

MILBORNE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL - MEETING MINUTES



Held on: 07/04/2011 at: 19:30 Location: Milborne St Andrew Village Hall

Present: Cllr Michael Hopper (Chairman)
Cllr Paul Morgan (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Janet Allen
Cllr John Harris

In attendance: Joyce Holman (Parish Clerk)

120 **Apologies** Cllr Mrs H Cox (County Councillor)
Cllr Mr M Cox (District Councillor)
Cllr Mrs D Jones (District Councillor)

121 **Co-option of Mr Dean Hamilton**

RESOLVED that Mr D Hamilton is co-opted to the Parish Council.

Cllr Hamilton took his seat on the Parish Council.

122 **Co-option of Mr Philip M Smith**

RESOLVED that Mr P M Smith is co-opted to the Parish Council.

Cllr Smith took his seat on the Parish Council.

123 **Declarations of Interest**

None

124 **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting on 16 February 2011**

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

125 **County & District Councillors' Reports**

Cllr D Jones – See Appendix A to these Minutes.

126 **Appointment of Tree Warden**

The Chairman submitted a report a copy of which appears as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

There was no interest in the post from the parishioners present at the meeting.

RESOLVED that an advert be placed in The Reporter for a local person to apply for the post.

127 **Planning Application**

The Parish Council noted the decision of North Dorset District Council.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Decision</u>
2/2010/1378/PLNG	8 Coles Lane	Granted

128 **Parish Plan (Min.104 – 16.02.11)**

The minutes of the Parish Plan Working Party held on 30 March 2011 were considered, a copy of which appears as Appendix C in the Minute Book. The Minutes contained one recommendation for the Council to consider.



The Chairman added that Dorset Community Action had been sent a copy of the Parish Plan and their comments were that they fully supported the prepared Parish Plan, which was realistic and reflected the wishes expressed by the community.

RESOLVED that the Parish Plan recommended by the Parish Plan Working Party and which appear as Appendix A to the Working Party Minutes be adopted by the Parish Council.

129 **Corner of Milton Road (Min.107 – 16.02.11)**

The Chairman submitted a report a copy of which appears as Appendix D to these Minutes.

The report confirmed that the bench and planters were now in place and thanked various people in the village for their help and donations, particularly The Reporter for a donation towards the bench and the Royal Oak for making the planters. Cllr Allen added that Gerry's Plants should also be thanked for donating bulbs.

The Parish Council decided not to take any action regarding the bolts.

It only remained for the litter bin to be put in place and Cllr Allen would chase North Dorset District Council.

130 **Grit Bins (Min.108 – 16.02.11)**

Cllr Morgan reported that the grit bins had been delivered but they could not be put in place until the Autumn, as the grit would absorb moisture in the summer.

He suggested that the Parish Council may want to look at other locations for additional grit bins.

131 **Allotments (Min.109 – 16.02.11)**

The Chairman submitted a report a copy of which appears as Appendix E to these Minutes.

The report stated that Cllr Harris was no longer going to lead on this project. It was envisaged by the Parish Council that an Allotment Society would be formed and they would work with the Parish Council in achieving allotments for the village.

RESOLVED that an article be placed in The Reporter for a local person to start up an Allotment Society to work with the Parish Council in moving this project forward.

132 **Medical Centre (Min.113 – 16.02.11)**

The minutes of the Medical Centre Meeting held on 22 February 2011 were submitted for information, a copy of which appears as Appendix F in the Minute Book.

The Chairman added that the Parish Council would continue to work with the Milton Abbas Surgery to bring a new medical centre to the village.

133 **Goulds Farm**

The Clerk submitted an email dated 21 March 2011 from Dr B Parkinson, a copy of which appears as Appendix G to these Minutes.

The email contained a copy of a letter written to North Dorset District Council by Dr Parkinson about the present state of the land at Gould's Farm. Planning Permission had been granted for the development of the site approximately 18 months ago and in that time all that had happened was that the bungalow on the site had been partially demolished. The site was not secure, had been used for dumping and



looked an eyesore in a conservation area.

Cllr Harris added that he had seen the owner at the site that day with District Council officers.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council support Dr Parkinson's letter and contact North Dorset District Council and the owners of Gould's Farm requesting that the site to be cleared, secured and visually improved.

134 **Bus Services (Min.104 – 16.02.11)**

The Clerk submitted for information a report a copy of which appears as Appendix H to these Minutes.

The report gave details of a recent survey carried out by Dorset Passenger Transport at Dorset County Council. As a result of this Dorset County Council was in the process of tendering for all their bus services and new contracts would be announced in May.

135 **Parish Pit**

The Clerk submitted a report a copy of which appears as Appendix I to these Minutes.

The Chairman added that he had contacted the Tree Officer at North Dorset District Council and the trees are not subject to any Tree Preservation Orders and any trees could be taken down as the Parish Council wished.

The trees were donated by villagers and the trees to be removed were donated by The Royal Oak, Milborne St Andrew First School and Mr F South.

The Clerk would contact The Royal Oak and the First School and would try to contact Mr South to inform them that their trees would have to be removed.

RESOLVED that the offer from Mr A Hodges to remove the trees at no cost, providing he can retain the wood be accepted.

136 **War Memorial**

The Clerk submitted a report a copy of which appears as Appendix J to these Minutes.

The report explained that the legal arrangement had not been drawn up in 2008 when the Environment Agency placed their measuring equipment on land at the War Memorial. The reason for this was that the Parish Council did not have the Title Deeds to the land, despite it always be considered to be owned by the Parish Council. The Environment Agency was offering to pay the Parish Council legal costs to register the land.

RESOLVED

- a) that the Parish Council accept the offer from the Environment Agency to register the land at the War Memorial and then complete the Deed of Grant;
- b) that the Parish Council registers the land at the Parish Pit at the same time.

137 **Consultation on Supporting Voluntary & Community Action in Dorset**

The Clerk submitted a letter dated 11 March 2011 from Dorset County Council, a copy of which appears as Appendix K to these Minutes.

The letter included a questionnaire for the Parish Council to complete on voluntary and community action in Dorset.

The Chairman would obtain the views of Councillors and respond to the survey on

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behalf of the Parish Council.

138 Cheque Schedule

The Cheque Schedule for March/ April was circulated - see Appendix L to these Minutes.

RESOLVED that the Cheques Schedule for March/ April be approved and the cheques signed.

139 Precept (Min.72 – 08.12.10)

The Chairman submitted for information a report a copy of which appears as Appendix M to the Minutes in the Minute Book.

The report explained why the Council Tax in the village had increased when the Parish Council had set the Precept at the same level as last year.

140 Accounts

The Clerk submitted for information the accounts for the quarter to March 2011 a copy of which appear as Appendix N in the Minute Book.

The Clerk pointed out that these were not the final accounts and had not been audited. The reason for the surplus of £1,384.68 was due to donations of £475 and income from VAT of £539.52, making income of £1,014.52 that had not been budgeted.

141 Exclusion of Press & Public

RESOLVED that in view of the nature of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting.

142 Grass Cutting (Min.110 – 16.02.11)

See Confidential Minute 142/07.04.11

The meeting closed at 21:50

Signed :

Chairman of the Council

Dated :

*PUBLIC SESSION NOTES
Crossing for the A354, traffic speed
Review of road safety in the village
Result of Affordable Housing Survey by NDDC*

*Action
Future Agenda
Clerk*