

MILBORNE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL - MEETING MINUTES



Held on: 16/10/2013 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

In attendance: Colin Hampton (Parish Clerk)

086 Apologies

Cllr Simon Thompson

087 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Balcon and Cllr Hopper declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 14.

088 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 18th September 2013

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

089 County & District Councillors' Reports

Reports received from District Councillors Parker and Somper were read to the meeting by the Clerk, copies appear as Appendix A of the Minute Book.

090 Parish Council Representatives' Reports

Cllr Hopper reported that the MSA Allotment Society have provided water to the site and are working hard to make the most of this village amenity.

Cllr Hopper also reported on a Community Speed Watch meeting he attended with Cllr Fox. This will be an agenda item at the Parish Council's November meeting, where it is hoped that residents interested in forming a volunteer speed watch group in the village will attend.

Cllr Balcon reported on her attendance at a Blandford Transport Action Group (TAG) meeting, where the general consensus of opinion was that the proposed revision to the bus service in the region has already been agreed.

091 Correspondence

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

092 Planning Application

<u>No.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Decision</u>
2/2013/0798/PLNG	Hillside, Little England	The decision of the planning authority was noted.

093 Calendar of Meetings

RESOLVED that the dates for Parish Council meetings in 2014/15 as prepared by the Clerk be accepted and approved. The calendar of meetings appears as Appendix C of the Minute Book.

094 Half Yearly Financial Report

The Clerk submitted for information a report containing the Half Yearly accounts for the period to

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30th September 2013 and a budget report for the same period, copies of which appear as Appendix D in the Minute Book.

The report informed Members that the budget forecast for the full year currently shows a £509 deficit, but that it is anticipated an unexpected receipt will result in a small surplus.

095 Draft Budget 2014/15

A working party's first draft budget for 2014/15 was submitted to the meeting by the Clerk for consideration by all members, a copy appears as Appendix E of the Minute Book. A wide ranging discussion ensued, the conclusion of which was to defer any decisions until NDDC's funding is announced.

One cost saving measure agreed was to gratefully accept a proposal from Cllr Fox that the Royal Oak would sponsor the planting at Milton Road corner.

096 Bus2Go

A request from Bus2Go for a £250 grant in 2014/15 was submitted for consideration, a copy of which appears as Appendix F in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that Bus2Go's application for funding be rejected.

097 Environment Agency Licence

This agenda item was removed due to a delay in issuing the licence.

098 DAPTC AGM 2013

The Clerk submitted two resolutions put forward by Parish & Town Councils for the forthcoming AGM and the Council was asked to consider its response to each item in order that the DAPTC representative, Cllr Balcon, would know how to vote on behalf of the Parish Council. A copy appears as Appendix G in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that resolution 1 is not supported unless further persuading arguments in favour of the resolution are put forward. That resolution 2 should be supported and widened in scope to include areas outside of AONBs that will impact on AONBs.

099 Village Maintenance 2014/15

The Clerk submitted a report, a copy of which appears as Appendix H, proposing a regime for grass cutting next year and contractors to be approached to tender for a three year contract.

RESOLVED that the proposed regime in the report be amended as follows:-

1. Memorial Stone land at March Bridge – cut grass once per month from April to October and ensure grass is cut and area cleared of rubbish and debris in preparation for Armistice Day ceremony in November.
2. Parish Pit – cut verges in April and again in September.
3. Provide price for one off grass cutting that may be required.
4. The requirement to water plants in the troughs at Milton Road corner be removed.

RESOLVED that proposed contractors be invited to competitively tender for a three year contract.

100 Planning Committee Meetings

Cllr Hopper submitted a resolution seeking approval for the Planning Committee to meet for half an hour prior to the main Parish Council meeting each month, to debate any planning issues and report to the following meeting.

RESOLVED that the resolution be accepted and approved.



101 Flooding Meeting

The Clerk requested that consideration be given to whether a follow-up meeting to the one held in May should be held.

A decision was deferred until a report had been received from the village Flood Warden following a seminar he will be attending at the end of the month.

Meanwhile, the Clerk was instructed to write to the Environment Agency to enquire whether they had fulfilled their commitment at the meeting to write to riparian owners in the village reminding them of their maintenance responsibilities.

102 Cheque Schedule

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

RESOLVED that the Cheque Schedule for October totalling £983.84 be approved and the cheques signed.

The meeting closed at 21:30

Signed :

Chairman of the Council

Dated :

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NOTES

Action

Another complaint was received regarding wheelie bins being left on the pavement outside Crown House. It was reported that other rubbish e.g. white goods are being left out alongside the bins.

No response to the Clerk's first letter has been received. Clerk to write to Spectrum Housing Association again requesting action be taken.