

# **MILBORNE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL - MEETING MINUTES**

Held on: 17/09/2014 at: 19:30 Location: Milborne St Andrew Village Hall

Present: Cllr Jenny Balcon (Chairman)

Cllr Paul Morgan (Vice Chairman)

Cllr Sarah Fox Cllr Michael Hopper Cllr Simon Thompson

In attendance: Cllr Jane Somper NDDC

Mr Colin Hampton (Parish Clerk) Mr Steve Lord (Flood Warden) 8 members of the public

## 063 Suspension of Standing Order

**RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Order para.1m until a new standing order reflecting the change in legislation on recording of council meetings has been approved in amended standing orders. NALC legal briefing L02-14 dated 13<sup>th</sup> August 2014 refers.

## 064 Apologies

Cllr Sue Cherry Cllr Philip Smith

## 065 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

## 066 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 20th August 2014

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

#### 067 County & District Councillors' Reports

Cllr Somper read a report to the meeting, a copy of which appears as Appendix A of the Minute Book.

Cllr Hopper took the opportunity to raise with Cllr Somper a permitted development that has been approved by NDDC planners in a conservation area and the apparent lack of consultation.

Mr Lord raised concerns regarding the apparent lack of consideration given by planners to the problems of villages on flood plains that suffer surface and groundwater flooding.

## 068 Parish Council Representatives' Reports

Cllr Hopper reported on a well-attended AGM of the MSA Allotment Society at which it was agreed to reduce the size of the committee, incorporate the cost of Public Liability Insurance into the rental and introduce water conservation measures.

Cllr Morgan reported that with the exception of Orchard Rise, all grit bins in the village had been refilled for the winter season. Clerk to contact DCC concerning the unfilled bin.

Cllr Hopper informed the meeting some of the sand stored in disintegrating sacks in the VH car park has been transferred to a bin. More bins have been offered to the council by residents.

Cllr Hopper reported on the latest Neighbourhood Planning Group meeting and tabled answers provided by NDDC planning to questions raised.

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The Clerk announced that the 5 Parish Pit trees identified for felling have been re-marked to make identification easier. He expressed concern that one of the trees is being felled by a resident without the necessary qualifications and public liability insurance, leaving the council open to breaches of H&S regulations and allegations of negligence in the event of an accident. Chairman and Clerk to investigate and take appropriate action.

Mr Lord read a report to the meeting on the latest flood alleviation meeting he had attended with the Chairman, a copy of which appears as Appendix B of the Minute Book. He stressed that a Property Level Protection grant of up to £9000 is available to affected residents but the offer is time limited so applications for the grant should be submitted without delay.

The Chairman added that grass cuttings and other debris is being deposited in the stream, which adds to the problem of flooding. Martin Hill of Highways was singled out for praise for the way he has managed the additional drainage works along Milton Rd.

## 069 Correspondence

A report by the Clerk, a copy of which appears as Appendix C of the Minute Book, was NOTED.

## 070 Planning Applications

None received.

## 071 Revision of Standing Orders

**RESOLVED** that the revised copy of Standing Orders as amended by the meeting be approved and accepted.

## 072 Internet Banking

The Clerk submitted a report on Internet Banking, a copy of which appears as Appendix D of the Minute Book.

## **RESOLVED** that:

- the Council's bank account be transferred to an internet account.
- the use of electronic payments be approved where possible with two authorising signatures (Financial Regulations to be amended accordingly).
- that three signatures authorise approval of the Cheque Schedule (Financial regulations to be amended accordingly).

## 073 Winterbourne Division Meeting

An email from Cllr Cox DCC inviting attendance at a division meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> October, a copy of which appears as Appendix E of the Minute Book, was considered. The Chairman offered to attend, Clerk to respond with suggested items for the agenda as raised by members of the public.

## 074 <u>Dorset Waste Partnership</u>

An email from DWP, a copy of which appears as Appendix F of the Minute Book, advising of a consultation it is running was **NOTED**. The Clerk to co-ordinate responses from members and complete the questionnaire accordingly.

#### 075 Cheque Schedule

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

**RESOLVED** that the Cheque Schedule for September totalling £221.79 be approved and the cheques signed.



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The meeting closed at 21:00 hrs
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Signed:

Chairman of the Council Dated: **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NOTES** Action Complaints were received regarding the poor condition of the A354 through Clerk to write to the village. Cllr Cox Speeding along Milton Rd and lack of signage/speed reduction measures Clerk to write to was raised again. Cllr Cox Questions were raised about what could be done to stop motorists speeding Noted through floodwater. Concern was expressed that there is little feedback from points raised during Clerk to consider the public sessions. solution