Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend the meeting of the Parish Council to be held at Moretonhampstead Community Centre on **Tuesday 1st December 2026 at 7.00pm**. The meeting will consider the items set out below.

Public Participation
If any members of the public wish to attend and speak at the meeting, please contact the Clerk in advance by email at clerk@moretonhampstead-pc.gov.uk or phone 01647 440041. The Clerk will explain the meeting process.

A public session will be held before the meeting to allow residents to ask questions or make comments to the Parish Council. Questions not answered at the time may receive a written response or be added to a future agenda. Public comments or questions are limited 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 (LGA), members present should decide whether to approve the reason(s) given for absence.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Under the Localism Act 2011 and the Council's Code of Conduct, members must declare any interests not already registered or notified to the Monitoring Officer. Requests for dispensations should be submitted in writing to the Clerk before the meeting.

4. MINUTES
To accept as a true record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 3rd November 2026 *LGA 1972 Sch 12 para 41(1).*

5. STANDING ITEM – CLIMATE AND ECOLOGY EMERGENCY:
To note the Council's Climate and Ecology Emergency Declaration and commit to embedding it across all services, activities, plans, and decisions, ensuring environmental impact is considered and a fully integrated approach to climate change mitigation is adopted.

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

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
To ensure the tasks actioned at the previous meeting have been completed:

- Min. No. 188/2026 - Bicycle Maintenance Stand: The Clerk has contacted the South Devon Cycling Campaign for further information; no response has been received to date.
- Min. No. 192/2026 – Dartmoor National Park Partnership Plan: The council's response to the consultation has been submitted.

8. CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION
To note matters under the Chairman's discretion

9. OPEN SPACES REPORT

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

10. CLIMATE CHANGE & ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP

To receive the monthly report and the Peoples Emergency Meeting Update

11. INTERNAL CONTROLS COUNCILLOR

To receive the report of the Internal Controls Councillor

12. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

To approve the list of payments (to be tabled at the meeting) *LGA 1972 s.150*

13. CORRESPONDENCE

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

1. Correspondence received and circulated from the Wildlife Wardens proposing enhancements to the churchyard wildflower area and other biodiversity initiatives within the Churchyard.
2. Correspondence received and circulated from Devon Digital Cafes seeking the Council's assistance in promoting local digital inclusion initiatives and recruiting volunteers.
3. Correspondence received and circulated from the Old Forde House Trust seeking support for its community ownership bid for Old Forde House, Newton Abbot.
4. Correspondence received and circulated from a member of the public expressing concerns about development on Dartmoor and urging the Council to oppose further building.
5. Correspondence received and circulated from Dartmoor National Park Authority regarding signpost restoration proposals at Cossick Cross and Hingston Rock.
6. Correspondence received and circulated from Lloyds Bank regarding the Council's complaint and compensation payment.

14. COMMUNITY FIRST AID COURSE

To consider delivering community first aid awareness training. *Localism Act 2011 s.1*

15. FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

To agree the following recommendations:

1. Recommendation to full council to approve the attached draft budget 2027/28 and precept request. *Local Government Finance Act 1992 s49a*
2. Recommendation to full council to approve the Reserves policy.
3. Recommendation to full council to approve the Sentry Hire Agreement.

16. EMERGENCY PLANNING

To receive correspondence regarding the Council's emergency preparedness, consider an appropriate response, and note that the Community Emergency Plan requires review and updating.

17. HOSPITAL UPDATE

To receive correspondence regarding the proposed community purchase of the former hospital building, consider whether the Council wishes to support the initiative, and determine any appropriate response.

18. DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK CALL FOR SITES

To consider delegating this matter to the Highways & Projects Working Group to review potential site submissions and report back to Council with recommendations before the 26 February 2027 deadline.

19. 2027 MEETING DATES

To approve the dates of meetings for 2027 (attached)

SIGNED: *Samantha Parkin*(Parish Clerk) **DATE:** 24/11/2026