

MILBORNE ST ANDREW ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL - MEETING MINUTES



Held on: 21/11/2018 at: 19:30hrs		Location: Milborne St Andrew Village Hall	
Present:		Cllr Richard Macnair (Acting Chairman) Cllr Karen Park Cllr Philip Smith Cllr Ron Stevens	
In attendance:		Mr Colin Hampton (Parish Clerk) 8 members of the public	
077	<u>Apologies</u>	NDDC Cllr E Parker, Cllr J Robinson (Chairman), Cllr S Fox (Vice Chairman), Cllr S Cherry	
078	<u>Declarations of Interest</u>	None	
079	<u>Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 17th October 2018</u>	RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held 17 th October 2018 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.	
080	<u>Matters Arising</u>	<p>Min.066 – The Clerk reported that he has written to the Fox View developers, Ankers & Rawlings, to point out to them that there have still been no improvements made to the site, 2 months after assurances had been given to the planning enforcement officer that there would be. The enforcement officer followed up the Clerk’s email with his own, making the same comments in support.</p> <p>Public Participation – the Clerk reported MSAPC website problems to the service provider, who is still investigating. The issue of the overgrown footpath running past Honesuckle Cottage has been resolved following a call on the owners by Cllr Robinson. The Clerk has written to the Dorchester Hill garage owner regarding pedestrian access through the forecourt but has not had a reply.</p>	
081	<u>County & District Councillors' Reports</u>	<p>NDDC Cllr Somper read the Ward Councillor’s report to the meeting, a copy of which appears as Appendix A of the Minute Book. It covered the Council Tax support review, the proposed new boundaries for Dorset Council, the new Puddletown & Lower Winterbourne Ward, Planning validations, North Dorset public spaces protection order 2018 and the LGR Town & Parish newsletter.</p> <p>Cllr Somper answered questions on Council Tax harmonisation, the forthcoming elections, what savings were being made as a result of LGR and the Dorset County budget setting timetable.</p>	
082	<u>Parish Councillors' & Representatives' Reports</u>	The Clerk read Cllr Cherry’s report on a meeting of the Blandford and Rural Area Transport Action Group she attended on the 29 th October. A copy of her report appears as Appendix B of the Minute Book.	

	Cllr Smith reported on a DAPTC Northern Area meeting he attended on the 17 th October. His report covered briefings from the Dorset police, DAPTC, the future of Local Plans, Travellers in Dorset and the Blandford Leisure Centre.
083	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>The Correspondence Report, a copy of which appears as Appendix C of the Minute Book, was reviewed. The Clerk pointed out for particular attention the notice regarding the A354 road closure from 28th November to 6th December. Cllr Robinson had produced information on changes to bus services as a result the closure, for people to take away.</p>
084	<p><u>Planning Application</u></p> <p>2/2018/1577/OUT Proposal: Develop land by the erection of 85 No. dwellings, a community facility (Use Class D1), form vehicular access and associated infrastructure. (Outline application to determine access). Location: Land at E 380525 N 97480, Blandford Hill To Little England - Lane, Milborne St Andrew, Dorset.</p> <p>Members of the public expressed concern regarding the proposed community facility, the number of homes increasing to 85. Mr Miller responded that the increase in homes was to meet the perceived need for more affordable homes. It was also queried why the proposed development was on a green field site when brown field sites are available and Homefield had been identified as a reserve site in the Neighbourhood Plan (NP).</p> <p>Councillors supported the concerns raised and added that the sewage system cannot cope with the existing demand. What was going to be done to improve the system? The issues identified by the NP Group were read to the meeting by the Chairman.</p> <p>It was proposed that: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The council request an extension of 7 days to the deadline to allow time for the NP Group to fully review the application. b. The council devolves to the NP Group responsibility for producing a response to the planning application. <p>RESOLVED to approve proposals a) and b).</p>
085	<p><u>Sports Club</u></p> <p>The Chairman of the Sports Club, Mr Richard Lock, requested that the council consider making a grant to the club to fund half the VAT that has to be paid on the internet connection to the club. The Clerk explained that a previous idea, approved by the council in October, to take on the whole project by requesting the DCMS grant available for improving connectivity, overseeing the installation, paying the VAT and then claiming it back at the year end, had fallen at the first hurdle because the grant application was turned down as the council is a public body. Subsequently Mr Lock has applied for the grant and it has been approved, but it leaves the Sports Club having to pay the full £600 VAT bill.</p> <p>Following discussion, the request for a grant to cover half the VAT bill was put to the vote, which resulted in a split vote, 2 for and 2 against making a grant. The Chairman cast a second vote against.</p> <p>RESOLVED not to approve making a grant to the Sports Club.</p>
086	<p><u>Budget 2019-20</u></p> <p>The Chairman asked the Clerk to run through the procedure that has been followed in the past for setting a budget and precept. He explained that it has been the practice to present a range of options to the council and they would choose which one met anticipated need for the following</p>

	<p>year. The Chairman suggested that it would be a good idea to carry out a line by line review of the budget. The Clerk suggested that could be done in addition to reviewing a set of options, otherwise a committee would need to be set up to carry out the exercise he was suggesting.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk would produce a range of options, including different methods of setting and approving grants. The possibility of having to contribute towards the cost of a PC election in May should also be included.</p>
<p>087</p>	<p><u>Huntley Down</u></p> <p>If approved, the proposed Huntley Down development will attract a community contribution in the form of S106 money. The council has been asked to provide a list of suitable projects for consideration if required. After various options were considered, including the suggestion by one member of the public for a bike/skateboard park, members agreed that it was important something tangible was delivered from contributions as opposed to a notional contribution to a project pot that could easily get "lost".</p> <p>In order of the likely scale of investment (in the context of having no indication of how much cash could be available in S106 monies) the following was agreed: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Upgraded sewerage facilities. 2. The delivery of traffic management proposals outlined in the draft Neighbourhood plan. 3. Cash for improved fitness and recreation facilities (detail TBC).
<p>088</p>	<p><u>MSAPC Laptop</u></p> <p>The Clerk reported that the council's laptop screen was becoming unusable and required replacement. Quotes were obtained to either replace the screen or purchase a new laptop. Councillors agreed that as the laptop was more than 3 years old it made economic sense to purchase a new one.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Clerk is authorised to purchase a new laptop with a maximum budget of £400.</p>
<p>089</p>	<p><u>Cheque Schedule</u></p> <p>The Cheque Schedule for November was circulated, a copy of which appears as Appendix D of the Minute Book.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Cheque Schedule for November totalling £2310.98 be approved and the cheques signed.</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 21:20 hrs.</p> <p>Signed:</p> <p>SIGNED ON ORIGINAL</p> <p>Cllr Richard Macnair Acting Chairman of the Council</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Dated:</p>
	<p><i>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NOTES</i></p>
	<p><i>Action</i></p>
<p><i>Mr Hopper reported a successful British Legion fund-raising effort in the village. He also said it was his last year as he is stepping down from the role. The Chairman thanked Mr</i></p>	

	<i>Hopper for all his work over the years on behalf of the Legion.</i>	