MILBORNE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL - MEETING MINUTES



Held on: 18/12/2013 at: 19:30 Location: Milborne St Andrew Village Hall

Present: Cllr Jenny Balcon (Chairman)

Cllr Sue Cherry Cllr Philip Smith Cllr Simon Thompson

In attendance: Colin Hampton (Parish Clerk)

2 members of the public

127 Apologies

Cllrs Sarah Fox and Michael Hopper

128 Declarations of Interest

None.

129 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 20th November 2013

This item was held over until the next meeting because apart from the Chairman there were no Councillors present who were able to verify the accuracy of the November Minutes.

130 County & District Councillors' Reports

None received.

131 Parish Council Representatives' Reports

None received.

132 <u>Correspondence</u>

A report by the Clerk was read to the meeting, a copy of which appears as Appendix A of the Minute Book.

There was much discussion and expressions of dissatisfaction voiced regarding the email from NDDC advising that the Council Tax Support Grant from Central Government would not be passed on to Towns and Parishes this year. The Chairman tasked the Clerk with writing to NDDC requesting that their Chairman attend a Parish Council meeting to explain reasons for this decision and answer questions from Members and the Public.

Post meeting note:- in response to a request from the Clerk, Ward Cllr Somper has emailed all Members with a comprehensive explanation of the reasons for the decision and an indication of the voting pattern on the subject. In the light of this communication the Chairman decided not to pursue the matter any further with NDDC.

133 Planning Application

No. Location 2/2013/1302/PLNG Grays Stores, Milton Rd – erect

1 no. dwelling with 2 no. parking Spaces (amended scheme to planning permission 2/2 011/1136)

Decision

No objection to application. Noted that concern expressed regarding effect of development on access road. Suggested to Planners that developer makes good any damage caused.

134 Request to Install New Bench Seat

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The Clerk reported on a letter received from Mr Brian Cullum, a copy of which appears as Appendix B of the Minute Book, in which he requested approval from the Parish Council to install a bench seat opposite Lane End in memory of his late wife.

RESOLVED that the request be approved on the understanding that permission to install the seat is granted by Dorset Highways.

135 Cheque Schedule

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

RESOLVED that the Cheque Schedule for December totalling £244.93 be approved and the cheques signed.

The meeting closed at 20:20

Signed:

Chairman of the Council

Dated:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NOTES

Concern was expressed regarding planning application 2/2013/1302/PLNG, in particular the effect it would have on the condition of the access road, Milton Road Close. It was suggested that the Planning Authority insist that making good any damage to the road surface caused by the developer should be a condition of approval being given.

A question was raised as to whether the PC was able to access alternative sources of funding in the light of the decision by NDDC not to pass on the Council Tax Support Grant to Towns and Parishes.

Action

The Clerk to note the suggestion in the PC's response to the application.

The answer was no, but organisations that might have looked to the PC for financial help are able to apply to various sources of funding.