

MILBORNE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL - MEETING MINUTES



Held on: 19/03/2014

at: 19:30

Location: Milborne St Andrew Village Hall

Present: Cllr Jenny Balcon (Chairman)
Cllr Michael Hopper
Cllr Paul Morgan (Vice Chairman)

In attendance: Mr Colin Hampton (Parish Clerk)
8 members of the public

160 Apologies

Cllr Sue Cherry
Cllr Simon Thompson
Cllr Jane Somper (NDDC)

161 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Balcon declared an interest in agenda item 14.
Cllr Hopper declared an interest in agenda item 6.

162 Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held 19th February 2014

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

163 County & District Councillors' Reports

A report was received from Cllr Somper and read by the Clerk in her absence. A copy of the report appears as Appendix A of the Minute Book.

164 Parish Council Representatives' Reports

The Chairman briefed members on the Winterbourne Division meeting she attended with the Clerk, a copy of which appears as Appendix B of the Minute Book.

165 Correspondence

A report by the Clerk, a copy of which appears as Appendix C of the Minute Book, was noted. The Chairman instructed the Clerk to reply to The Woodland Trust requesting a free pack of trees. Cllr Hopper raised a query regarding Highways' diversion route when the A354 is closed for repairs. The Clerk was instructed to respond to NDDC Tree Officer's notification of tree felling at the Village Hall, requesting that the trees be replaced.

166 Planning Applications

None received.

Mr Blackwood (objector) briefed Members on a communication he had received from the Planning Officer asking him to comment on the Bramble Cottage application in the light of new NPPF guidelines received. He wanted to know if the Parish Council had received the same request? It has not.

167 Fingerpost

The request from Dewlish Parish Council to assist in the cost of repairing a fingerpost sign was considered. All 3 fingers, one of which points to MSA, are broken. Members agreed in principle to contribute towards the repair costs but instructed the Clerk to seek more information before making a final commitment. A copy of the email appears as Appendix D of the Minute Book.



168 Dorset Best Village Competition

A resident's suggestion that the Londis shop be nominated in the best village shop category was warmly received by Members. The Chairman undertook to liaise with the shop owners before proceeding further. A copy of the correspondence appears as Appendix E of the Minute Book

169 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Hopper thanked all those residents who have volunteered to assist in formulating a Neighbourhood Plan. He reported that a formal neighbourhood area application for the parish of Milborne St Andrew, based on the existing parish boundary, has been sent to NDDC. He also reported that NDDC planning officers will currently be unable to assist local groups with their plans until NDDC's own plan is complete.

170 MSA Allotment Society

RESOLVED to accept the signed licence agreement between the Parish Council and the Society.

171 Cheque Schedule

The Cheque Schedule for March was circulated, a copy of which appears as Appendix F of the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that the Cheque Schedule for March totalling £277.05 be approved and the cheques signed.

172 Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, the press and public should be excluded from the remainder of the meeting.

173 Grass Cutting

A report on placing a grass cutting contract was read out by the Clerk, a copy of which appears as Appendix G of the Minute Book. Three options were considered by Members and option (b) chosen as the best solution.

RESOLVED that a three year contract is awarded to Ian Rogers on the basis that he will decide when the grass needs cutting and at a rate of £16 per cut for 2014, £16.50 per cut for 2015 and £17 per cut for 2016. The Council to be invoiced 31st July and 30th November each year. Contract to be reviewed at the end of year one to establish value for money and satisfaction.

The meeting closed at 20:30hrs

Signed :

Chairman of the Council

Dated :

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NOTES

An enquiry was received as to why the trees at the Parish Pit had not been felled.

Action

Cllr Hopper replied that as a cost saving measure the professional contractor was cancelled in



favour of using experienced volunteers. A suitable volunteer had been found and Cllr Hopper would enquire when the work will be done.

The condition of Milton Rd was raised and a request made that sand and debris be cleared.

Noted. A request has already gone to NDDC for assistance in clearing the roads. Highways have programmed Milton Rd for resurfacing in the summer