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13.1 Correspondence received 24/08/26

One of your parishioners has reached out to me about the Road Warden Scheme. They would like to volunteer to assist your road warden if you have one.

Is Moretonhampstead Parish Council part of the DCC Road Warden Scheme? If not, I'm happy to help guide the PC through the process. Other than adding named volunteers to your insurance policy, there is no cost to the PC.

All the best,
Cllr Ed Tyldesley
County Councillor for Chulmleigh & Landkey

Clerk's Note: the Council joined the [DCC Road Warden Scheme](#) in 2021; four volunteers have completed Chapter 8 training, which is currently used for temporary road closures at community events, and no minor highways works have been undertaken to date.

I have emailed the PC's insurance company to enquire about insurance requirements.

13.2 Correspondence received 28/08/26

I am working with a group of men in Moretonhampstead on ways to promote good mental health. We have an online directory called CheckMate <https://www.wellmoor.org.uk/check-mate>

They have suggested we install brushed stainless steel plaques roughly 60–80mm square with QR codes on benches in the North East Dartmoor area. We could look at a fixing method with metal ties which would be reversible and not cause any damage or marks to the bench.

It is just an idea at the moment but would the Parish Council be willing in theory to have QR codes on 1 or 2 benches in Moretonhampstead? If so, does the Council have any thoughts on the best locations?

Wellmoor Coordinator

13.3 Correspondence received 04/09/26

Dear Sam,

Thank you for the letter from your Parish Council. We will look into your concerns and will pass on your appreciation for the timeliness of completion of works.

Kind regards

Councillor Richard Keeling

13.4: Correspondence received 06/09/26

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME

As administrators of the Devon and Somerset Pension Funds, Peninsula Pensions is legally required to have a formal complaints procedure. Ours is the Internal Disputes Resolution Procedure (IDRP) which places strict obligations on both scheme employers and Peninsula Pensions.

The IDRP is a formal procedure put in place to resolve disagreements about decisions taken regarding LGPS pension matters. The process is in two stages:

- Stage 1 is looked at by your nominated IDRP Stage 1 Appeals Officer (the 'adjudicator')
- Stage 2 is looked at by Peninsula Pensions

As an employer in the pension scheme, you must appoint a person to consider appeal cases at Stage 1 of the IDRP. Further information on the process can be found [here](#)

We are currently reviewing the IDRP officer information we hold for Moretonhampstead Parish Council and it appears that we do not currently have the relevant contact details on file. We would be grateful if you could provide any updated contact information by emailing this to peninsulaemployers@devon.gov.uk at your earliest convenience.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards

Sarah Vaughan- Atkins *on behalf of the* Employer and Communications Team
Assistant Pension Technician

Clerk's Note: I replied asking for clarification on whether or not the Council may specify the Chair of the Staffing Committee as the Stage 1 IDRP adjudicator, rather than naming an individual. This is acceptable.

13.5: Correspondence received 02/09/26

I wanted to invite you all to an in-person Social Health Youth Stakeholder group meeting in Moretonhampstead Community Club from 1-3pm on Thursday 15th October (arrive from 12.30 if you want to have lunch together and a general catch up.) This date is relatively flexible so if anyone has a big issue we can try to accommodate.

At the meeting we will present findings from the youth consultation work that has been happening over the summer/early Autumn, including findings from the youth survey and relevant data gathered by Ian. We will have a chance to discuss

reflections and pull out themes as a group and look at actions and next steps via the social health framework lens.

As before we will be offering a £50 donation to all that attend as a thank you for your valuable time and energy.

Wellmoor Coordinator

Clerk's Note: The Chair and I have previously informed Wellmoor that we are unable to attend Thursday meetings.

13.6 Correspondence received 25/09/26

Dear Councillors,

Representative of the Parish Council

I would like to invite you to the AGM of the Trust, which includes Wellmoor and Greenhill Arts, on Thursday 8th October, 6.30pm for 7.00pm at Green Hill.

Please come and hear updates about our work over the past year and plans for this one and tell us your thoughts about what we should be doing in the future.

You can find attached the draft minutes of our 2025 AGM held last year in September. Our Annual Accounts for 2025 will be uploaded shortly onto our website.

<https://www.moretonhampsteadtrust.org.uk/about>. Please scroll to the bottom of the page.

If you have any queries, please contact the office on the number below.

We look forward to seeing you.

Chair

Moretonhampstead Development Trust

13.7 Correspondence received 30/09/26

Dear Cllr Fileman-Wright

I am writing to invite you and the other Parish Councillors to attend a local screening of the *People's Emergency Briefing film* on the threats to British life from ongoing damage to nature and to our climate.

Location: Moretonhampstead Parish hall

Date: Thursday 5 November

Time: 7pm

The film features footage from last November's National Emergency Briefing, which brought together leading UK experts in climate science, food security, health, economics, national security and nature.

It presents a clear, measured overview of how the climate and nature crisis is affecting everyday life in Britain - and what the evidence says about risks and responses.

The initiative is explicitly non-partisan and is supported by a wide range of organisations including National Trust, Church of England, Exeter University, the Royal Meteorological Society, WWF, National Education Union, and many more.

Local authorities play a vital role in responding to these challenges. Councils are central to reducing emissions across housing, transport, planning and infrastructure, and to strengthening local resilience in the face of increasing flood risk, heatwaves, food insecurity and wider systemic pressures.

They also hold important responsibilities in relation to emergency planning, local resilience forums and community risk assessment, making it especially important that elected members have access to the clearest possible scientific understanding of the risks ahead.

The purpose of the Briefing is to support informed democratic discussion and ensure that national and local decision-makers, alongside the public, share a common understanding of the scale and urgency of the challenge.

Following the 50-minute film, we will host a 45-minute structured local discussion on what this means for our community, including implications for local preparedness, resilience and long-term planning.

We would greatly value your attendance - whether to listen and contribute or simply observe the discussion. Your presence would signal the importance of open, evidence-based dialogue on an issue that affects residents across all wards and political affiliations.

If you are unable to attend, we would welcome a short-written message to be read to attendees.

Please let us know if you are able to join us.