

# MILBORNE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Full council held at the Village Hall, Milborne St Andrew on Wednesday 02<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 commencing at 1900 hours

#### Present:

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

11 members of the public Cllr Emma Parker – Dorset Council

#### **Full Council**

#### 1. Apologises for absence

Cllr's Witherden and Batchelor sent apologises.

# 2. Declarations of pecuniary or other interest

There were no declarations made.

# 3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 05th October 2022

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

#### 4. Clerk's report

The Clerk updated members on matters and correspondence not on the agenda.

# 5. Chair's update

Cllr Macnair had spoken to the Chair of Dorset Council, Cllr Spencer Flower, regarding issues with Dorset Council officers.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should send a robust letter, outlining the challenges that this is causing at Parish levels.

#### 6. Public participation (items on the agenda)

Mr Richard Lock stated that the Sports Club have access and management responsibility which includes the maintenance and security of the front gates as outlined in his letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

Mr Lock continued that the Sports Club was at high risk of failure, and this should be considered when setting the budget for the forthcoming year.

Mr Lock also stated that the Parish Council polices were out of date prior to leaving the meeting.

- \* The Clerk has confirmed that all polices were in date and have been ratified annually.
- 7. Parish Councillors and representatives' reports that effect Parish Council matters There were no matters to discuss.

#### 8. Dorset Councillors report

A report had been received and distributed. Cllr Parker emphasised that land charges were now down to 10 days, whilst Dorset Council had now brought the primary point of contact for matter back in house.

# 9. Planning

#### a. P/HOU/2022/06425

22 Bladen View, Milborne St Andrew, Blandford Forum, DT11 0LF Extend and modify existing property

Councillors believed that this application was an overdevelopment of the site and thus OBJECTED on these grounds.

#### b. P/VOC/2022/06349

**Huntley Down Milborne St Andrew DT11 0LN** 

Erect 25 No. dwellings with garages, form vehicular access (with variation of condition 2 of planning permission 2/2018/1240/FUL to amend the approved plans in relation to Plots 19, 20 & 21)

Members OBJECTED to this application as this has considerably changed from the original application, in that the properties of close neighbours would now be overlooked from the development gardens of the new properties. Councillors requested that this application be put back to the Planning Committee.

#### 10. Financial matters

# a. Payments for authorisation

There were **3 payments** (PV's **52-54**), amounting to £ **824.91**, that were authorised and approved for payment.

# 11. Conservation Area Appraisal

This matter was deferred to the next meeting.

# 12. Discussion of landlord's consent for change of security to front gates of the Sports Ground

Councillors acknowledged, and thanked, the trustees for the provision of information relating to the Sport's Club's GDPR and Emergency Access Procedures that had been requested ahead of the October Council Meeting.

Further to the statement made at agenda item 6, the remaining Sports Club Trustee was asked on their thoughts and, specifically, an explanation of how the Sports Club's interpretation of the lease had changed from 2021 when they were confident that the council was jointly responsible for the gate lock.

As the trustee was no not aware of all the background information, it was agreed that the best way ahead was to facilitate a meeting of the trustees and members of the Parish Council to establish a mutually agreed position.

# 13. Application for s106 funding from Milborne Sports Club v2

This matter was deferred to the next meeting.

# 14. Application for s106 funding from Allotments Association

At this point Cllr Stephens declared an interest as a plot holder.

This application was unanimously supported.

### 15. Discussion on next steps on Community consultation on s106 spending

Cllr Macleod was keen to establish a whole village input, prior to setting up a steering group with a view to a formal consultation.

It was felt that March would be a good time to start this process.

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#### 16. Autumn litter pick

It was agreed to hold this Sunday 27th November at the village hall, starting at 11am.

# 17. Discussion on traffic calming measures on Dorchester and Blandford Hill

Members were split on the merits of spending money on speed wires, when as stated the VAS machine were doing its job.

It was agreed to ask the SID team how long the data was valid for as it was noted that the VAS were already past the expected lifetime duration.

# 18. Signatories on bank account

Cllr Stephens agreed to become a signatory. All members agreed.

### 19. Location of future parish council meetings

It was suggested that Parish Council meetings could be held in alternation venues around the village.

However, both members and the public all agreed that the Village Hall was a known entity and in the centre of the village and therefore should remain there.

## 20. Future of asset fund and grant fund

It was agreed to merge these pots as one community pot, with application treated on merit as and when received.

# 21. Public participation (items not on the agenda) – for discussion only

Mr Frost confirmed receipt from Dorset Council s106 funds for the solar panels and extension to the car park. He has also received positive feedback from EV charging team for rural areas of Dorset Council regarding installation of charging points at the village hall.

It was requested that the Parish Council email address is included in the Reporter.

Two members of the public expressed concerns that their children had been actively discouraged with regards to playing on the top pitch at the Sports Club.

#### 22. Draft precept discussion

Councillors were content with the draft budget. It was requested that any additional payments could be met from specific reserves to keep the Precept cost neutral.

# 23. That the public and press be excluded from the meeting for agenda items 24 as it contains exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)

This motion was passed as it involved personal staffing matters.

#### 24. Pension facilitation for staff from 01 April 2023

It was agreed to offer staff the opportunity to join the Dorset Council Local Government Pension scheme – if eligible.

#### 25. Items for the next meeting

Conservation Area Appraisal Outcomes from letter to Cllr Flower Sports Club S106 Application Homefield pavements Setting the budget and Precept

#### 26. Date of next meeting

