

MILBORNE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL - MEETING MINUTES



Held on: 19/06/2013

at: 19:30

Location: Milborne St Andrew Village Hall

Present: Cllr Jenny Balcon (Chairman)
Cllr Sue Cherry
Cllr Michael Hopper
Cllr Philip Smith
Cllr Simon Thompson

In attendance: Cllr Emma Parker NDDC
Cllr Jane Somper NDDC

040 **Apologies** Cllr Paul Morgan (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Sarah Fox
Colin Hampton (Parish Clerk)

041 **Declarations of Interest**

None

042 **Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting on the 15th May 2013**

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

043 **County & District Councillors' Reports**

Cllr Emma Parker reported on the newly appointed Chairman and Vice Chairman of NDDC. There is currently a charity bag scam whereby people not linked to registered charities are trying to collect items of clothing etc. Please use only registered charity collection bags. New arrangements for licensing taxis and temporary event notices are soon to be changed.

Cllr Jane Somper discussed the proposal to encourage local people via the Parish Councils to form teams with training from Dorset police on using speed guns and monitoring traffic in their own area. The cost of this was likely to be in the order of £300. A short discussion followed both from the floor and Councillors. The general feeling of the meeting was negative given the cost and it reducing the policing role of the Dorset Police. There is to be a general review of the way grants are made by NDDC. Cllr Somper also reported she attended a training course on Planning Issues.

044 **Parish Council Representatives' Reports**

Cllr Hopper reported on the Allotment Society's progress and that water was now on site. The allotments are now fenced and the accounts were audited and in surplus.

Cllr Cherry reported on the Village Hall and stated that the general fabric of the building was sound, The fire escapes were OK. The car park resurfacing was still being investigated. There was a request to ensure that hall users stack chairs correctly, the right way round to avoid chairs falling on children and other hall users.

Cllr Thompson raised the issue of the BT manhole at the junction of A354 and The Causeway. Paul Eastwood of DCC Highways has issued a Section 81 notice to BT to urgently repair this cover. The notice was issued on the 7 May with work to be started no later than 10 June. BT has failed to respond. Cllr Parker has been in contact with BT and met with little success but is continuing to try and get this work carried out. DCC Highways are not able to carry out the work and recharge BT.

045 **Correspondence**

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A report prepared by the Clerk, a copy of which appears as Appendix A of the Minute Book, was read into the meeting.

RESOLVED that the Clerk shall produce a short report to the Council meetings on items that are noteworthy as outlined in the report.

046 Planning Applications

There were no new applications. It was noted that the appeal decision regarding land adjacent to Bramble Cottage has been referred for Judicial Review.

047 Flooding Meeting

The report prepared by the Clerk was read into the meeting, a copy of which appears as Appendix B of the Minute Book. A short discussion took place on the progress so far. It was noted that not all of the main sewers in the village were to be relined. Cllr Hopper would contact Wessex Water to find out why this was. It was reported that some of the surface water drainage has been repaired but not all is serviceable.

Feedback to the Flooding Meeting had been received from Wessex Water but none of the other attendees have come back on their commitments. The Chairman expressed the thanks of the committee to the Clerk for the comprehensive report, given the very difficult conditions at the meeting.

RESOLVED to write to all the attendees to invite them back to a follow up meeting 6 months from the first meeting to allow them to report on progress.

048 Jubilee Tree Plaque

RESOLVED that the Jubilee Tree Plaque be installed next to the Royal Oak at the Sports Field by the groundsman.

049 Public Seating

Further to the report from the Clerk, a copy of which appears as Appendix C of the Minute Book.

RESOLVED:-

1. To fund the refurbishment of the Village Hall seat, the 2 seats at Hopsfield and opposite near Stileham Bank, the seat at the corner of Milton Road /A354 and the Parish Pit within the estimate provided by Mr Steve Lord.
2. To explore the possible repair of the existing seat at the junction of Homefield and Lane End. To ask Mr John Harris to carry out the repair if feasible.
3. To place on the Asset Register the seat by Stileham Bank.

050 Freedom of Information

RESOLVED to approve the amended FOI document version 2.

051 Registration of Land

Report of the Clerk read into the meeting, a copy of which appears as Appendix D of the Minute Book.

RESOLVED:-

1. To accept the Clerk's recommendation to stop all work on this issue by the solicitors Dyne Drewett.
2. To further explore the licence with the Environment Agency but not to engage solicitors Dyne Drewett to carry out any further work on our behalf.



3. To ask the Law Society to investigate the bill from solicitors Dyne Drewett.
4. To abandon attempts to register the land at March Bridge and the Parish Pit.
5. To note that the land known as the Parish Pit is Common Land and to manage it in the same way as the Local Authority.

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Speeding Traffic

A discussion took place on the issues surrounding the lack of speed management in the village and not just on the A354. Concern was expressed that it appeared that considerable effort was being made to catch speeding motorists in Winterborne Whitechurch, but was not the case in this village. The resurfacing of Milton Road has caused an increase in the number of vehicles breaking the speed limit and/or driving at inappropriate speeds on roads such as The Causeway, which is a shared surface with no footway.

It was suggested that the public take a more proactive approach to this problem by using the Police website or contacting them with details of known speeders on telephone 101.

RESOLVED:-

1. To ask Dorset Police by letter to visit the village to carryout more spot checks.
2. To provide signs such as those used at Winterborne Whitechurch to alert drivers of the need to drive appropriately.
3. To contact DCC Highways with a request to have 30mph roundels painted on the road when the white lining is put down.

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Cheque Schedule

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

RESOLVED that the Cheques Schedule for June totalling £1705.18 be approved and the cheques signed.

The meeting closed at 21:30

Signed :

Chairman of the Council

Dated :