIoS) [Climate Adaptation Strategy](#) has been published and will help to ensure that the region can make the changes needed to cope with the worst effects of climate change.

Its publication comes after a consultation earlier this year in which 76% of respondents expressed concern about climate change and 69% said they have felt the effects of climate change already.

To respond effectively to the climate crises, it is vital that strategies are put in place to deal with both the cause of rising greenhouse gases and their effect on our communities, also called mitigation and adaptation respectively. Mitigation focuses on tackling the causes of climate change to make the inevitable impacts of rising global temperatures less severe by reducing the emission of greenhouse gases.

Whereas adaptation is the process of adjusting to the negative impacts and opportunities of climate change that we are already seeing and can be expected in the future.

The Strategy sets out risks to the region from climate impacts, the conditions for everyone to act on adapting to climate change together, and priority actions for regional collaboration over the next five years.

Priority short-term actions for local government and public institutions include building and developing resilience partnerships to ensure the co-ordination of arrangements for an emergency, developing a climate change public awareness campaign, and providing information to enable adaptation planning by businesses and householders. Actions for organisations, community groups and individuals are also set out, such as the formation of local Community Resilience Groups.

All actions align with broader 'strategic directions' for the natural environment, infrastructure, health and the built environment, business and industry, and other cross cutting themes.

The world has already experienced warming of around 1.1°C above pre-industrial levels (1850-1900) and further

temperature changes are expected in the future. Significant climate impacts are therefore inevitable.

For example, if global temperatures increase by 4°C by 2100, projections suggest sea level in the DCIoS region is very likely to rise by between 0.24m and 0.38m by 2050 relative to the 1981 – 2000 average, putting coastal and low-lying communities at risk.

The risks to properties from coastal erosion are projected to increase over time. Sixty-seven properties are at risk over the next 20 years. This rises to 122 properties at risk in 20 to 50 years' time. Climate change is projected to increase winter rainfall and increase the intensity and frequency of storm events, furthering the region's vulnerability. This means that events like Storm Ciaran – which affected Devon earlier this month and saw more than 80 reported incidents of fallen trees, flooded roads and landslips on local roads – are likely to become more common.

Nationally, public water supplies will need more than 3.4 billion extra litres of water per day by 2050, impacting our rural economy as crop failures will become more frequent in response to droughts.

Other projected climate impacts include drier, hotter summers with more heatwaves; increased risk of extreme events like wildfires and storms; a shift in the growing seasons; and changes to pest and disease pressures.

If the region does not plan to adapt to climate change, it will face impacts to the economy, tourism, public health, infrastructure, wildlife and more.

The Adaptation Strategy has been developed by the DCIoS Climate Impacts Group – a partnership of strategic organisations, including local authorities, that is chaired by the Environment Agency – with the assistance of RSK, an engineering and environmental consultancy. A public consultation took place in May and June.

Findings from 214 responses to the consultation were that 80% either “support the strategy” or “support some parts of the strategy but not others”.

Overall, respondents recognised that immediate action on climate change and adaptation is needed, and that the Strategy is comprehensive and evidence-based. Feedback from the consultation has been considered and incorporated into the final Strategy.

Over the coming months members of the Devon Climate Emergency partnership will consider endorsing the Strategy.

Children in Devon and their families will see a new model of support services, in line with national Government guidance.

Since first introduced in the late 1990s in response to the Government-led Sure Start initiative, Children's Centres in Devon have supported thousands of young children and their parents, with targeted early years support and other services.

But last year, the Government proposed a new initiative, and now the Department for Education and the Department for Health and Social Care are working with local authorities across the UK to roll out their 'Start for Life' programme and develop Family Hub programmes in accordance with local need.

We have announced that we want to start a transition from Children's Centres to Family Hubs in Devon. This would include working with partners and stakeholders to shape the model, which is likely to take 12 months, with a view to developing a county-wide Family Hubs programme to begin in 2025.

The Government says that Family Hubs will improve families' access to services, describing them as “...a local innovation, developed to meet local needs and better support families.”

They'll do that by developing and growing partnerships with existing voluntary groups and charities that already support parents of young children in local communities.

They will focus on a partnership approach for early help and support for families and children aged 0 to 19 including support for children with special educational needs and disabilities.

Exactly which services each Family Hub will deliver will develop from what local families need, but examples of the sorts of advice, information, intervention and support that Family Hubs in Devon may deliver could include:

- early help and prevention services, delivered by Devon County Council
- wider early years services and education
- Public Health, Public Health Nursing and Midwifery services and support, as part of the government's Best Start in Life initiative
- activities, support and opportunities being made available locally by community groups, charities and the voluntary sector
- drug, alcohol and domestic abuse or violence support
- wider health support for children and young people including mental health support and neurodevelopmental support
- community activity based short breaks offered for disabled children and young people
- youth services
- services for families with adolescents

Children's Centres in Devon are currently run on our behalf by the charity, Action for Children.

Action for Children is already working closely with other councils including in Plymouth and Torbay to develop Family Hubs. They will now also work with us to start the process of introducing Family Hubs to the rest of the county.

Our current contract with Action for Children expires at the end of March 2024, but Councillors have agreed a new 12-month contract with the charity, from April 2024, to develop and start to pilot the new Family Hubs model across the county.

In the meantime, Children's Centres in Devon will continue to support families.

Learn Devon has been praised by Ofsted inspectors for helping all of its learners to "grow in confidence".

Our adult education provider has maintained its rating of "good" following an inspection at the end of September this year.

The report credits Learn Devon with creating a "calm and purposeful learning environment" where learners value the support they receive from tutors. It says, "tutors support them well to build their knowledge and skills over time" ensuring learners are "motivated to learn".

Tutors and learning support assistants were praised for their effective support for learners with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) and as a result, "most learners with SEND make progress in line with their peers" throughout their courses.

Ofsted also highlighted Learn Devon's effective working with us, Job Centre Plus and other partners to ensure that its curriculum and courses are designed and implemented to align with the needs of the local economy. This is illustrated through its work in supporting job seekers with a digital skills course to help them apply for jobs online, and courses designed for ESOL (English for speakers of other languages) learners.

Learn Devon's wide range of community courses was also lauded for helping to get people back into learning and to undertake further learning. Inspectors noted that Learn Devon is active in re-engaging with learners who had negative experiences of education in the past "to give them the second chances that they often need to be successful".

I would like to congratulate all those involved in in Gift Day Coffee Morning at St Andrew's Church on 25th November. Elizabeth and I enjoyed our visit as well at the bacon rolls, coffee, and mince pies , and picked up a bargain or two. It is always good to see so many local people supporting our church.

As the festive season approaches may I take this opportunity of wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Councillor Colin Slade

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8	Police matters To consider any correspondence from the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Council Advocate Scheme	20

Councillor Advocate Scheme
Councillor Browse to report

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme
Update from Mr Charles

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9	Vacancies on the Parish Council To consider and, if agreed, approve any applications received.	21

No applications have been received.

HALBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Item		Report Pages
10	Consideration of Mid Devon District Council's planning applications The planning application with its supporting documents and comments made by the public and other consultees which are published on the MDDC planning website prior to the meeting will be considered as part of the Council's deliberations on planning applications.	22-23

New applications:

23/01090/LBC

Proposal: Listed Building Consent to re-point joints, replace areas of brickwork and remove vegetation

Location: Manley Railway Bridge (2717) Manley Lane Tiverton

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 298751 / 112343

Deadline for comments: 6 December 23 – extension granted to 14 December 23

23/01788/FULL

Proposal: Erection of 4 dwellings and associated works

Location: Land at NGR 300380 112580 (R/o Pethertons) Lower Town Halberton

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 300377 / 112563

Deadline for comments: 13 December 23

23/01798/FULL

Proposal: Variation of Condition 9 to allow alternative feedstock types and quantity and Condition 20 to allow the anaerobic digester plant to produce and export 1.1 megawatts of renewable energy of planning permission 17/01142/FULL

Location: Land at NGR 299621 112764 (Red Linhay) Crown Hill Halberton Devon

Deadline for comments: 19 December 23

23/01825/CAT

Proposal: Notification of intention to fell 1 conifer tree in a Conservation Area

Location: Journeys End Greenway Halberton

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 300799 / 113194

Parish: Halberton 25

Deadline for comments: 19 December 23

23/01838/MFUL

Proposal: Installation of ground mounted solar PV panels to generate up to 5MW, comprising photovoltaic panels and associated infrastructure and works (Site Area 6.30ha)

Location: Land at NGR 300681 107829 (East of Wells Park) Cullompton Devon

Grid Ref: 300681 / 107829

Parish: Cullompton 21

Deadline for comments: 25 December 23

Existing applications:

Ref: ABX/DCC/4358/2023

County Matter Planning Application

Retention of existing deposition and temporary landfill site for the deposition of additional inert waste and a construction waste recycling facility with associated works including temporary buildings, access and landscaping, at Land at Greenway, Updown, Tiverton

Update

22/00665/MFUL

Retention of silage clamp and erection of roof over

Land at NGR 299554 112915 (Red Linhay) Crown Hill Halberton Devon

A meeting has not yet been set with the Parish Council and Red Linhay to discuss tractor movements.

Other planning matters:

The Orchard – The Clerk is obtaining information from/meeting with MDDC Officer to provide sufficient information to allow the Parish Council to come to a decision on how best to take the parking spaces at The Orchard forward. MDDC attendance at the Parish Council meeting has been requested.

Pleasant Streams with Enforcement

Heron's Bank with Enforcement

No further information has been received regarding Selgar's Mill.

The Clerk is in communication with Enforcement on the items above.

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11	Consideration of Mid Devon District Council's Planning Decisions	24

The following decisions have been received:

23/01447/FULL

Proposal: Erection of two agricultural storage buildings and formation of hardstanding and access track

Location: Land at NGR 300766 110224 (Nethercott) Brithem Bottom Cullompton Devon

23/01608/PNCOU - APPROVED

Proposal: Prior notification for the change of use of an agricultural building to 3 dwellings under Class Q

Location: Land and Buildings at NGR 298968 111747 Manley Farm Tiverton Devon

23/01141/FULL - APPROVED

Proposal: Variation of condition 13 of planning permission 22/00868/MFUL (Removal of condition 13 of planning permission 17/01142/FULL - further noise assessments) relating to the submission of a noise assessment

Location: Land at NGR 299621 112764 (Red Linhay) Crown Hill Halberton Devon

22/02374/MFUL - APPROVED

Proposal: Construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic (PV) farm together with associated works, equipment and infrastructure

Location: Land at NGR 301974 110937 Dean Hill Road Willand

Letter of Intent with regard to community benefit received prior to approval.

HALBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Item		Report Pages
12	Highways matters and the Road and Snow Warden Schemes	25

Update and any new matters to report excluding those reported under the Traffic Committee:

a. Potholes

Potholes continue to be reported online to Devon County Council and mended throughout the parish.

Problems stemming from recent flooding have been reported to DCC who have responded by carrying out works.

b. Herne Bridge

First half term of 2024.

c. Road Warden Scheme

Training

Action: Councillor Campbell to undertake initial training

Action: Councillor Furmedge has completed Chapter 8 – strimming training ongoing

d. Snow Warden Scheme

Call for volunteers in the October/November Newsletter.

Councillor Batchelor to report on salt stocks

Action: Councillor Batchelor/Campbell

HALBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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13	Amenity matters	26-27

Update and any new matters pertaining to the amenities located within the parish.
Given the setting up of the Recreation and Amenities Working Group – items under their Terms of Reference (to be approved by the Parish Council) have been moved to a separate agenda item.

a. Platinum Jubilee Car Park

Actions required:

- i) Gravel base and plaque to be put under/in noticeboard (Councillor Batchelor)
- ii) The Clerk is working on the planning application.

b. Footpaths

Reports from Councillor Furmedge

Footpaths

Existing paths

- no updates
- Awaiting DCC PRoW team to respond ref QR Codes to footpath signs

DMR

- Awaiting DCC draft report.
- Note also existing Footpath 7 may be proposed to extend along Corner Lane as this is not an adopted highway.

c. Cemetery

Report from Councillor Slade

Action list:

- Clean/possibly paint the gates (they do not require sandblasting)
- Clean the external sign (Councillor Browse -)
- Open up the shed and review contents (Councillor Batchelor)
- Scrap the moss of the path by the shed
- Spray moss in other areas
- Re-do the courtyard (Clerk to obtain quotes for both tarmac and gravel)
- Additional signs on the bins to prevent the wrong items being placed in them (Clerk)
- Clean/repair benches
- Next year cut a path through the wildflower area and put down more wildflower seeds

i) Grave lowering to take place in the Spring.

Action: Clerk to contact EROB holders

ii) safety inspection of the gravestones completed.

Action: Clerk to contact EROB holders

iii) Noticeboard

Action: Clerk has confirmed design back to the company following responses from Parish Councillors

iv) Quotes for courtyard

Action: Clerk additional quotes being requested

d. Noticeboards

i) installation of second noticeboard at the Village Hall

Action: Councillor Batchelor/Browse

ii) access to the noticeboard at Brithem Bottom

Action: Councillor Batchelor

e. Defibrillators

Update from Councillor Graham.

Action: Councillor Graham/Clerk

f. Landmark Tree

The tree for the Pigeons (Ash Thomas) will be purchased and planted.

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14	Recreation and Amenities Working Group	28

Councillors Batchelor , Campbell/Browse/Ayre to raise any issues :

The Recreation and Amenities working group hasn't met since the last Parish Council meeting. Suffice to say the safety checks at the Rec continue and we're focused on the Community Growing area meeting at 10:30 on Saturday (meeting at the Jubilee Car Park) - interested parties have been invited.

a. The Mead

The draft lease with the revised Heads of Terms agreement has been received and sent to the relevant Parish Councillors.

Actions required: Appointment of a solicitor to review the contract and register the lease with the Land Registry.

The solicitor has been appointed and emails sent to the other candidates.

b. Community Growing Area

Heads of Terms agreement has been received and circulated the working group.

The draft lease has been received.

The tree report has been sent to DCC and a response is awaited.

S106 funding totalling £1205.00 is available.

Councillor Browse is obtaining quotes for fencing.

c. Halberton Children's Recreation Ground

i) update on installation of new equipment and financing (Councillor Campbell)

The S106 application has been submitted.

The Community Growing Fund application is in the process of being submitted

ii) monthly safety report (Councillor Ayre standing in for Councillor Campbell)

d. Fund raising

See above

e. Mid Devon Wildlife Warden Scheme

HALBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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15	Community items	29

To consider any other community matters.

a. Council IT tools Working Group to include Facebook page/Website/Communicating with Parishioners
Report from Councillor Furmedge

Website etc

Ongoing content being created as required. No structural changes taking place.

Facebook (item for decision, see appendix)

Next steps:

- Hand over additions of Minutes and Agendas to Clerk.
- Collaboration tools - complete final councillor migration
- Complete the website accessibility fixes (verbal update)
- Facebook change/no-change based on decision

Appendix - Facebook Decision

Currently we have two Facebook "pages", the Halberton Parish Council and Halberton All Together (HAT). The proposal is to discontinue using the Halberton Parish Council page and use the HAT group page.

Presently the HPC Facebook page is used exclusively for outgoing communication, for instance Traffic Road Closures, Agenda and Minute notifications etc. There is very little Comments and no Posts (by design) from other people. It is also worth noting that all Posts are also on the website.

The HAT Facebook group is more community focused and encourages Posts and Comments from anyone that has been accepted into the group. All the Posts on the HPC Facebook page are also posted to the HAT group.

To avoid duplication of effort and potential confusion for Facebook users, it is proposed to discontinue the HPC Facebook page and point people to the Facebook HAT.

b. Internet connectivity Working Group (Councillor Furmedge)

Internet

Further areas of the Airband fibre network have been made live and an increasing number of people are taking the service.

Still some "pole" work is taking place to complete the network.

There is also a voice (VoIP) system called Talk on offer from Airband. Using this option or using a mobile phone could enable residents to discontinue "landline" phone service.

c. Anaerobic Digester Liaison Committee

Information circulated regarding a potential meeting to discuss – traffic/tractors issues

d. D-Day 80

All local groups have been emailed for dates in the and a notice put in the Newsletter.

e. Mid Devon Walking Festival

Parish involvement in the Mid Devon Walking Festival has been confirmed (14-19 September 2024).

f. Flies in Halberton

Follow-up being carried out by the Clerk.

HALBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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16	Traffic	30

1. Flashing lights at the school in Lower Town – confirmation of Vision Zero funds from James Anstee has been received. Discussion is ongoing with DCC and Simmonsigns to acquire the correct equipment and link to the street lighting.
2. The pavement at Church Lane - ongoing
3. The Mead Playing Field to Jubilee Car Park (can be actioned when lease signed)
4. Signage through Vision Zero grant – awaiting receipt
5. VAS units (posts being installed) – Councillor Batchelor/Browse to report
6. Flooding at the Farm Shop (when road re-surfaced – Autumn)
7. Pedestrian Crossing at the Village Hall – on hold
8. Railings at the pond - mended
9. Potential pavement at The Hickory Bridge – dependent on The Orchard
10. Lorries on the Halberton to Willand road - report from PC Tim Walsh sent to DCC and is being followed up – potential site visit
11. Rose Cottage Bridge – as and when re-surfaced
12. Lorries between Halberton and Brithem Bottom – call for additional signage

20 is plenty for Devon

So far three residents have put themselves forward for Community Speedwatch and confirmed they are happy to undertake the online training.

The Clerk is also looking into the cost of a parish council funded 20mph limit for Lower Town – response awaited from Devon County Council.

Purchase of portable Air Quality Monitor

Ready to start initial trials.

Next:

- First deployment being planned

HALBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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17	Newsletter Working Group The Newsletter Working Group will meet in January	31

The minutes of the Working Group meeting were will be circulated to the Parish Council prior to the meeting.

No-one has come forward to edit the Newsletter.

The Clerk spent six hours producing Issue 170 of the Newsletter.

HALBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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19	Financial accounts 2023/24	32

a. Financial reports 2023/24

The information for November has been input and the reports will be forwarded to Parish Councillors prior to the meeting.

Councillors Batchelor and Furmedge are meeting on 7 December 2023 and will report to the meeting.

b. Provisional budget for 2024/25

1. The information will be circulated to Parish Councillors prior to the meeting and form an addendum to the minutes.

If the budget is approved then the precept can be set.

2. Approval of the Annual P3/Prow Clearance quote for 2024 Season

c. Setting of the 2024/25 precept

d. Payments to approve (Council):

Google workspace (monthly cost)	£ 36.80
Source for Business	£ 7.84
Nicholas Page	£350.00*
C Graham (newsletter)	£ 30.00
HMRC	£118.52
S McGeever (wage)	£665.25
S McGeever (expenses - Microsoft)	£ 59.99
S McGeever (expenses - Fasthosts)	£ 4.30

Reduction of £70 due to No 15 being cleared by AN Other.

e. Clerk's hours

Time sheets for November (15 hours per week) have been sent to the Chair

f. NALC pay award

Details of the NALC pay award has been received.

g. Bank signatories/change of bank

All information has now been received from councillors to complete the switch to the Unity Bank. Application form in the process of being completed.