

MILBORNE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL - MEETING MINUTES

Held on :09/07/2008

Starting at: 19:30

Location: Milborne St Andrew Village Hall

Present: In the Chair: Cllr Simon Curtis Cllr Steven Parnaby
Cllr Brian Cullum Cllr David Andrews
Cllr Marion Regan

Also: Mr M Cox (District Councillor)

In attendance: Mr Colin Fletcher (Parish Clerk)

80 **Apologies:** Cllr Michael Marsh Mrs H Cox (County Councillor)
Mrs D Jones (District Councillor)

81 **Declarations of Interest:** **Action**
None

82 **Minutes:**
The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

83 **Matters Arising:**

83.1 Arising from minute 68.1 – Roll of Honour – the Clerk will arrange for the cost to be assessed for the extra name to be added to the memorial. Clerk

83.2 Arising from minute 69.2 - The Clerk has been in contact with Dorset County Council regarding street signs and awaits a reply. Clerk

83.3 Arising from minute 70 - It was agreed that Cllr Cullum would lead the Parish Council's involvement with regard to the possible Post Office closure. The list of Dorset Post Offices affected will be issued next week. BC

83.4 Arising from minute 71 - the location of recycling banks seems to have been resolved with the landlord of the pub agreeing to keep the banks in their new location but moving them to suitable positions for collection when the lorry is due. The Clerk reported that North Dorset District Council have referred this situation to their Health & Safety Section for consideration.

83.5 Arising from minute 74.2 - the ownership of the overhanging hedge is not clear and Cllr Cullum agreed to have a look at the location again. BC

83.6 Arising for minute 75 - the Clerk is to contact Dorset Library Service again to try arrange for a mobile library visit later in the day than the present one. Clerk

83.7 Arising from minute 72.5 - DT11 Meetings - Cllr Parnaby agreed to attend the October meeting on the Council's behalf and Cllr Regan will attend the December meeting.

84 **Correspondence:**

84.1 An invitation to the Chairman from British Red Cross has been received to a Symposium "Promoting the Work of the British red Cross" to be held at the RNLI auditorium in Poole on Thursday 30th October 2008. The Chairman will consider whether he or a representative can attend - date for RSVP is 15/10/2008. SC

84.2 Letter from North Dorset District Council - Draft Dorset Homeless Strategy - the revised strategy is now available for consultation until 25/07/08 and can be found via the web link: www.dorsetforyou.com/index.jsp?articleid=384962 - relevant documents for North Dorset are the Introduction, Draft Strategy for North Dorset, the Action Plan and Conclusion.

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Reports

- 85.1 **Sports Field** – Cllr Curtis has spoken with Mr Farwell again who confirms that he has been in touch with John Martin regarding killing the weeds on the newly levelled area. Target time for sowing is the end of August. Cllr Parnaby suggested that if the work has not been done before the Council meeting in September, then the Council ought to consider looking at an alternative contractor to get the work completed.
- 85.1.1 Cllr Andrews was concerned that the orange plastic ‘security/safety’ fence is not being maintained by the Sports Club although they have said that they want the fence retained for the time being. He has attended the site several times to re-erect it. *Clerk*
- 85.1.2 Lease - Cllr Curtis proposed meeting with representatives of the Sports Club as soon as possible to sort out the terms of the lease. Cllrs Andrews, Curtis and Parnaby are happy to attend such a meeting. The Clerk is to try to arrange a mutually convenient date. *Clerk*
- 85.2 **Skateboard Park** – Councillors were shown pictures of the equipment that may be available from Weymouth. It was agreed that Cllr Parnaby (and other Councillors) will visit and view the equipment - and will also take some young people from the village who will use the ramps so that noise levels can be assessed. The Clerk is to pass details to Cllr Parnaby. *SP*
Cllr Curtis said that he would enquire locally about transportation costs. *SC*
The Clerk is to check on insurance and other matters. Planning - Cllr Cox said that planning permission would probably not be needed but a change of use permission would be more likely - the Clerk to investigate. *Clerk*
- 85.3 **Traffic Calming** – Cllrs Parnaby and Andrews had met with Steve Howard from Dorset County Council. The possible relocation of the bus stop is being investigated. It was proposed and all agreed that the Council should support the idea of moving the bus stop to the existing bay on Blandford Hill - Cllr Parnaby will maintain contact with Steve Howard on this matter stressing concern regarding the children waiting for buses in the village and, if the scheme is shown to be possible, the Council will then need to consult local villagers.
The one way system for Chapel Street which had been suggested would be very expensive as illuminated signs (amongst other items) would be required and Steve Howard pointed out that if the scheme was approved it would be some years before any work could be carried out in view of the cost.
A change to the layout of the road at the Milton Abbas junction is being considered which would involve building out the corner where there are currently painted chevron lines on the road. It was felt that, if the path were to be adjusted, the safety for road crossing and general visibility would be improved. Cllr Andrews proposed and Cllr Regan seconded that the Council should maintain pressure on Dorset County Council for a temporary arrangement to be put in place to assess the affect - all agreed.
The Clerk will write to Dorset County Council and Cllr Parnaby will maintain his contact. *Clerk*
SP
The Clerk is to enquire as to the reasoning behind ceasing the ‘lollipop’ crossing patrol and report back to the next meeting. *Clerk*
- 85.4 **Grant Administration** – Nothing to report

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Open Half Hour

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Finance

- 87.1 The following payment was agreed and a cheque was signed:
Grant to Ladybirds Play group - £280.00
- 87.2 The Annual Governance Statement in the Annual Audit Return was agreed and signed by the Chairman and Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council.

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Planning

No matters for consideration.

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Matters of Interest and/or for Information

- 89.1 Letter received by all Councillors from Ms Gonzalez regarding funding for Blandford Leisure Centre. The Council has discussed this matter previously and decided not to allocated expenditure for this purpose. Cllr Parnaby has spoken with the manager of the Leisure Centre who has said that he intends to contact all local Parish Councils within the next few months regarding funding. The Council's budget is due for consideration in October/November and the matter could be considered again then.
- 89.2 **Local Development Framework** - Cllr Cox said that the new development plan (coming into effect in 2010) relates to settlement boundaries - particularly with regard to towns and larger villages - small villages will not have such boundaries as they won't be allowed to develop other than in special circumstances. However, the whole exercise is running six months late. Cllr Curtis asked what the procedure was for consultation - Cllr Cox advised contacting Trevor Warwick (Senior Policy Planning Manager) or someone in his office to check.
- 89.3 Cllr Regan said that unknown people had been seen in the village recently during the early hours and that a break in had occurred - if anyone sees anything suspicious they should contact P C Mullens (Community Policeman) on 01202 223 003 or 07825 521 850.
- 89.4 Cllr Andrews reported that he had placed a number of dog fouling notices around the village.
- 89.5 Casual Vacancy - the Clerk reported that the necessary notices had been posted and that the Council could now co-opt a new member. The Clerk is to contact anyone who has previously shown an interest.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

After discussion it was agreed that future meetings should be spaced at approximately six week intervals rather than the present four weeks - this was proposed by Cllr Parnaby and seconded by Cllr Regan and approved by all. There will be no meeting in August (as usual for the summer break). The next meeting will be on Wednesday 3rd September 2008 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 20:45