

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020 7pm via Zoom**

**Councillors Present:**D Wiltshire (DW)(*Chairman*)

P Jeffery (PJ)

A Bennett (AB) (Vice chair)

K Delafield (KD)

M Usherwood (MU)

D Read (DR)

A Daw (AD)

D Follett (DF)

N Hallett (NH)

Roland Tarr -Dorset Councillor

M Harding (Clerk)

5 members of public

**20/10-1 Welcome and to receive any apologies for absence-** None-members and guests were welcomed and zoom meeting rules read out.

**20/10-2 To receive declarations of interest and grants of dispensation-** MU on a planning application of a neighbour, DR on a planning application of a neighbour, although these are not pecuniary interests.

**20/10-3 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> August 20**

Proposed KD

Seconded MU

Resolved

**20/10-4 Matters arising from the minutes for info only-** none

**20/10-5 Democratic forum 15 minutes** –RT spoke on the proposed works at MacDonald's, a new quote had been received from highways for the reduced scheme, RT is to speak to highways England to gather permission to carry out some works on the roundabout side of the entrance to aid visibility exiting the site. Once this permission has been agreed then the PC were asked to write to the portfolio holder for environment to ask for the funding for this work. RT would ask Winterbourne St Monkton to support this scheme as well. Cllrs expressed their frustration at the time taken to gather quotes and progress with this project. The project should now cost in the region of £4500 with this reduced scheme. RT also commented that the litter problem seemed to be better following letters of complaint. Cllrs explained that it depended on what time of day you visit the site.

RT then reported on the monkeys jump roundabout scheme, this has been in the budget for about 5 years but there have been delays due to the requirements for cyclist and pedestrian access across the roundabout, also that the flood issues on the roundabout which have not been acknowledged by highways England and bringing all these requirements together, it is hoped that the roundabout scheme and flood issues will be completed within 18 months.

A resident asked about the stream clearance, this was booked for the week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> Oct. It was reported that worked had been completed and started at the east end of the village, but KD commented that none of the stream had been cleared to the west of the village. DR noted that the contractor can only take a very small amount of silt so as not to disturb the bottom of the stream as they have to comply with the EA guidelines. Clerk to follow up with the contractor.

A resident commented on the proposal to set up parking spaces at Fishers Barn. He asked what the proceeds would be spent on this is to be discussed as part the agenda item.

A member of the group "Green Martinstown" - spoke on the plans for the village, the group has 3 sub-groups Nature, Food & Waste, Transport & Energy, the group are considering, planting trees, hedges and

wild flower areas on various sites within the village. A list of the suggestions would be provided by email to follow up. The Green group were advised to speak to Dorset Council about the areas of land suggested for tree planting to gain permission. Also, to contact local landowners. There are 2 trees on the village green that were removed and they would like to replace them, MU explained that that there is one tree on the green that requires an inspection due to health but it was noted that the trees now have TPO's. Clerk to gather advice from a tree specialist.

The group are also interested in taking on the BT phone box once this has been adopted as an information centre for the village; it was noted that there are already some residents who have expressed an interest in being part of a group to take this on so a BT phone box. AD would be the Cllr lead on this project being part the Green group.

**20/10-6 Finance**

**i. To consider the finance report of payments and receipts for Oct**

| <b>Payee</b>    | <b>Detail</b>          | <b>Amount</b> |
|-----------------|------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Oct</b>      |                        |               |
| M Harding       | Salary/Exp             | 232.10        |
| HMRC            | PAYE                   | 53.80         |
| DAPTC           | Training               | 9.00          |
| Jon Buddle      | Grass cutting 2 months | 160.00        |
| Paul Bridle     | Bench maintenance      | 260.00        |
| <b>Receipts</b> |                        |               |
| Dorset Council  | Precept                | 3500          |

All payments were made in line with internal controls, Internal Audit carried out no matters arising. Bank balances as at 28<sup>th</sup> Sep £16081.73

Proposed DF

Seconded AB

Resolved

**ii. To consider quotes for a new website for the Parish Council to comply with the new accessibility regulations WCAG 2.1**

The Clerk had raised this with the Council over the last 18 months, the legislation is now in place that public bodies need to have an accessible website and a statement to that effect to explain where the website may not be complaint and what measures the Council are taking to support this. Currently the PC use pages on the village website, but as a public body the whole site needs to comply with these regulations. The Clerk had gathered 3 quotes for Parish Council websites for discussion. The quotes ranged from £450 to £1200. This is for the initial set up and then ongoing annual costs. Some Cllrs raised concerns at not being compliant and not understanding these regulations. The Council discussed this at length, most raised concerns at the cost considering the small precept of the Council, but were aware that Parish Councils need to conform. The Council also discussed a dedicated email address using a .gov.uk domain. This would come at an annual cost as well. Following a long debate, the Council proposed to purchase a new website to meet these regulations as they have a legal responsibility to do this.

Proposed AB

Seconded MU

KD spoke against this motion as there needs to be options in which we do that.

Votes 5 FOR

4 AGAINST motion carried.

DW suggested a working group is formed to look into a suitable supplier and the following Cllrs agreed to be on the group KD, DF, AB and the Clerk. Further information on this will be at the November meeting.

**iii. To consider to use Scribe accounting for the PC accounts**

This will be discussed at the budget meeting

**iv. To arrange a budget meeting to consider the precept 2020-21**

A meeting will be arranged with DW, AB, MU and the Clerk to prepare a budget and carry out the Clerk’s appraisal in the next few weeks ready for the November meeting.

**20/10-7 Planning Consultations-**

**i. To give consideration to Planning matters-**

WD/D/20/002031- Beech Cottage, Manor Grove- erection of replacement summer house- The PC raised no objections.

WD/D/20/001966-Fairmont, Weymouth Road- Erection of Barn/Stable- The PC raised no objections to this application.

WD/D/20/002190- East House, Main Street- Erect dwelling with attached garage and modify vehicle access (amendment to width of drive in previous application)- The PC raised no objections to this application

**ii. To consider any other planning/enforcement or ongoing issues-** The Clerk had reported the enforcement issue at Rainbarrow farm, regarding the height of the clamps and the lack of screening, to follow up. There are issues with the enforcement department due to lack of staff.

**iii. To consider a response to the government white paper by 29<sup>th</sup> Oct-** The council confirmed they would not be making a representation at this time but will monitor the progress of the white paper.

**20/10-8 To consider all correspondence received for decision, consultation and information (see list)-Items for noting:**

- a. Item 9- DAPTC 2020 AGM, motions- DW will attend the AGM and Cllrs will send comments on the motions to be voted upon as agreed at the meeting.
- b. Item 32- Horse Chestnut Tree removal at Martinsfield- DC reported that this would be replaced in due course.
- c. Item 4- The SID has been damaged by an airsoft gun; it is still working but will be monitored.

**20/10-9 Highways:**

**i. To receive the Sep SID results-**

**Total number of speed readings taken =**

**110,315**

>30mph = 38,270

>40mph = 2,694

>50mph = 136

**Average Recorded Speed = 34mph**

**Top recorded speeds:**

73 mph (20/09/20 00:31)

72 mph (23/9/20 21:47)

71 mph (6/9/20 23:44)

67 mph (2/9/20 00:16)

65 mph (18/9/20 13:12 )

65 mph (27/9/20 13:12 )

**To receive the Oct SID Results**

**Total number of speed readings taken =**

**120,205**

>30mph = 39,626

>40mph = 2,826

>50mph = 110

**Average Recorded Speed = 34mph**

67 mph (19/10/20 13:40)

64 mph (07/10/20 14:02)

63 mph (25/10/20 13:46)

63 mph (25/10/20 17:14)

62 mph (14/10/20 19:20)

61 mph (14/10/20 13:12 )

**Top recorded speeds:**

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*Number of speed readings does not equal number of vehicles.*

*Slower moving vehicles record more speed measurements than slower moving vehicles.*

*A vehicle travelling at 30mph will record 3 or 4 measurements, vs a vehicle moving at 50mph would only record a single measurement.*

**ii. To consider to request a dropped kerb at Manor Grove**

DW had circulated a report on the issues of access with a motorised scooter from Manor Grove this is pavement that is adjacent to the Magna Sheltered Housing complex, there is no dropped kerb so residents have to travel onto the road where there is poor visibility with the number of vehicles that park along the road. If a dropped kerb was installed there may be further issues with parking on the main road and along Manor Grove, but the PC would contact Magna and Dorset Highways to look at the issue for the residents concerned. It was noted that any parking issues that create an obstruction will need to be brought to the attention of the PCSO.

Proposed MU

Seconded PJ

**20/10-10 RoW and Footpaths: to receive a report**

AB reported that the bridleway by the pub has now been strimmed, a complaint was made about the surfacing used on the chalk crossroads to the main road, this was done to alleviate the mud. No reply has been received regarding the horses using the footpath.

**20/10-11 Parish Council Property:**

**i. Update on the adoption of the BT phone box**

The agreement has been received from BT payphones, this has been completed and returned, we now await the removal of the telephony equipment and the return of the signed agreement. The PC can now go back to those who were interested in being part of the phone box group so this can be established. AD will follow this up.

**ii. To consider parking arrangements at Fishers Barn**

MU had circulated a report on this item, the idea originally arose as a suggestion from a resident to lease a parking space for their own use. The actions in following it up are out of an obligation to find an answer. This is a repeat request, the first being made some time ago. DW, MU and the Clerk had held a zoom meeting with the landlord and he was of the opinion that there is nothing in the lease to stop the PC letting out the spaces but his desired view was to let all 9 spaces so as not put neighbours against one another. The PC have an agreement to let 1 space in another location in the village, this was agreed many years ago.

MU had placed a letter on the cars that regularly use the spaces and to locals in the area to gather a response to this proposal. By the time of the meeting there had been 9 requests for the spaces and other responses some positive and others negative. There were concerns raised, setting a precedent for all parking areas in the village, putting a cost to families at a time of the current Covid 19 situation, costs of preparing the parking area, policing the spaces. It was noted that this is not a money-making scheme but for the benefit of some in the community. Following a long discussion on this the Council proposed not to proceed on the grounds there is not a community benefit for the many in the village, the Council could not support a scheme that only benefits the few. Cllrs will relay this to those who had expressed in interest.

Proposed KD

Seconded DF

6 For, 2 against, 1 abstention

**iii. To consider to maintain further benches in the village**

The contractor has made a very good job of maintaining the benches. KD proposed that the Council continue and maintain the rest of the benches with the same spec. It was noted that the cost of this is not in the current budget and would come from reserves, unless this work was carried over to next financial year, Clerk to contact the contractor to see when he could carry to the works.

Proposed KD

Seconded MU

**20/10-12 To receive reports from:**

- i. **Village Hall representatives to consider the play area-** PJ reported a possible problem with the roof. The PC had previously been contacted by the committee to consider the play area management and support from the PC. DW had spoken with the Chair of the VH and they are not in position to proceed at this time, but the offer is still available.
- ii. **Winterbourne Community Fund (was the Blanchard Trust)-** there has been no call for the fund at this time
- iii. **Waste watch representatives-** AD reported that a free shed has been obtained and has a new location, the collection is about half but the papers are still selling so able to raise some funds.
- iv. **PCSO-** Report from 01/07/2020 – 26/10/2020  
1 x beauty spot car break  
1 x report of suspicious vehicle  
1 x criminal damage of Mallard Green SID  
Also beware of scams and call please remind people to call 101 if they see a person and/or vehicle acting suspiciously, whilst there may be no officers to search the area if we have the VRM we could put on some intelligence if it is known to us.

**20/10-13 Items for the Parish Council meeting on Weds 25<sup>th</sup> November**

Website, Budget &amp; precept

**20/10-14 Democratic forum 15 minutes –**

A resident asked if there had been any further discussion on the speed barriers or gateways into the village. The costs of this would need to be considered and approval sought from DC.

A resident commented that there are issues with parking on the pavement and this should be reported to the PCSO AB & DW will do this. Also, the resident commented on the discussion on website accessibility and that the PC do not need to be accessible but as long the accessibility statement explains where this information can be accessed.

KD commented as the Flood rep has been following up with Wessex water on the sewerage situation and has confirmed that there is no rain water drains in the village and that all water ends up in the sewer, this is illegal but WW are not going to take action so they confirmed that the sewers will be pumped out if we have an issues this year.

Meeting closed 9.25pm

