

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



Held on: 20th April 2016 at: 19:30

Location: Milborne St Andrew Village Hall

Present: Cllr Jenny Balcon (Chairman)
Cllr Sue Cherry
Cllr Karen Park
Cllr Joy Robinson

In attendance: Cllr Jane Somper (NDDC)
Mr Colin Hampton (Parish Clerk)
7 members of the public

141 Apologies

Cllr Emma Parker (NDDC)
Cllr Sarah Fox
Cllr Philip Smith

142 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. It was also explained that due to unforeseen circumstances the presentations at agenda items 4 and 5 have unfortunately been cancelled.

143 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 15th April 2015

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

144 Presentation by Cllr Joy Robinson - proposal to install a defibrillator in the village

Cllr Robinson presented a proposal to install a defibrillator at a central location in the village for use by any member of the public in an emergency and asked if there was general support for the idea from those present. With just one exception there was agreement that the idea should be investigated further and that it would form an agenda item at the next Parish Council meeting. A copy of the proposal appears as Appendix A of the Minute Book.

145 Annual Report by the Chairman

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

146 County Councillor's Report

The Clerk read a report from Cllr Hilary Cox, a copy of which appears as Appendix C of the Minute Book.

147 District Councillors' Reports

Cllr Jane Somper gave a brief verbal report concerning budget cuts, the sale of NDDC premises in Blandford, shrinking of services and the implications of probable moves towards some form of unitary authority within Dorset.

148 Financial Report for the Year 2015/16

The Clerk submitted a copy of the accounts for the final quarter to March 2016 which appear as Appendix D of the Minute Book.

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



149 Report from Neighbourhood Planning Group

Mr Michael Hopper (NPG Chairman) read a report, a copy of which appears as Appendix E of the Minute Book.

150 Report from Flood Warden

Mr Steve Lord read a report, a copy of which appears as Appendix F of the Minute Book.

151 Report from Tree Warden

The Clerk read a report from Mrs Susan Wilson, a copy of which appears as Appendix G of the Minute Book.

The opportunity was taken to discuss 3 applications to NDDC to fell or prune trees in the conservation area. There were no objections to the applications.

152 Report from Homewatch Co-ordinator

Cllr Joy Robinson delivered a brief verbal report pointing out that it had been a quiet year on the Homewatch front and appealing for more parishioners to sign up to the scheme via the website.

153 Open Forum

1. A query was raised regarding ownership of the rubbish bin at the corner of A354/Milton Rd. It was reported that a small fire had broken out in the bin which was extinguished by a quick thinking member of the public. The bin is the responsibility of the Dorset Waste Partnership.
2. The difference in the level of grants made by the Parish Council to the church and the village hall was questioned and a request made that the hall should receive more financial help. It was pointed out that the grants have two completely separate purposes and are assessed on need, but having said that a decision had already been made when setting the 2016-17 budget to double the grant to the village hall to £500.
3. The presence of a JCB in the recreation area behind the village hall was questioned amid concerns it might be creating a BMX track. The Chairman stated this was not the case and that it is clearing an area for a garden.
4. A question was raised concerning a letter received referring to a Property Level Protection Scheme exercise due to start in May. Nobody was able to answer this query and the questioner was advised to contact the originator of his letter.

154 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 £646.39 be approved and the cheques signed.

The meeting closed at 21:10hrs

Signed :

Chairman of the Council

Dated :