

**MILBORNE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MINUTES**



Held on: 16/04/2014 at: 19:30 Location: Milborne St Andrew Village Hall

Present: Cllr Jenny Balcon (Chairman)
 Cllr Michael Hopper
 Cllr Sue Cherry

In attendance: Cllr Hilary Cox (DCC)
 Cllr Emma Parker (NDDC)
 Cllr Jane Somper (NDDC)
 Mr Colin Hampton (Parish Clerk)
 PCSO Luke Goddard
 11 members of the public

174 Apologies

Cllr Paul Morgan (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Sarah Fox
Cllr Simon Thompson

175 Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting and informed the members of the public present that they could ask questions and make comment throughout the meeting.

176 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 17th April 2013

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

177 Report from Dorset Police – Safer Neighbourhood Team

PCSO Luke Goddard delivered a report, the highlights of which were:-

- The year has seen a drop in crime in Dorset of 2%.
- Figures for Milborne are consistent with previous years.
- There has been a small increase in burglaries from outbuildings and beauty spots.
- Staffing levels should remain the same until 2015 but some personnel changes are expected.

The report was followed by a question and answer session during which speeding along Milton Rd was again raised. A Community Speed Watch team was once again proposed but there appears to be no willing volunteers to staff it.

178 Annual Report by the Chairman

Cllr J Balcon read her report, a copy of which appears as Appendix A of the Minute Book.

179 County Councillor's Report

Cllr Mrs H Cox - Appendix B of the Minute Book.

180 District Councillors' Reports

Cllr E Parker – Appendix C of the Minute Book.
Cllr J Somper – Appendix D of the Minute Book.

181 Financial Report for the Year 2013/14

The Clerk submitted a copy of the accounts for the final quarter to March 2014 which appear as Appendix E of the Minute Book.

The Clerk pointed out that these were not the final accounts and had not been audited.



182 Report from Flood Warden

Mr Lord gave a lengthy report of his activities in dealing with the flooding in the village from January to March 2014 and its aftermath. He brought the meeting up to date with the current plans of action resulting from his liaison between the various agencies involved and local MPs, which he is confident will produce tangible results in alleviating the persistent flooding that Milborne St Andrew has endured over many years.

Cllr Cox added that there is a scheme afoot at DCC to reduce the ponding suffered outside Grays Stores.

It was pointed out that there is an issue regarding riparian owners and the part they play in ensuring the stream runs efficiently. To be addressed by the Environment Agency.

Mr Frampton was singled out for thanks for the sterling work he has done on the stream.

Mr Lord was also thanked for all his work as Flood Warden and his persistence in calling responsible agencies to account and action.

183 Report from Footpaths Representative

The Clerk read a brief report on behalf of Mr Dean Hamilton in his absence, in which he tendered his resignation from the post. Mr Hamilton was thanked by members for the work he has done in the role.

The Clerk was tasked with ensuring that items of equipment associated with the post were returned to the council.

184 Report from Tree Officer

Mrs Jayne Hamilton was unable to attend the meeting and has subsequently tendered her resignation. The Clerk has written to thank her for the work she has done in the role.

185 Obelisk Fund

Cllr Hopper put forward a proposal for public discussion that the Obelisk Fund should no longer be a separate ring fenced fund held by the Parish Council but should be incorporated into the General Fund and earmarked for use in emergency situations e.g. purchasing equipment to help deal with flood alleviation in the Parish. Considerable discussion ensued which ultimately led to a counter proposal from a resident that the Obelisk Fund continues but can be used in an emergency if needed and that any funds drawn from it should be repaid from the council's general fund in due course.

The counter proposal was passed by a 9 to 1 majority of the residents present with 1 abstention.

186 Questions from Parishioners

Mrs Maitland enquired if the Parish Council is aware that it owns a Parish Bier, which was purchased in 1938? Over the years various attempts to sympathetically dispose of it have been unsuccessful. Because this item does not appear on the asset register the current council was unaware of its existence. The bier is now housed in the garage of Mr Jackson.

The council will consider what, if any, action to take regarding its future at the May meeting.

Details of the Parish Bier's history appear as Appendix F of the Minute Book.

187 Planning Applications

None received but the Clerk made the meeting aware that a revised planning application has been submitted to WDDC 3rd April 2014 by West Coast Energy for 5 turbines up to 115m vertical blade

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tip height on land south of the A354, north of A35, north of Tolpuddle, southwest of Milborne St Andrew and northeast of Puddletown.

A copy of the letter appears as Appendix G of the Minute Book.

188 Cheque Schedule

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

RESOLVED that the Cheque Schedule for April totalling £270.06 be approved and the cheques signed.

The meeting closed at 21:45hrs

Signed :

Chairman of the Council

Dated :