

# MILBORNE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL - MEETING MINUTES



Held on: 08/12/2010

at: 19:30

Location: Milborne St Andrew Village Hall

Present: Cllr Michael Hopper (Chairman)  
Cllr Paul Morgan  
Cllr Janet Allen  
Cllr John Harris  
Cllr Mrs D Jones (District Councillor)

In attendance: Joyce Holman (Parish Clerk)

66 **Apologies** Cllr Mrs H Cox (County Councillor)  
Cllr Mr M Cox (District Councillor)

67 **Declarations of Interest**

None

68 **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting on 10 November 2010**

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

69 **Appointment of Vice-Chairman**

Cllr P Morgan was proposed and seconded.

**RESOLVED** that Cllr P Morgan be appointed Vice-Chairman for the remainder of the municipal year 2010/11.

70 **Calendar of Meetings for 2011**

The Clerk submitted a Calendar of Meetings for 2011 a copy of which appears as Appendix A in the Minute Book.

**RESOLVED** that the Calendar of Meetings for 2011 be approved and adopted.

71 **County & District Councillors' Reports**

Cllr Mrs H Cox (County Cllr) - See Appendix B to these Minutes.

Cllr M Cox (District Cllr) - See Appendix C to these Minutes.

Cllr Mrs D Jones - Cllr Mrs Jones informed the meeting that she would be standing down at the next election in May after 40 years service as a Councillor and added that Cllr M Cox would also not be seeking re-election. She introduced Mr Phil Ledwith & Miss Emma Parker who will be standing for election in their place.

Cllr Mrs Jones said that she was unhappy with the Cabinet system of government adopted by North Dorset District Council and felt that local Councillors did not get an opportunity to comment on local issues before decisions were made. In her opinion local government was going to change and Parish Council were going to be required to take on more work in the future.

Cllr Mrs Jones drew the Parish Council's attention to one item in Mrs Cox's report about dumpy bags of grit being available from Dorset County Council and thought that was something the Parish Council should consider.

72 **Precept 2011/2012**

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The Clerk submitted a draft budget report for 2011/12 a copy of which appears as Appendix D in the Minute Book.

The budget report gave details of the expected income and expenditure for 2011/12 which had been held at the same level as this financial year.

**RESOLVED** that the budget for 2011/12 be approved and the Precept for the 2011/12 financial year be set at £7,675.

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### **Corner of Milton Road**

Cllr Allen reported that the landlord at the Royal Oak had agreed to make 2 planters to match those outside his premises. There was no cost of the planters known at this stage. The Garden Club had agreed to plant them with evergreens and then supplement with seasonal plants in the summer and winter.

Dorset County Council has agreed in principle to the scheme and will require detailed plans nearer the time as to the exact position of the street furniture for final agreement.

Cllr Harris proposed that a seat and litter bin should also be placed at this location.

**RESOLVED** that the Milton Road Corner site will comprise of a seat, litter bin and 2 planters.

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### **Grit Bins**

Cllr Morgan reported that he was meeting with Mike Woodford from Dorset County Council on 20 December 2010 to discuss the possible sites for 3 grit bins. Following the information received earlier in this meeting he would also be asking for dumpy bags for the village.

The best location for grit bins were considered to be Orchard Rise and two in Hopsfield (one outside Milborne St Andrew First School). One dumpy bag could be placed at the Parish Pit. The possible location for grit bins and dumpy bags would be discussed at the meeting and reported back to the next meeting.

The Clerk was asked to contact the Friends of Milborne St Andrew First School to see if they would be prepared to make a donation towards the cost of a grit bin at the school location.

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### **Allotments**

Cllr Harris reported that seven parishioners had approached him expressing an interest in having an allotment and he felt that was enough to move the project forward.

He had arranged a meeting through the Soil Association with a representative from Kingston Maurward College to check the soil and ensure it was suitable to growing and would report back to the next meeting.

The costs in setting up the allotments were likely to be the running of a water supply to the site and providing a water trough and additional insurance.

He was keen to encourage children and suggested that one of the allotments could be given to Milborne St Andrew First School for them to tend.

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### **New Path at Sports Field**

The Chairman reported on the progress of this project - see Appendix E to these Minutes.



77 **Cheque Schedule**

The Cheque Schedule for December was circulated - see Appendix F to these Minutes.

**RESOLVED** that the Cheques Schedule for December be approved and the cheques signed.

78 **Accounts**

The Clerk submitted for information the accounts for the quarter to December 2010 a copy of which appear as Appendix G in the Minute Book.

79 **Filing Cabinet**

The Clerk submitted a report a copy of which appears as Appendix H to the Minutes in the Minute Book.

The report asked Members to consider the purchase a filing cabinet to store the Council's files and Minutes.

**RESOLVED** that the purchase of a filing cabinet for £110.24 plus VAT be approved and the cost be met from the General Fund.

80 **Termination of Partnership/ Agency Arrangements for Minor Highway Maintenance**

The Clerk submitted a letter dated 25 November 2010 from Dorset County Council a copy of which appears as Appendix I in the Minute Book.

The letter informed the Parish Council that any informal arrangement to maintain areas in parishes would cease from 1 April 2011. The Chairman commented that there may be some small areas of grass that may be affected and this would be monitored next year.

**RESOLVED** that the contents of the letter be noted and an acknowledgement be sent to Dorset County Council.

The meeting closed at 20.43.

Signed :

Chairman of the Council

Dated :

*PUBLIC SESSION NOTES*

*Parish Plan Expenses still outstanding*  
*Feedback on 'North Dorset Local Development Framework' in particular in relation to housing*  
*Noise nuisance from Royal Oak in early hours of morning*  
*Overgrown hedges on footpath 2*  
*Set up Facebook site to encourage young people*  
*Obelisk Fund and work required*  
*Drains still blocked*  
*Dog Fouling*

*Action*  
*Agenda Item*  
*Agenda Item*  
*Write Report*  
*Agenda Item*  
*Agenda Item*  
*Parish Maint Unit*  
*Reporter Story*

