


MILBORNE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL - MEETING MINUTES



Held on: 15/02/2017 at 19:30hrs		Location: Milborne St Andrew Village Hall	
Present:	Cllr Jenny Balcon (Chairman) Cllr Sarah Fox (Vice Chairman) Cllr Sue Cherry Cllr Karen Park Cllr Joy Robinson Cllr Philip Smith		
In attendance:	Mr Colin Hampton (Parish Clerk) 10 members of the public		
113	<u>Apologies</u> DCC Cllr Hilary Cox NDDC Cllr Emma Parker NDDC Cllr Jane Somper		
114	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> None		
115	<u>Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 18th January 2017</u> RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting be confirmed and signed as a correct record.		
116	<u>Matters Arising from the Minutes</u> The Chairman reported that Mr Ian Rogers is making arrangements to have the willow tree at the Memorial Stone pruned. The Clerk reported that he had received a positive response from Sovereign Housing to his second letter expressing concerns raised by parishioners regarding the smoking related litter on the pavement outside of Crown Court. Sovereign expressed disappointment that this is still an issue after the action they had previously taken and have assured the council that they take the matter very seriously and are determined to deal with it firmly. In response to comments from members of the public the Chairman decided that the precept and budget for 2017-18, agreed by members at the January meeting, should be published in the April edition of The Reporter. It has also been posted on the PC website.		
117	<u>County & District Councillors' Reports</u> None received.		
118	<u>Parish Council Members and Representatives' Reports</u> Mrs Sue Gould gave a report on the latest activities of the Neighbourhood Planning Group, a copy of which appears as Appendix A of the Minute Book. A question from a member of the public regarding housing density was answered by Mrs Gould.		
119	<u>Correspondence</u> A copy of the correspondence report appears as Appendix B of the Minute Book. There were no issues arising from correspondence.		

120	<u>Planning Applications</u> None received.
121	<u>Financial Report 3rd Quarter 2016-17</u> The Clerk re-presented his financial report which had been deferred from last month's meeting due to a small discrepancy between the final balance figures. The Clerk explained that this was the result of a simple transcription error between the bank reconciliation and the balance sheet and was not an error with the council's finances. A copy of the report appears as Appendix C of the Minute Book. RESOLVED that the financial report be approved and accepted.
122	<u>River Management</u> Mr Steve Lord, Flood Warden, gave a verbal report on meetings held recently at the Environment Agency (EA), attended by him and the Clerk, and latterly in the village, attended by representatives from the Parish Council, Highways, the village Flood Team and Dorset Wildlife Trust (DWT). The purpose of the meetings was to establish a plan for the long term maintenance of the river, which the EA have now said they will no longer be able to fund after this year. After some discussion it was agreed that Mr Jacob Dew of the DWT should be invited to address the Annual Parish Meeting being held 19 th April, to outline DWT's suggestions for a river maintenance scheme.
123	<u>Proposed Temporary Road Closure A354/A35</u> The proposed road closure was discussed at some length and whilst it was accepted that road repairs need to be done it was felt that insufficient notice had been taken of local needs, and that Parish boundaries had been given undue consideration when identifying who should be informed of the proposed work. A draft letter was approved to be sent to Highways outlining the Parish Council's concerns, a copy of which appears as Appendix D of the Minute Book.
124	<u>Sports Field Entrance and Driveway</u> A request from Mr Richard Lock, Chairman of the Sports Club, for the council to assist with the cost of repairing potholes in the entrance and driveway to the sports field was discussed at length. Members felt that the situation was currently no worse than it has been for a long time and that there was no urgency in effecting repairs. Therefore more cost-effective ways of carrying out repairs in due course should be investigated. To that end the Clerk will write to Highways to enquire if planings from the road repairs due to take place on the A354 in June could be obtained. Mr Lock went on to report that most of the grant awarded by the council in November will shortly be spent on an overhaul and repair of the electrical circuitry in the pavilion.
125	<u>Clerk's Salary</u> RESOLVED to approve the annual incremental increase in the Clerk's salary from SCP18 to SCP19 from 1 st April 2017 in accordance with the terms of his contract.
126	<u>Cheque Schedule</u> The Cheque Schedule for February 2017 was circulated, a copy of which appears as Appendix E of the Minute Book.

	RESOLVED that the Cheque Schedule for February 2017 totalling £649.15 be approved and the cheques signed.	
	The meeting closed at 20:45 hrs.	
	Signed:	
		
	Chairman of the Council	Dated: 15.3.17
	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NOTES	
	<i>Action</i>	
	<i>A member of the public raised a complaint regarding the amount of financial support being given to the MSA Sports Club by the Parish Council.</i>	<i>The Chairman noted the complaint for consideration when agenda item 12 is discussed.</i>
	<i>A query was raised regarding rumours that a lego brick mural was going to be painted on the Village Hall wall.</i>	<i>The Vice Chairman explained that a request had been made to the VH committee for permission to carry out this work as part of a nationwide memorial. Approval was given.</i>
	<i>The Chairman announced that a meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 7:30pm 1st March to hear about the plight of hedgehogs in the wild.</i>	