

MILBORNE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL - MEETING MINUTES



Held on: 19/02/2014 at: 19:30 Location: Milborne St Andrew Village Hall

Present: Cllr Jenny Balcon (Chairman)
Cllr Sue Cherry
Cllr Michael Hopper

In attendance: Mr Colin Hampton (Parish Clerk)
Mr Steve Lord (Flood Warden)
30 members of the public

Prior to the start of the meeting it was agreed by the Chairman that agenda item 9 would be brought forward and dealt with after item 6. The Chairman also addressed members of the public present, reminding them of the rules regarding public participation during the formal proceedings and assuring them they would be given an opportunity to speak during the debate on flooding in the village.

149 Apologies

Cllr Paul Morgan (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Sarah Fox
Cllr Simon Thompson
Cllr Emma Parker (NDDC)

150 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Hopper declared an interest in agenda item 6.

151 Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held 15th January 2014

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

152 County & District Councillors' Reports

A report was received from Cllr Parker and read by the Clerk in her absence. A copy of the report appears as Appendix A of the Minute Book.

153 Parish Council Representatives' Reports

The Chairman briefed members on a recent meeting of the Milborne St Andrew Allotment Society, a copy of which appears as Appendix B of the Minute Book. An agreed draft licence between the Parish Council and the Allotment Society was passed to the Clerk to be drawn up as a final proof document for signature by the two parties.

154 Flooding in the Parish

Mr Lord (Flood Warden) gave a brief report updating members on the various meetings he had held with officials from the County Council, District Council, Parish Council, Environment Agency, Wessex Water and Mr Bob Walter MP. He declared himself confident that remedial action will be forthcoming to deal with the shortcomings in the present drainage system, including a scheme to add additional drainage to deal with groundwater which is currently under consideration.

Cllr Hopper presented a report that he had produced, a copy of which appears as Appendix C of the Minute Book, in which a number of recommendations were made for Member's consideration. The report was noted for future reference once the actions being undertaken by the various agencies involved with flooding have been completed and the remaining need becomes clearer. The recommendation to put together a list of volunteers willing to assist in an emergency, such as flooding, is being implemented immediately.

An offer of financial help received from the Lions was discussed and it was agreed that a request

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should be forwarded to them for assistance in purchasing the flood alleviation items recommended in Cllr Hopper's report.

The Chairman and Members took this opportunity to thank Mr Steve Lord for his continuing efforts to deal with both the current situation and in getting measures implemented to alleviate future flooding. Mr Mark Frampton was also publicly thanked for all his work in clearing the stream to improve its flow.

155 Neighbourhood Plan (deferred from 15th January meeting)

Cllr Hopper read a report he had produced, a copy of which appears as Appendix D of the Minute Book. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Hopper should continue to seek volunteers to assist with producing a Neighbourhood Plan. It is not something that he, or the Parish Council can do alone as to be successful it needs to represent the views of the community as a whole.

156 Planning Applications

None received.

157 Correspondence

A report by the Clerk, a copy of which appears as Appendix E of the Minute Book, was noted.

158 Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed that the Annual Parish meeting should receive reports from the appointed Parish Officers and then be an open public forum, during which the use of the Obelisk Fund would be raised for debate.

159 Cheque Schedule

The Cheque Schedule for February was circulated, a copy of which appears as Appendix F of the Minute Book. The Chairman reported that having served a year, the Clerk has received a small spinal column increase in his pay in accordance with the terms of his contract, which was noted by Members.

RESOLVED that the Cheque Schedule for February totalling £235.21 be approved and the cheques signed.

The meeting closed at 21:00hrs

Signed :

Chairman of the Council

Dated :

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NOTES

Action

It was reported that large vehicles have taken to parking on corners and at junctions. This is considered illegal, dangerous and causing obstruction to signage.

Notices will be placed on offending vehicles windscreens requesting that they parked safely elsewhere.

It was suggested that before considering any alternative purpose for the Obelisk Fund a survey of the Obelisk should be conducted to determine if any

Noted

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work need to be carried out on it.

It was requested that Wessex Water be sent a letter of appreciation for the work they have done during the recent flooding.

*Clerk to write to
Mr Keith Carter*