



Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend the meeting of the Parish Council to be held at Moretonhampstead Community Centre on **Tuesday 3rd October 2023 at 7.00pm**. The meeting will consider the items set out below.

If any members of the public wish to attend and make a statement or raise a question at the meeting, they should contact the Clerk before the meeting email clerk20@moretonhampstead-pc.gov.uk or phone 01647 440041. The Clerk will then guide you with the process the meeting will take.

Before the meeting there will be a public session to enable the people of Moretonhampstead to ask questions of, and make comments, regarding the Parish Council. Questions not answered at this meeting will be answered in writing to the person asking the question or may appear as an agenda item for the next meeting. Members of the public are asked to restrict their comments, and/or questions to three minutes.

AGENDA

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To consider requests from members of the public to make representations, answer questions or give evidence in respect of Council business under Standing Orders 3d to 3n.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To accept apologies for absence. Under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, members present must decide whether the reason(s) given for a member's absence are acceptable

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Under the Localism Act 2011 (sections 26-37 and Schedule 4) and in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, members are required to declare any interests which are not currently entered in the member's register of interests or if he/she has not notified the Monitoring Officer of it. Requests for Dispensations should be made in writing to the Parish Clerk in advance of the meeting

4. MINUTES

To accept as a true record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 5th September 2023 *LGA 1972 Sch 12 para 41(1)*

5. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

To receive reports of the County Councillor, District Councillor, and the Dartmoor National Park representative if available

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

To ensure the tasks actioned at the previous meeting have been completed:

- The Clerk has attended the Devon Association of Local Council's AGM

7. CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

To note matters under the Chairman's discretion

8. OPEN SPACES REPORT

To receive the monthly report *Open Spaces Act 1906 s.10*

9. CLIMATE CHANGE & ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP

To receive the monthly report

10. INTERNAL FINANCIAL REGULATOR

To receive the report of the Internal Financial Regulator

11. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

To approve the list of payments (to be tabled at the meeting) *LGA 1972 s150 (5)* and to authorise a direct debit to be set up to pay the Information Commissioner's Office

12. CORRESPONDENCE

To receive correspondence (attached) and to agree any response:

1. Correspondence received and circulated from Okehampton District Community Transport Group requesting the council considers the Ring & Ride and Community Car Services in the Parish Precept. *Transport Act 1985 s.106*
2. Correspondence received and circulated from Rt Hon. Mel Stride MP replying to the council's letter regarding Moretonhampstead Library provision.
3. Correspondence received and circulated from Rt Hon. Mel Stride MP replying to the council's letter regarding the Dartmoor Classic safety concern.
4. Correspondence received and circulated from Teignbridge District Council informing councillors of an opportunity to apply for the position of Town/Parish Representative on the Standards Sub-committee. *Localism Act s.27 & 28*
5. Correspondence received and circulated from Slow Ways inviting the council to take part in the creation of Slow Ways. *Local Government Act 1972 s.144*

13. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

To consider the draft community consultation presentation *Local Government Act 1972 s.111*

14. BOWRING LIBRARY

To receive an update on the Bowring Library from Cllr Farrand-Rogers

15. OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

To receive the draft minutes of the meeting of the Open Spaces committee held on 19th September 2023 (attached) and to agree the following recommendations:

1. Recommendation to full council for a couple of councillors to assess the safety matting and repairs in the playpark and ask the clerk to investigate HIC testing with an expert.
2. Recommendation to full council to proceed with the land registry application for the Square.
3. Recommendation to full council to wait for the churchyard path work to be completed, wait for the path to bed in and review how the path is settling in after a few months use.
4. Recommendation to full council to seek a sponsor to purchase 20's plenty signage and to ask residents if they would be willing to host a sign.
5. Recommendation to full council to:
 1. Write to the shared allotment boundary owner and follow up with a discussion.
 2. Go ahead with the hedge trim at an appropriate time of year subject to approval from the shared boundary owner.
 3. Talk to the Allotment to see if they wish to use the material from the hedge trim.

16. CHRISTMAS WORKING GROUP UPDATE

To receive an update from the Christmas working group

17. CLERKS REPORT

To note the Clerks report

18. 2024/25 OBJECTIVES

To consider the Council's objectives for the next financial year in order to aid budget preparations
Local Government Finance Act 1992 s49A

19. FORD STREET SPEED CHECK

To consider requesting the Highways Authority organise a week of vehicle speed checks on Ford Street

SIGNED: *Samantha Parkin* (Parish Clerk) **DATE:** 27/09/2023