

MILBORNE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL - MEETING MINUTES



Held on: 19/11/2014 at: 19:30 Location: Milborne St Andrew Village Hall

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

In attendance: Cllr Hilary Cox DCC
Cllr Jane Somper NDDC
Mr Colin Hampton (Parish Clerk)
18 members of the public

076 Changes to the Agenda

1. **RESOLVED** to consider item 9.1 on completion of item 3.
2. Item 13 deferred at the request of Cllr Cox DCC to allow further investigation.

077 Apologies

Cllr Emma Parker NDDC

078 Declarations of Interest

1. Cllr Hopper – declared an interest regarding item 9.2. Granted dispensation by the Clerk to Speak & Vote until May 2015.
2. Cllr Fox – declared an interest regarding items 8 & 11. Granted dispensation by the Clerk to Speak & Vote until May 2015.

079 Storage Lagoon Presentation

Mr Mike Thompson, Technical Manager of ECO Sustainable Solutions Ltd gave a short presentation on the Anaerobic Digester at Piddlehinton and the company's proposal to build a storage facility for waste product from the digester at Milborne St Andrew. His presentation was followed by questions from members and the public.

080 Planning Application 2/2014/0592/PLNG – Waste Storage Lagoon, Milborne St Andrew

RESOLVED by 4 votes in favour and 2 abstentions that the Council has no objection to the application with the following conditions:

1. That the applicant provides substantial and permanent warning signs at both approaches to the proposed site entrance giving notice to drivers of slow moving traffic entering and leaving the site.
2. That improved visibility for drivers approaching the site entrance and drivers entering and leaving it is maintained at all times.
3. That the existing lay-by continues to be available for use by everyone.

081 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 17th September 2014

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

082 County & District Councillors' Reports

Cllr Somper NDDC reported that agreement has been reached between North Dorset DC, West Dorset DC and Weymouth & Portland DC on entering into a Tri-Partnership Agreement between the Councils, further details yet to be decided. It was also reported that a budget workshop is being held between the partnership members. A planning workshop has been arranged by NDDC to introduce Clerks to an improved IT system for recording and commenting on planning applications.

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Cllr Cox DCC reported on the finger post project being worked on in her County division and made brief mention of the difficulties being encountered in setting next year's tight budget.

083 Parish Council Representatives' Reports

The Clerk read a report from Mr Steve Lord, Flood Warden, a copy of which appears as Appendix A of the Minute Book.

Cllr Hopper reported on the latest meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning Group (NPG) attended by 8 members. He thanked residents who have volunteered to give their time to the group. A seminar being held by NDDC for NPGs at the end of November will be attended by Cllr Hopper. He also reported that Central Government funding to support NPGs is no longer available, at least in the current financial year. Cllr Hopper proposes to hold a public session on the NPGs plans early next year and aims to complete the group's work within 18 months if possible.

The Clerk took an action to check with the Council's insurers if cover extends to the activities of the NPG.

The Chairman read a report on the DAPTC AGM attended by herself and the Clerk on the 8th November, a copy of which appears as Appendix B of the Minute Book.

084 Public Session Feedback

The Clerk reported that because the October meeting was informal due to the lack of a quorum of members, points raised by the public were discussed openly and no queries needed follow-up action. However, he did take the opportunity to report on the current progress with complaints of speeding along Milton Road and the action taken so far.

085 Correspondence

A report by the Clerk, a copy of which appears as Appendix C of the Minute Book, was **NOTED**. Letters to the Council from Mr Paul Tasker, Chairman of the Village Hall Trustees regarding funding support for the play park and from Mr Richard Lock, submitting a personal discussion paper on the future of the play park, were discussed at length. Copies of both are also at the appendix.

086 Planning Applications

2/2014/1192/HOUSE – Erect gates (retrospective). Brookside Cottage, The Causeway, Milborne St Andrew.

RESOLVED by 3 votes to 1 with 2 abstentions that the Council objects to the application.

2/2014/1292/HOUSE – Erect single storey side extension to form garage. Replace existing garage roof with a pitched roof and convert to living accommodation (retrospective). Catkins, The Causeway, Milborne St Andrew.

RESOLVED that the Council has no objection to the application.

087 Accounts

RESOLVED that the Financial Report for the second quarter be approved and accepted. A copy of the report appears as Appendix D of the Minute Book.

088 Budget and Precept 2015/16

The first draft budget was discussed and members' proposals considered. The Chairman requested that suggestions for inclusion in the next revision of the draft are forwarded to the Clerk in order for more solid proposals to be considered at the December meeting.

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089 Parish Council Website

RESOLVED by 3 votes to 2 with 1 abstention not to go ahead with the Clerk's proposal to establish a Parish Council website, a copy of which appears as Appendix E of the Minute Book. Cllr Fox undertook to investigate a Council Facebook page.

090 Fingerposts

A proposal from Cllr Cox DCC, a copy of which appears as Appendix F of the Minute Book, that the Parish Council contribute financially towards the cost of repairing the finger post at Lane End as part of a County Division wide initiative, was considered. It was decided to seek sponsorship from individuals and organisations and encourage volunteers to carry out some of the work before committing Council funds to the project.

091 Dorset Electoral Review

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England consultation on Division boundaries across Dorset was circulated for consideration in October and no response to the consultation has been forthcoming. A copy of the review appears as Appendix G of the Minute Book.

092 Noticeboards

The Chairman undertook to investigate the refurbishment of the 2 Parish noticeboards.

093 Cheque Schedules

The Cheque Schedules for October and November were circulated, copies of which appear as Appendix I and J of the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that the Cheque Schedules for October and November totalling £696.28 be approved and the cheques signed.

The meeting closed at 21:55 hrs.

Signed :

Chairman of the Council

Dated :

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NOTES

Action

Concern was expressed regarding agenda item 13. It was explained by the Chairman that this item was being deferred for further consultation.

The level of grant towards maintenance of the churchyard was queried and it was pointed out that the grant has not changed for a long time, despite rising costs.

To be considered when setting the 2015/16 budget

Progress on removing the dead oak on Coffin Path was questioned. The Clerk reported that ownership of the land on which the tree stands is being investigated by the Tree Warden

Tree Warden to report

Representatives of the Village Hall Trustees announced their presence.

Noted

Points were raised by a resident commenting on the planning application for gates at Brookside, The Causeway.

Noted

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A query was raised on how the Council intends to provide feedback on points raised during the public sessions.

Clerk reported that a standing agenda item has been introduced for this purpose