

MILBORNE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MINUTES



Held on: 17/04/2013

at: 19:35

Location: Milborne St Andrew Village Hall

Present: Cllr Jennifer Balcon (Chairman)
Cllr Paul Morgan (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Michael Hopper
Cllr Philip Smith
Cllr Sarah Fox
Cllr Sue Cherry
Cllr Simon Thompson
Cllr Emma Parker (District Councillor)
Cllr Jane Somper (District Councillor)

In attendance: Colin Hampton (Parish Clerk)

1 **Apologies** Cllr Hilary Cox (County Councillor)

2 **Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting and informed the members of the public present that they could ask questions and make comment throughout the meeting.

3 **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting on the 18th April 2012**

The minutes of the meeting were agreed as a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

4 **Report from Dorset Police – Safer Neighbourhood Team**

PC Dave Mullins delivered a report, the highlights of which were:-

- The year has seen a drop in crime in Dorset of 15%
- There were 102 crimes reported in the Blandford South area during the year
- Figures for Milborne are consistent with previous years
- There has been a small increase in burglaries from rural dwellings
- SNT team numbers are falling as a consequence of tight budgets
- A change in priorities is 1) Victim, 2) Offender Management and 3) Community liaison
- Contact PCSO Luke Goddard for suggestions for new Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

The report was followed by a question and answer session during which it was the general feeling that the Home Ring Around system should be reintroduced in the village. To be followed up by new Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

5 **Annual Report by the Chairman**

Cllr J Balcon read her report, a copy of which appears as Appendix A in the Minute Book.

On completion Cllr P Morgan proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Balcon for stepping into the Chairman's role at such short notice last year.

6 **Financial Report for the Year 2012/13**

The Clerk submitted a copy of the accounts for the quarter to March 2013 which appears, together with the Clerk's report, as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

The Clerk pointed out that these were not the final accounts and had not been audited.

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7 County Councillor's Report

Cllr Mrs H Cox - Appendix C in the Minute Book.

8 District Councillors' Reports

Cllr J Somper – Appendix D in the Minute Book.

9 Reports from Local Organisations

The following reports were received:

Village Hall Trustees – Paul Tasker – Appendix E

Milborne Sports Club – Philip Hayter - It was reported that the club had recently had to replace a defective sewage pump at a cost of £1000 and that it was intending to make an application to the Council for a grant to help with the expense. Cllr Morgan pointed out that before any grant application could be considered the matter of the club's outstanding rents for 2012/13 should be addressed.

Milborne Allotment Society – Jo Lovett – Appendix F

Flood Warden – Jenny Balcon – Appendix G

Footpaths Representative – Dean Hamilton (read by the Clerk) – Appendix H

Tree Officer – Jayne Hamilton (read by the Clerk) – Appendix I

Neighbourhood Watch – Richard Lock (read by Cllr Thompson) – Appendix J

Bus2Go – Margaret Kirk – Appendix K

10 Obelisk Fund

Cllr M Hopper reported - Appendix L in the Minute Book.

11 Questions from Parishioners

- There was significant discussion regarding the flooding in the village, particularly along Milton Road. It was pointed out that storm drains are frequently blocked and that straw and grit from the roads is a significant cause. It was felt that Highways are not clearing the drains as frequently as needed. The Chairman reminded everyone that the Council has called a meeting with all responsible agencies, District and County Councillors, which is to be held on the 9th May 2013. The meeting is not open to the public but people were invited to forward their views to any of the Councillors for representation at the meeting. A report on the meeting would be presented at a subsequent PC meeting.
- It was reported that a footpath stile at the SE corner of Miller's field is overgrown with brambles. The Clerk undertook to pass this on to the Footpath representative for action.

The meeting closed at 21:15

Signed :

Chairman of the Council

Dated :