

## MILBORNE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL - MEETING REPORT



**Held on: 15/10/2014      at: 19:30      Location: Milborne St Andrew Village Hall**

Present:            Cllr Jenny Balcon (Chairman)  
                      Cllr Michael Hopper

In attendance:    Mr Colin Hampton (Parish Clerk)  
                      Mr Steve Lord (Flood Warden)  
                      Mrs Susan Cawley (Tree Warden)  
                      9 members of the public

**The meeting was not quorate so no official business was conducted. The Chairman agreed to run through the agenda so that a discussion could take place where appropriate but no formal motions were passed. This report is intended to make absent councillors aware of the matters discussed and are not recorded Minutes of the meeting. With the exception of items 12, 13 & 14 all agenda items for October will appear on the 19<sup>th</sup> November meeting agenda.**

### **Apologies**

Cllr Sue Cherry  
Cllr Sarah Fox  
Cllr Philip Smith  
Cllr Thompson  
Cllr Emma Parker NDDC  
Cllr Jane Somper NDDC

### **County & District Councillors' Reports**

The Clerk read a short report from Cllr Somper NDDC in which she reported briefly on the tri-partnership voting, Stour Valley partnership discussions and Winterbourne Whitechurch wind farm application.

### **Parish Council Representatives' Reports**

Cllr Hopper reported the he had received complaints from 4 parishioners concerning the removal of shrubs from the front of Crown House. It was agreed that this is not a matter for the Parish Council.

The Clerk read an email from Cllr Thompson regarding a small development in the conservation area that has run into problems with the NDDC planning office. The Clerk to write to NDDC planning office to complain that the Parish Council was not consulted on this development which falls inside the conservation area.

Mrs Cawley (Tree Warden) reported that the fallen holly on Coffin Path has been cleared but the dead oak remains. Efforts will be made by the Clerk to establish responsibility for this tree.

Mrs Cawley also reported on the land clearance behind Little England which has been declared an offence by the NDDC Tree Officer because it took place in a conservation area without approval. A warning letter has been sent to the offender.

Mr Lord (Flood Warden) reported on progress with drainage works along Milton Road. He also made it known that installation work on a storm drain along the Causeway has been delayed until early next year due to supply problems.

Mr Lord informed the meeting that Property Level Protection (PLP) applications have been received and work should start by Spring 2015. He also reported that a village Flood Group has now been established.

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Cllr Balcon (Chairman) gave a report on an interesting and very informative DAPTC planning seminar she had attended.

### **Correspondence**

The Clerk drew attention to correspondence on:

1. The Dorset County Council electoral review, to be an agenda item at the November meeting.
2. Planning Application 2/2014/0529/PLNG – storage lagoon Milborne St Andrew. The Clerk explained this application was not notified to the Parish Council and has only now come to light because it is due to be considered at a county planning committee meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> October. After much discussion it was agreed that more time is needed to fully consider such a contentious application and the Clerk will write to the county planners to this effect and with a formal letter of complaint.

### **Parish Council Website**

It was agreed in principle to establish a Parish Council website but a resolution will be required at the next meeting to confirm this and authorise expenditure.

### **Speeding on Milton Road**

After much discussion it was agreed a Community Speed Watch group was not a viable long term solution to speeding. Therefore the Clerk should write to Highways requesting suggestions from them as to how the problem of speeding can be addressed on a permanent basis without jeopardising flood alleviation measures that have been put in place.

### **DAPTC Motions**

It was agreed that the first motion should be supported but not the second. The Chairman is to canvass for a representative from the council to attend the AGM and cast the council's vote accordingly.

### **Feedback on issues Raised by the Public**

It was agreed that this would become a permanent agenda item between Parish Council Representatives' Reports and Correspondence.

### **Cheque Schedule**

It was agreed that the cheques would be authorised to enable payment to creditors and the Clerk. The Cheque Schedule for October will be submitted to the November meeting for retrospective approval.

### ***PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NOTES***

*Action*

*Because this was not a formal meeting and members of the public were able to engage freely in the various discussions, no separate record has been kept of items raised for action.*