



MILBORNE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Full council held at the Village Hall, Milborne St Andrew
On Wednesday 03rd November 2021 commencing at 1900 hours

Present:

Cllr's Macnair, Redding, Stephens, and Witherden

9 members of the public

Full Council

1. Apologises for absence

Cllr's Cherry, Head, and Williams sent apologies, along with Cllr Parker (Dorset Council).

2. Declarations of pecuniary or other interest

Cllr Redding declared a nonpecuniary interest in agenda item 12.

A dispensation was requested to speak on this item.

This request was granted.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 13th October 2021

These were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. Clerk's report

The report with Council comments is attached at Annexe A.

5. Chair's update

The Chair confirmed that Cllr's Stephens, Williams, Witherden, Macnair and Redding had completed the Code of Conduct training. The chair challenged DAPTC as to why parishes were being charged a fee on a matter that had been delegated from Dorset Council.

No satisfactory answer was given.

The Chair reminded members to complete their digital Record of Interests form where they had not already done so.

6. Public participation

There were no questions, at this time from members of the public.

7. Parish Councillors and representatives' reports

Cllr Stephens spoke on the 'Milborne Jubilee Jamboree'. The event will take place over the long weekend of 02 -06 Jun 22. Activities will include, a fun run, best scarecrow competition, picnic in the park and a band.

Furthers details would follow in due course.

Cllr's Witherden and Redding are set to meet with Cllr Nigel Hodder to explore a joint initiative between Milton Abbas and Milborne St Andrew with a view to setting up a Community Land Trust, in line with aspirations in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Mr Lewin spoke on Remembrance Sunday. It was confirmed for 14th November and would include coffee and cake in the Village Hall after the service.

8. Dorset Councillors report

A report had been received and distributed to members.

The Chair read a summary of the report.

9. Planning matters

a. P/FUL/2021/02295

The Village Hall Extension to existing Car Park

Councillors debated this application, taking into consideration comments made via the Dorset Council planning portal.

Trustees of the Village Hall were present to answer any questions.

Although it was appreciated that the Village Hall did need extra parking, and it was noted that EV points and a disabled bay were included in the plans along with the pledge that residents could use the when the Village Hall was not in use, it was felt this did not offset for the loss of green space, potential flood risk with the hard surface, and potential danger accessing the site.

Councillors voted against the application, on a majority vote, Cllr Stephens voted to support the application.

An objection will be placed on the Dorset Council website.

However, members offered the following comments to the applicants to help mitigate their concerns.

Re-consider the layout in terms of improving the disabled bays and pedestrian access, and explore whether the design and use of permeable materials such as grass grid / pavers in the extended area could be retain its green character, flexible use and not add to flood risk.

b. P/CLE/2021/01577

Longmead Farm Installation of 2 biomass boilers

The Parish Council supported this application.

c. P/CLP/2021/01732

Longmead Farm Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for biomass boilers

The Parish Council offered no comment on this application.

d. P/FUL/2021/04242

The Old Rectory Erect single story extension and re-instatement of chimney

The Parish Council supported this application.

10. Financial update

a. Payments for authorisation

A total of **2 payments (PV's 29-30) totalling £ 41.25** were approved and authorised.

The RFO confirmed all cost centres were in line with budget.

It was noted that the general reserve was higher than guidance.

11. Neighbourhood Plan and Conservation Area Appraisal updates

Cllr Witherden had circulated the draft Neighbour Plan review, including proposed changes. The revised plan was likely to come before Council in the December 21 meeting, with a view to going out to consultation in Jan 22.

A small grant from central government was being applied for to cover the expenses.

The Dorset Council conservation team had been contacted, who confirmed that they were to be conducting their own consultation.

They were impressed that MSA were taking the lead in Conservation Area Appraisals.

12. Clearance of land on the Right of Way by Homefield

Cllr Redding stated that the Right of Way behind Homefield was constantly overgrown, making it impassable and was frequently being called in to Dorset Council to clear. It was felt that the 6-8 ft bramble causing the issue served no ecological benefit and requested that the landowner be asked to remove the said plant.

The Parish Council supported this request, and the Clerk would write to the landowner.

13. Initial Precept discussion

Members were content with the initial draft, showing an increase of just over £3 per council tax paying household.

It was requested to include an additional £3K for the potential of a Speed Indicating Device.

14. Streaming of Parish Council meetings

Councillors had no appetite to this motion due to no hardware, poor internet speeds, very low levels of interest when meetings took place on Zoom during lock down and the practicalities of actioning the request.

Members declined the request to stream Parish Council meetings.

15. Public participation (items not on the agenda) - trial

The current Standing Orders precluded members of the public from asking question of the Council, other than that on the agenda. Member's thoughts this was somewhat unrepresentative and undemocratic.

It was unanimously agreed to trial this motion, with immediate effect, until the next Annual General Meeting.

It was then asked if the traffic calming measures as stated at the last meeting could be publicised. **It was confirmed that this had already gone out on Facebook and in the reporter but will be placed on social media again.**

It was also confirmed that Dorset Council were costing up the projects.

It was asked why cars park in the lay by next to the bus stop.

It was confirmed that the lay by was a place that the bus stops as opposed to a bus stop.

16. Items for the next meeting

Grant funding awards

Draft Neighbour Plan review

Further Precept discussion

Purchase of a Speed Indicating Device

17. Date of next meeting

01st December 2021

Milborne St Andrew Village Hall at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2034 hours.

Richard Macnair

Chair to the Milborne St Andrew Parish Council

