



# MILBORNE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Full Council held at the Village Hall, Milborne St Andrew  
on Wednesday 06<sup>th</sup> September 2023 commencing at 1900 hours**

**Present:**

**Cllr's Amy Stephens, Richard Macnair, Ash Batchelor, Rob Greening, and Jane Macleod**

Cllr Emma Parker (DC)

12 members of the public

Prior to the formal opening of the meeting, a moment of reflection was followed by a round of applause to mark the passing of Cllr Caron Redding.

**Full Council**

**1. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Jayne Williams sent apologies.

**2. Declarations of pecuniary or other interest**

Cllr Stephens declared an interest in agenda items 9b and 20.

**3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 05<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**Minutes of the previous meeting held on 02<sup>nd</sup> August 2023**

These were both approved as a true and accurate record of the meetings.

**4. Clerk's report**

The Clerk provided an update from previous minutes, correspondence, and other matters. There were no questions from members or the public.

**5. Chair's update**

Cllr Macnair confirmed he had received correspondence from members of the public as to the condition of the gate on the route to Tolpuddle.

He had spoken to the landowner who was loath to replace the gate as the damage to the existing one had been caused by off roaders.

It was also noted that the village sign on the Dewlish road had gone missing.

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

The Chair confirmed that he was content to receive representation at specific agenda items.

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

There were no matters to discuss.

**8. Dorset Councillors report**

Cllr Parker spoke on the following matters:

The next tranche of the Household support grant was opening.

That Dela Jones, a Ward Councillor for many years has passed away.

## 9. Planning

### a. P/VOC/2023/04505

**The Old Rectory, Chapel Street, Milborne St Andrew, Dorset, DT11 0JP**

**Erect single storey extension & re-instatement of former chimney (with variation of condition no.1 Planning Permission P/HOU/2021/04242 to amend approved plans)**

The Parish Council supported this application.

### b. P/HOU/2023/04749

**18 Homefield, Milborne St Andrew, DT11 0JT**

**Erect single storey side and rear extension**

The Parish Council supported this application.

### P/HOU/2023/04534

**Former Coach House The Old Rectory Chapel Street Milborne St Andrew**

**Install dual pitched dormer windows to north elevation. Install rooflights and solar panels to south elevation.**

The Parish Council supported this application.

## 10. Financial matters

### a. Payments for authorisation

There were **10** payments (**PV'S 30-39**) totalling **£ 1256.39**, that were authorised and approved for payment.

### 11. Future of the grass cutting contract

Cllr Greening recommended that the optional one-year extension be activated, with a no mow May trialled for 2024 in areas other than the Village Hall field.

Further to this, a full procurement must be undertaken in 2024 if the new council wish to continue with this project.

**All members agreed.**

### 12. Sandbag storage, usage, and disposal

Cllr Stephens had produced an outline proposal for the storage.

Members were all in support of the project and requested that she came back were a formal, costed, proposal at the next meeting with a view to getting this completed by the winter.

### 13. Procurement of new gates on footpath E14/21

The Clerk confirmed that that DC had received the request, but the project was not high on their list.

It was agreed to remove from the agenda until more information was obtained from Dorset Council.

### 14. Pedestrian signage on Dewlish Road

The Clerk confirmed that the missing village sign on the Dewlish Road had been reported and that it had been requested that Dorset Council look at combining the 'pedestrians in road sign' request with a new village sign. It was suggested that an alternative location be suggested for the sign.

The issue, at this time, seems to be cost.

### 15. Purchase of Table Tennis equipment for Village Hall via s106

The Chair confirmed that a 'inclined to support' was agreed during the recess.

Support by all members was ratified.

### 16. Purchase of the unknown Tommy / wreath / refreshments for Remembrance Sunday

The following requests were made to the Parish Council:

The purchase of a pair of unknown Tommy's, which would guard the memorial stone. The cost was £350.

**This was supported with the funds coming from the Community Asset Fund.**

The wreath was support with funds coming from the Community Fund.

Refreshments prior to the service was supported, with funding from the Community Fund.

**17. Proposal(s) to mark closing of Post Office**

The Parish Council would consider any proposals that that comes forward from the public. A vote of thanks was given to Philip Smith for his outstanding contribution to the community.

**18. Viability of remote post office to Milborne St Andrew**

The Parish Council supported the principle of a community group coming forward to coordinate such a project.

**19. Grant to village website**

The Parish Council supported a proportional payment with other user groups using the website to enable this to continue.

**20. s106 application from village hall for teens meeting place / shelter**

The Parish Council declined to support this application due to the it not being compliant with the s106 protocol, and competing outstanding bids for the funds, critically the traffic calming project, which would be deemed a higher priority, as per the Neighbourhood Plan.

**21. Additional defibrillator for Hopsfield area**

The Parish Council supported this in principle, subject to a suitable location being found.

**22. s106 application from sports club for installation of cricket pitch**

The Parish Council took representation from the applicant, players, and the Sports Club. An extensive discussion was had with members asking questions on the consultation, community need, funding arrangements, accessibility, and playing terms.

Councillors, in principle, supported the general idea of a cricket strip and inclusive Milborne St Andrew Cricket Club.

Members thanked the applicant for his guarantees that the strip would be free for use by the parishioners of Milborne St Andrew when matches were not in progress, and a guarantee from the applicant that players from Milborne St Andrew would always be prioritised to play ahead of others from outside the village.

However, looking at the whole application, broken into three areas, the Parish Council struggled to find the connection between the s106 funding from Huntley Down and the formation of a new Milborne St Andrew Cricket Club.

It was additionally suggested that the turning around of the football pitch be funded by the Sports Club, whilst the request for an electronic scoreboard and storage hut seemed rather excessive.

The competing bids for the same pot of money were also noted with councillors reiterating the need for the ongoing Traffic Calming Project to be prioritised in line with the Neighbourhood Plan.

**To that end, members recommended that a new application be submitted and the current one withdrawn.**

**This was accepted by the applicant.**

**23. Public participation (items not on the agenda) – for discussion only**

It was asked if a handrail could be inserted by the steps in the Snicket.

**It was confirmed that this was not Parish Council land, but that a note had been sent to the landowner.**

It was asked if the overgrowth on the Right of Way past the beeches had been reported.

**It was confirmed that the parish Council had reported it, but it was a landowners responsibility to clear it via Dorset Council.**

**24. Items for the next meeting**

Formal proposal on the sandbag store

Revised s106 application on a cricket pitch at the Sports Club.

**25. Date of next meeting**

04<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Milborne St Andrew Village Hall at 7pm

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 2101 hours.**

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