MILBORNE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Full council held at the Village Hall, Milborne St Andrew on Wednesday 15th February 2023 commencing at 1900 hours

Present:
Cllr's Richard Macnair, Amy Stephens, Caron Redding, Jayne Williams and Jane Macleod

13 members of the public

Full Council

1. Apologises for absence
Cllr's Witherden and Batchelor sent apologises along with Cllr Parker (Dorset Council).

2. Declarations of pecuniary or other interest
Cllr Stephens declared on any matter regarding the Village Hall.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 04th January 2023
These were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

4. Clerk's report
The Clerk updated members on matters from the previous minutes, correspondence and other matter arising. There were no questions.

5. Chair's update
The Chair confirmed that representatives of the Parish Council had had various meetings with Dorset Council (DC), the Environment Agency (EA), Wessex Water (WW) and with the MP, Mr Simon Hoare and the Ward Councillor, Emma Parker.

Numerous emails and other correspondence had also been received.

Key points noted, and previously made public, from the meetings:

- The EA confirmed that the rainfall in Oct/Nov was some of the heaviest on record, thus leaving the ground water levels at record highs.

- This meant the steam over topped. The drainage system was at its maximum capacity and worked as expected.

- The pump was not deployed on Milton Road, as previously, as the drainage system under the A354 is now fully integrated, so there would nowhere to pump the water and no way to move it directly to below March bridge where the stream had capacity.

- It was confirmed that a possible blockage in the drains on Milton Road only had a marginal impact on the flood.

- Milton Road was closed was for the safety of the public and properties. It was noted by all agencies on how depressing it was how many vehicles ignored the closure sign.

- It was acknowledged by Dorset that a road closure notice was not issued, but over 20 flood warnings on highways were activated at that time.

- WW found no evidence of raw sewage being pumped down the river. WW had received authority from the EA to pump fresh water from the sewage network and NOT raw sewage into the river system: Tankers could not be used to relive pressure on the sewerage system due to the sheer volume of river water in it. The levels of pollution within the stream during pumping were less than 1/50th of the maximum levels allowable by the EA in a chalk stream.

- WW were to engage with properties that did not have property level solutions to Sewerage issues in times of flooding. It was also confirmed that over 90% of the sewage system was lined and sealed with Wessex Water endeavouring to seal the remaining elements.

- All agencies confirmed that flood boards and alike were a better preventative measures at keeping water out of properties than sandbags and would encourage affected properties to do acquire these ahead of future incidents.

6. Public participation (items on the agenda)

Further to comment made by members of the public under **item 5,** the following comments were added:

- Whilst the road was closed, residents living in the area were given permission to access and leave properties throughout the closure. It was felt that Dorset Council should have communicated this to the community, a speed limit should have been introduced and a diversion route sign posted.

- It was mentioned that the camber of the road (A354 / Milton Road) had never been planed; this have might avoid the build up of water outside the shop.

- Annoyance was conveyed at the pump not being deployed and promised in the past.

- It was suggested that the flood teams should have been more proactive and cleared debris prior to the incident.

7. Parish Councillors and representatives' reports that effect Parish Council matters

Cllr Macnair was pleased to report that the new gateways on right of way E14/12 had been installed.

It was noted that the community salt bin on Coles Lane was now empty.
Members agreed that this could be topped up at public expense.

Enquires had been made by members of the public as to the status of the HIP on Coles Lane.
The Clerk would contact Wyatt homes and Dorset Council planning for an update.

Correspondence had also been received in relation to the temporary fencing on the Causeway.
It was confirmed that the Parish Council were still awaiting information on what Dorset Council were planning to do.

8. Dorset Councillors report

A report and been received and distributed. There were no questions for the Ward Councillor.

9. Planning

There were no new planning applications.

10. Financial matters

a. Payments for authorisation

There was **1 payment (PV 64)** totalling **£426.54** which approved and authorised.

11. Flooding - looking at future resilience and prevention

a. Sandbag store

A location had been found on the grass on Milton Road Terrace.
The Parish Council were awaiting a specification from Dorset Council.
This store would be covered and contained filled sandbags.

b. Supporting EA and Wessex on household resilience

The Parish Council would chase up the above agencies with regards correspondence to those effected properties on Milton Road and the Causeway.

c. Supporting EA on riparian responsibilities

The Parish Council emphasised the importance of riparian owners fulfilling their responsibilities and would contact the EA with regards to the promised enforcement action.

d. Supporting EA 12 - 24-month review

The Parish Council would chase the EA in due course.

12. s106 application from Village Hall for a pétanque court

Support came from members of the public and Councillors.
The Clerk would write to the CIL team at Dorset Council and inform them of this outcome.

13. King's Coronation Working party

No members of the public came forward with a proposal.
Members considered this matter closed unless a proposal is submitted in the future.

14. Funding for King's Coronation Big Lunch – 07th May 2023

Members discussed an offer for a blue's band to play on the evening of the Bank holiday Monday (08th May), at the Sports Club, at a cost of £500.00.
It was agreed that this genre, the date and location were not appropriate for a community family event – the proposal was respectfully declined.
The Clerk would inform the applicant.

15. Outcomes and proposals from 30mph - 20mph consultation

The Parish Council were content that the Facebook consultation was sufficient to move forward on behalf of the community the outcomes as listed below. Comments outside the original scope of the consultation were noted and deemed more than worthy of follow up.

- The Causeway would benefit from 30mph – 20mph reduction.
- Neither Hopsfield nor Chapel Street was deemed in need of a reduction.
- It was agreed to speak to Highways regarding moving the national speed limit sign to beyond the Lynch Close turn off.

Cllr Macnair would submit the details for the Causeway.
The Clerk would speak to Highways regarding Lynch Close.

16. Speed wire application for Blandford and Dorchester Hill

It was confirmed that the results of the speed wire findings would be valid for 5 years.
However, the Clerk recommended that because the current VAS was functioning as designed, that they be monitored and reviewed, either as part of the speed reduction plan or when they fail.
This was agreed on a majority vote.

17. National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) consultation
Councillors had received draft proposals from NALC and Dorset Planning Consultants (via Cllr Witherden). All agreed that these were weighty documents with specific terminology.
All were inclined to support both, but requested more time in order to study both.
It was agreed that the Clerk would upload the later document, subject to any amendments, on the 28 February 2023.

18. Spring litter pick
Cllr Macnair requested to organise the above for Sunday 23rd April, starting at 10am at the Village Hall. All agreed.
Cllr Macnair would encourage organisations to assist.
The Clerk would speak to Dorset Waste Partnership to provide litter picking equipment and organise refreshments.

19. Public participation (items not on the agenda) – for discussion only
There were no further matters from the public.

20. Items for the next meeting
Provisional end of year accounts
Conservation Area Appraisal

21. Date of next meeting **15th March 2023**
Milborne St Andrew Village Hall at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2047 hours.

Richard Macnair _____ **Chair to the Milborne St Andrew Parish Council**