MILBORNE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Full council held at the Village Hall, Milborne St Andrew
On Wednesday 02nd February 2022 commencing at 1900 hours

Present:
Cllr's Macnair, Redding, Witherden, Williams, Stephens, and Cherry.
9 members of the public

Full Council

1. Apologises for absence
Cllr Parker (DC) stated she would be late.

2. Declarations of pecuniary or other interest
No declarations were made by members.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 05th January 2022
These were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. Clerk's report
The Clerk's report is attached as an annexe to these minutes.

5. Chair's update
The Chair had no matters other than those on the agenda.

6. Public participation (items on the agenda)
Mr Lock confirmed that the planning application for camping (discussed in January) had been submitted to Dorset Council.
Mr Lock requested that the hedging and fencing between the new development and the Sports Club was given a priority.
Mr Lock concluded by asking why no access was given from the new development to the allotments.

7. Parish Councillors and representatives' reports

a. Milborne Jubilee Jamboree
Cllr Stephens confirmed that the event had been advertised on the community Facebook site and via the village magazine.

b. New Councillors course
Cllr's Redding and Stephens attended this online course.
Both confirmed it was not particularly helpful for a Councillor who had been in role for a year or so, as they both had.

c. Neighbourhood Plan
Cllr Witherden confirmed that the MSA NP review consultation had commenced.
A drop-in session was being held in the village hall on the 13th February.
The consultation period closes on 05th March.

8. Dorset Councillors report
A report had been received and distributed.
There were no matters for the Ward Councillor.

9. Planning matters

a. P/FUL/2022/00184

Barn At E 380372 N 97198 Manor Farm Track From Manor Farm Lane To Snag Lane Milborne St Andrew Dorset
Change of use from offices (use class E(g)(i)) to a special education needs facility (use class F1(a)). Form parking areas.

Members were in support of this application, but concerns were raised over potential issues with parking.
One parking area would be close to the barn wall, the wall had been identified within the Conservation Area Appraisal as needing to be protected.

A second parking concern was the lack of parking, and that what was proposed was close to highway.

Resolution:
The Parish Council unanimously supported the application subject to the concerns identified above.

b. P/RES/2021/05662

Land south of Milborne Business Centre Blandford Hill Milborne St Andrew DT11 0HZ
Redevelopment, with the construction of a mixed housing, business and community use scheme including up to 61 residential units, business units and a pre-school nursery. Including a Suitable Natural Alternative Greenspace (SANG) (reserved matters application including 58 residential units to determine appearance, landscaping, layout & scale following the grant of outline planning permission number 2/2019/0403/OUT

Members were all broadly in support of this application.
However, a number of concerns were identified.

The scale of the business units and flats seemed excessive, so concerns were raised how it would sit visibly in a rural location.

The plan seemed very town like and out of character with a village location.
There seemed an excess of panel fencing as opposed to hedging and stone, the later two being more in keeping with a rural location.

It was felt that the gable ends were bland and needed a window.

It would be requested that the closed garages be turned into car ports as so to assist with any parking issues that may occur.

There was no detail on the management plan on the future ownership of the pre school building and this must be addressed.

Concerns were raised as to no turning circle at the preschool and the lack of drop off points. This could result in parents parking on the main road.

Resolution:
Councillors were split 3-3 on this application.
The Chair cast the deciding vote to OBJECT to this application based on the concerns above.

The council's full response can be found on the Dorset Council planning portal.

10. Financial matters

a. Payments for authorisation

There were **5 payments (PV 40-44)** totalling **£ 652.03** that were approved and authorised for payment.

The Clerk confirmed a payment from the EA for rent at the memorial stone was due soon.

The Clerk confirmed that the overall expenditure was in line with budget.

11. Milborne St Andrew Parish Council 1/3/5-year plan

The Chair asked if any Councillor had a specific project they wished to pursue.

Cllr Macnair was happy to take on the project looking at upgrading public rights of way including potential replacement of stiles with more accessible access gates.

12. Milborne St Andrew 'spring litter pick'

Members were happy to support this initiative. Cllr Macnair was happy to coordinate.

A provisional date of 06th March was set which the event starting at 11am.

13. Installation of external toilet facilities at the Sports Club

The Chair reminded members of the Council's position from the last meeting, in that Councillor's were supportive of the external toilet but with the condition that it is freely open for community use during day light hours.

The Chair asked if members had changed their view in light of the correspondence from the Sports Club stipulating, they would NOT open the toilet facility during day light hours.

Cllr Cherry stated that nobody would be worse off even if they were not open.

Resolution:

It agreed on a majority 4-2 vote, NOT to approve the installation of an external toilet at Sports Ground as it provided no community benefit.

14. Redesigning of front gates at the Sports Club

The Chair reminded members of the Council's position from the last meeting, in that Councillors were supportive of the modification of the front gates with the condition that they were left open to facilitate community access during day light hours.

The Chair asked if members had changed their view in light of the correspondence from the Sports Club stipulating, they would NOT leave a modified external gate open during day light hours.

Cllr Stephens suggested that the request should be granted as this provided additional security to site. This was agreed by other members.

Resolution:

It was agreed on a majority 4-2 vote to approve the modification to the front gates with the following conditions:

1. **The cost of the work was met by the Sports Club with no financial support from public funds.**
2. **Any repair work necessary in the future will only be considered by the Parish Council in line with the lease**

15. Appointment of new internal auditor

The Clerk had produced a working paper providing options going forward.
It was agreed that the single fee option was the best going forward.
The Clerk was asked to aspire to obtain 3 quotes from other Parish Councils and bring back next month. It was decided not to contact more than 10 organisations.

16. Public participation (items not on the agenda)

Mr Frost asked if any Councillor would like to represent the Parish Council on the Village Hall Committee.
It was agreed to appoint (if a member came forward), at the next meeting.

17. Items for the next meeting

Litter pick
Internal auditor
Village Hall Management Committee

18. Date of next meeting 02nd March 2022
Milborne St Andrew Village Hall at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2032 hours.

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