

MILBORNE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL - MEETING MINUTES



Held on: 18/01/2012

at: 20:00

Location: Milborne St Andrew Village Hall

Present: Cllr Janet Allen (Chairman)
Cllr Jennifer Balcon
Cllr Dean Hamilton
Cllr Michael Hopper
Cllr Philip Smith
Cllr Jane Somper (District Councillor)

In attendance: Joyce Holman (Parish Clerk)

140 **Apologies** Cllr Paul Morgan (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr John Harris
Cllr Mrs H Cox (County Councillor)
Cllr Emma Parker (District Councillor)

141 **Declarations of Interest**

None

142 **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting on 14 December 2011**

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

143 **County & District Councillors' Reports**

Cllr Somper stated that there was nothing to report, other than the Localism Act and Neighbourhood Plan, which would be discussed later in the meeting.

144 **Planning Application**

<u>No.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Decision</u>
2/2012/0007/PLNG	Manor Farm barn extensions	No Objection

145 **Planning Applications**

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

<u>No.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Decision</u>
2/2011/1251/PLNG	Village Hall	Granted
2/2011/1255/PLNG	Manor Farmhouse	Granted
2/2011/1201/PLNG	1 & 2 Deverel Mill Cottages	Granted

146 **Tree Work in Conservation Area**

The Chairman reported that there was 'No Objection' to the felling of 2 unspecified trees at Laracor, Chapel Street and this was the view of the Tree Officer. North Dorset District Council had been informed accordingly.



Localism Act & Neighbourhood Plans

The Clerk submitted a letter dated 28 November 2011 from the Planning Policy Officer at North Dorset District Council a copy of which appears as Appendix A in the Minute Book.

The letter gave more information about the new Localism Act and requested Parish Councils to consider how they would like North Dorset District Council to support the Parishes with the new legislation.

There were three options to consider which ranged from keeping the present system in Option 1 to the Parish Council have complete control of development in the parish by completing a Neighbourhood Plan in Option 3.

North Dorset District Council would be collating the replies from all the Town & Parish Councils and from that would draw up a strategy. This meant that even if the Parish Council chose Option 3, if the majority selected Option 1, then Option 1 would become the policy.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow the public to make representation regarding the subject.

The following issues were raised by the public and Councillors:

- a) Milborne St Andrew was one of the larger villages in North Dorset and the District Council had identified in the Local Plan that 60 new homes should be built in the village in the next 10 year;
- b) If social houses are built, it will be allocated to outsiders and not people from the village. This could bring inappropriate people to the village;
- c) Cllr Somper indicated that there may be a way of providing affordable housing for local people through a trust as this had been done by another village in Dorset. The Clerk stated that Sherborne Town Council had looked into this and they would, through a trust, have to build the houses and then administer the scheme and due to the amount of work required decided it was not feasible to go ahead;
- d) There was no money currently available to produce a Neighbourhood Plan and the cost would have to be borne by the Parish Council;
- e) Help would be needed from the community to produce the Neighbourhood Plan;
- f) The Neighbourhood Plan would not just include housing, but industrial units, protection for green areas and the location of medical centres etc;
- g) The Neighbourhood Plan would not just identify the sites for development but would also include the mix and design of the houses;
- h) Once the Neighbourhood Plan was completed, a referendum would be held in the parish and provided 50% of those that voted were in favour of the Plan, then North Dorset District Council would adopt the Neighbourhood Plan as Planning Policy;
- i) Once a Neighbourhood Plan was in place, then development could only take place in accordance with the Plan;
- j) The life span of a Neighbourhood Plan would be 15 years, after which the whole process would need to be repeated.

Cllr Somper explained that a neighbouring village had decided to engage the parish in the decision by circulating a leaflet and asking whether they wished the Parish Council to make a Neighbourhood Plan. North Dorset District Council had assisted with the cost of the printing of the leaflets.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

RESOLVED

- a) that a leaflet be produced and distributed to the parish requesting their views on the Parish Council producing a Neighbourhood Plan;
- b) that North Dorset District Council be asked to assist with the printing of

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- leaflets;
- c) that Cllr Balcon co-ordinate the delivery of the leaflets;
 - d) that a box be placed in the Post Office for replies and that Gray's Stores be asked if a similar box can be placed in their shop;
 - e) that a closing date for replies be set as Monday 6 February;
 - f) that the replies be collated by Cllr Balcon and the results be circulated with the Agenda;
 - g) that a decision on which option to select be made at the Parish Council Meeting on 15 February 2012 when the results from the parish are known.

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Cheque Schedule

The Cheque Schedule for January - see Appendix B to these Minutes.

RESOLVED that the cheques on the Cheques Schedule for January totalling £188.89 be approved and the cheques signed.

The meeting closed at 21:15

Signed :

Chairman of the Council

Dated :