

# MILBORNE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL - MEETING MINUTES



Held on: 19/09/2012 at: 19:30 Location: Milborne St Andrew Village Hall

Present: Cllr Janet Allen (Chairman)  
Cllr Paul Morgan (Vice-Chairman)  
Cllr Jennifer Balcon  
Cllr Michael Hopper  
Cllr Jane Somper (District Councillor)

In attendance: Joyce Holman (Parish Clerk)  
Matthew Hayes (West Coast Energy)  
Steve Salt (West Coast Energy)

## 63 Milborne Wind Farm

A presentation about Milborne Wind Farm was given by Mr Matthew Hayes and Mr Steve Salt of West Coast Energy a copy of which appears as Appendix A in the Minute Book.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow the public to ask questions.

Question from the public included concern about noise and other medical issues, the visual impact from the village and the name of the wind farm, due to it not being within the boundary of Milborne St Andrew.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

The Chairman thanked West Coast Energy for attending the Parish Council Meeting and making the presentation.

64 Apologies Cllr Dean Hamilton  
Cllr Philip Smith  
Cllr Mrs H Cox (County Councillor)  
Cllr Emma Parker (District Councillor)

## 65 Declarations of Interest

None

## 66 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting on 18 July 2012

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

## 67 County & District Councillors' Reports

Cllr Somper had nothing to report to the meeting.

## 68 Parish Councillor Representatives' Reports

Cllr Hopper reported that the Allotment Society had held their first AGM and officers had been elected. The installation of water at the site had been started and they would then look at the fencing. They were also looking at the management of allotment plots not yet rented and had set aside one plot for community use by Milborne St Andrew First School.

Cllr Balcon reported that the Sports Club centenary event on 15 September 2012 had been a great success. There had been a 1<sup>st</sup> team match against Poole Borough and an 'Old Boys' game.



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**Resignation of Cllr J Harris**

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

The report stated that Cllr. Harris had resigned on 13 August 2012 and North Dorset District Council had been informed. The Notice of Vacancy had been displayed on the Parish Council noticeboards with a closing date of 7 September 2012. North Dorset District Council had confirmed that an election has not been called and the Parish Council could fill the vacancy by co-option. The report suggested a procedure for the co-option of a new Councillor.

The Parish Council thanked Cllr Harris for his work as a Parish Councillor.

**RESOLVED** that the procedure for the co-option of a new Councillor set out in the report be followed and that an advert also be place in The Reporter.

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**Appointment of Footpath Officer and Flood Warden**

The posts were required to be filled following the resignation of Cllr Harris and the standing down of Mr Adrian Hodges.

The Parish Council thanked them both for their work in the posts.

**RESOLVED** that the post holders for the remainder of 2012/13 will be as follows:

Footpath Officer	Cllr D Hamilton
Flood Wardens	Cllr J Balcon

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**Planning Application**

Amended Plan

<u>No.</u>	<u>Location</u>
2/2012/0621/PLNG	Adjacent Bramble Cottage, Chapel Street

Decision

The amended plans only contained changes to the flood works and the same objections applied as were given for the amended Planning Application considered by the Parish Council on 20 June 2012. They were:

Objection	a) overdevelopment of site; b) visual impact on neighbouring properties; c) overbearing and light reduction on neighbouring properties; d) not suitable in size for the location; e) concerns about flooding issues; f) concerns about parking and access for emergency vehicles.
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In addition the following comments were added:

g) new drainage systems are not sufficient to address the flooding issues;
h) request that determination is made by the Planning Committee.

The Parish Council noted that the same comments were made to the amended plans dated 7 August 2012 which again contained changes to the flood works.

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**Tree Work in Conservation Area**

The Clerk submitted an application for tree work a copy which appears as Appendix



C in the Minute Book.

The Tree Officer had responded that they had no objection to the work at 7 Dorchester Hill.

**RESOLVED** that there is no objection to the Tree Work at 7 Dorchester Hill.

**73**      **Street Name for New Development (Fox View)**

The Clerk submitted an email dated 7 August 2012 from the Assistant Licensing Officer at North Dorset District Council a copy of which appears as Appendix D in the Minute Book.

The email informed the Parish Council that the proposed name for the new development off New England was Fox View and requested the view of the Parish Council on whether the name would be appropriate.

**RESOLVED** that there is no objection to the name of Fox View for the new development.

**74**      **Re-designation of Highway at Deverel House (Min.41 – 20.06.12)**

The Clerk submitted for information a letter dated 14 August 2012 and an Application to Stop Up a Maintainable Highway from Dorset County Council a copy of which appears as Appendix E in the Minute Book.

The Council had considered the owner's request to take the road back into private ownership at their meeting on 20 June 2012 and had no objections. The Application to Stop Up Public Maintainable Highway had been duly signed by the Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council stating that the Parish Council supports the proposal.

**75**      **Localism Act 2011 Dispensations**

The Clerk submitted a report a copy of which appears as Appendix F in the Minute Book.

The report gave details of the new procedure for dealing with special dispensations which was included in the Localism Act 2011. In brief, the Parish Council now have the power to make their own dispensations which was previously decided by the Monitoring Officer at the District Council. A new procedure needed to be put in place on how to deal with granting dispensations.

**RESOLVED**

- a) that the procedure for applying for special dispensation as outlined in the report be adopted;
- b) that the Clerk be delegated the responsibility to grant the special dispensation.

**76**      **Localisation of Council Tax Support (Min.58 – 18.07.12)**

The Clerk submitted an email dated 28 August 2012 from the Department for Communities and Local Government a copy of which appears as Appendix G in the Minute Book.

The Parish Council had responded to the previous consultation on the proposed changes to the calculation of the Council Tax base and the email invited the Parish Council to comment on the further consultation.

Members felt that the previous response included all the issues they wanted to raise and that a further response to the consultation was not required.



**77**                    **Community Involvement in Snow Clearing Operation (Min.178 – 14.03.12)**

The Clerk submitted for information an email dated 6 September 2012 from the Head of Dorset Highways Operations at Dorset County Council a copy of which appears as Appendix H in the Minute Book.

The email gave details of the forthcoming classification of all grit bins in the county by Dorset County Council Highways. The grit bins would be classified as 'Strategic' or 'Community' and 'Strategic' grit bins would be refilled free of charge, but there would be a charge to fill 'Community' grit bins of £45 for large bins and £30 for smaller bins. There would also be a charge of £55 for providing dumpy bags.

**78**                    **Dorset Highways Satisfaction Survey**

The Clerk submitted an email dated 24 August 2012 from Highway Strategy & Community Liaison at Dorset County Council a copy of which appears as Appendix I in the Minute Book.

The email contained details of a Dorset Highway Survey 2012/13 to be completed by the Parish Council.

**RESOLVED** that Cllr Balcon completes the survey on behalf of the Parish Council.

**79**                    **Her Majesty The Queen's Diamond Jubilee (Min.34 – 20.06.12)**

The Clerk submitted a report a copy of which appears as Appendix J in the Minute Book.

The report informed the Parish Council that they had been successful in their application to the Woodland Trust for 60 trees to be planted as a Diamond Jubilee Wood. The trees would be arriving at the beginning of November and be planted at the Sports Club. A planting day needed to be organised to involve families from the Sports Club and village.

Cllr Balcon would check with the Sports Club at their next meeting and report back to the Parish Council with a suitable date. Arrangements could then be made regarding the digging of the holes, possible sponsorship of the trees and the design of plaques.

**80**                    **Calendar of Meetings 2013**

The Clerk submitted a Calendar of Meetings for 2013 a copy of which appears as Appendix K in the Minute Book.

**RESOLVED** that the Calendar of Meetings for 2013 be approved and adopted.

**81**                    **War Memorial Site**

The Clerk submitted a report a copy of which appears as Appendix L in the Minute Book.

The report gave details of a complaint received from a resident about the condition of the chain fencing at the War Memorial. Mr Ian Rogers had also expressed concern about the condition of the Weeping Willow tree.

A quotation for work to the tree had been received and the Clerk had asked Dorset County Council to also provide a quotation. Cllr Morgan would provide the Clerk with the contact details of a tree surgeon in the village to contact for a third quote.

Members were unsure whether the fence should be removed but agreed that work



needed to be done on the look and condition of the chain fencing. The Clerk was asked to contact Puddletown Forge and obtain information about new ornamental fencing and the cost of repairing the current fence. The Parish Council would then consider the matter further at a future meeting.

**82**                    **Use of Firework**

The Clerk read an email from Cllr Smith (who could not be at the meeting) a copy of which appears as Appendix M in the Minute Book.

The email expressed concern about the use of fireworks in the village and the threat to thatched properties.

Members agreed with the concerns and asked The Reporter to include an article in the October edition to remind the public before Bonfire night.

**83**                    **Joint Committee Expansion**

The Clerk submitted an email dated 12 August 2012 from the Chairman of Melbury Abbas & Cann Parish Council a copy of which appears as Appendix N in the Minute Book.

The email gave details of a Joint Committee set up by Melbury Abbas Parish Council, Compton Abbas Parish Council and Shaftesbury Town Council to work together on mutual issues. The email invited all Town and Parish Councils in North Dorset to join the initiative.

Member felt that this work was already being provided by the DAPTC.

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Council decline the invitation to join the Joint Committee.

**84**                    **Grant Application – Bus2Go**

The Clerk submitted a Grant Application Form from Bus2Go requesting further support for the project.

The Grant Application was considered at the meeting on the 18 July 2012 when a copy of the latest accounts were requested. The accounts had now been provided.

**RESOLVED** that a grant of £150 be made to Bus2Go.

**85**                    **Cheque Schedule**

The Cheque Schedule for September was circulated - see Appendix O to these Minutes.

**RESOLVED** that the cheques on the Cheques Schedule for September totalling £565.38 be approved and the cheques signed.

The meeting closed at 21:25

Signed :

Chairman of the Council

Dated :