

MILBORNE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL - MEETING MINUTES



Held on : 10/11/2010 Starting at: 19:30 Location: Milborne St Andrew Village Hall

Present: In the Chair: Cllr Michael Hopper Cllr Janet Allen
Cllr Paul Morgan Cllr John Harris

Also: Mrs D Jones (District Councillor)

In attendance: Mr Colin Fletcher (Parish Clerk)

52 Apologies: Mr M Cox (District Councillor) Mrs H Cox (County Councillor)

Cllr Jones updated the meeting with regard to District Cllr Michael Cox who is currently not well and will not be able to attend for a while – the Parish Council sends its good wishes to him and to Mrs Cox. Action

53 The Chairman introduced Joyce Holman to the meeting – she has been appointed as the new Clerk and will take over the position in two weeks time. He also advised the meeting that a resignation had been received from Cllr Regan. Speaking to the members of the public, Cllr Hopper underlined that there are now only 4 councillors and there should be 7 – he invited volunteers.

54 Declarations of Interest:
Cllr Morgan declared an interest in matters to do with the Sports Club.

55 Minutes:
Subject to one typographical error which was corrected, the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as true and correct records and were signed by the Chairman.
Cllr Hopper said that future meeting will be scheduled in an effort to avoid clashes with other local parishes so that District and County Councillors should be more able to attend.

56 Matters Arising:
56.1 Arising from minute 45.6 – the Clerk has obtained the necessary paperwork to enable changes to bank signatories to be made – new signatories will be Cllrs Hopper, Allen, Morgan and the new Clerk.
56.2 Arising from minute 47.1 – the Clerk is to write to the Parish Maintenance Team pointing out that the drains in Milton Road were not rodded through when they were cleaned by suction.
Cllr Hopper mentioned how successful he had been using the “Fixmystreet” website to report other matters – and he pointed out that anyone can use it.

57 Correspondence:
57.1 Letter from Victim Support – it was decided not to make a grant payment to this organisation
57.2 Letter from Milton Abbas Neighbourcar Scheme – the Clerk is to send an application form so that they may apply for a grant under s137.

58 Questions from Members of the Public
58.1 Cllr Jones advised the meeting that car parking charges in Blandford are set to rise again.
58.2 Mr Andrews reminded the meeting that the Milton Abbas Neighbourcar Scheme is used by several people in the village and other surrounding villages.
58.3 Some discussion took place regarding the MUGA at the Village Hall. Cllr Morgan underlines that the Parish Council, the Village Hall and Sports Club should all be working together for the good of the village.
58.4 Cllr Hopper reminded the members of the public that he had invited questions that he could put to the Planning Office from North Dorset District Council. Despite an item in The Reporter, no questions had been forthcoming – so he will proceed with just the questions he has ready.

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- 59 Reports/Discussion
 - 59.1 Environment & Transport
 - 59.1.1 Corner of Milton Road – the Clerk read out the letter response from Dorset County Council regarding work carried out at the corner. Cllr Hopper said that he would take steps (personally) to remove the paint markings on the pavement. Cllr Allen agreed to take over the lead in the Working Party to push this matter forward.
 - 59.1.2 Grit Bins – Cllr Morgan agreed to front action on the provision of grit bins – he will contact the DWO to discuss locations and provision of bins and material to fill them. The Clerk ran through advise he had received on the insurance aspects of providing grit – it is important that anyone individual using the grit is aware that they are acting for themselves as individuals and not at the behest of the Parish Council.
 - 60.2 Education & Training
 - 60.2.1 Cllr Hopper reported that he had attended the recent Chairmen’s Seminar – and mentioned particularly that the following matters had been discussed – decentralisation, planning matters possibly being more closely controlled by local councils, the abolition of the Audit Commission and the Standards Board. He will put the information into the circulation envelope for all Councillors to review.
 - 61.3 Volunteers & Community
 - 61.3.1 Nothing reported
 - 61.4 Business & Employers
 - 61.4.1 Nothing reported
 - 61.5 Sport & Recreation
 - 61.5.1 Cllr Hopper and Cllr Harris had attended a meeting with the Sports Club to discuss allowing use of part of the land by caravans. Subject to full Parish Council agreement, it was proposed that rallies by the Caravan Club should be allowed in the summer months – they will overseen by a committee of the Sports Club who will keep the Parish Council fully informed. All income from the venture will go to the Sports Field (rather than to the football club). All agreed that a one year agreement should be set up with the opportunity to stop the agreement if the venture does not operate well.
 - 61.5.2 It was suggested that the Sports Club should set up a standing order to pay their quarterly rent to the Parish Council – the Clerk will write to them.
 - 61.5.3 Land adjoining the Sports Field – the Reporter carried an article on the requirement for allotments in the village and Cllr Hopper said that he had heard from a few people that it seemed a good idea. He suggested that the people who are interested should form an “Allotment Association” and approach the Parish Council regarding the land.
 - 61.5.4 CPEND Grant – new quotes will be invited for the work as the existing ones are now too old. Cllr Hopper agreed to front this.
 - 62.6 Business Plan
 - 62.6.1 Cllr Hopper said that all Councillors will need to consider matters raised in the Parish Plan in relation to future actions of the Parish Council in the near future.
- 63 Finance
 - 63.1 The following payments were agreed and cheques were signed:
 - £15.00 – Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils – Chairman’s Seminar
 - £163,98 - Colin Fletcher – Clerk salary (November) and expenses
 - £220.00 – Milborne St Andrew Reporter – Parish Plan expenses
 - £10.00 – Milborne St Andrew Reporter

Clerk

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- 63.2 The Clerk passed new signatory forms to Cllrs Hopper, Allen and Morgan and to the new Clerk, Joyce Holman. They will complete and return the forms so that they may be passed to the bank.
- 63.3 The Clerk will be providing a suggested budget before the next meeting for Councillors to consider.
- 63.4 Grant Administration
None
- 64 Planning
- 64.1 Tree work at Barton Hill – no objection
- 64.2 Tree work at Village Hall – no objection
- 65 Matters of Interest and/or for Information
None

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The meeting closed at 21:10

Date and Time of Next Meeting
8th December 2010 in the Village Hall