

MILBORNE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL - MEETING MINUTES

Held on :11/06/2008

Starting at: 19:30

Location: Milborne St Andrew Village Hall

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

Also: Mr M Cox (District Councillor)

In attendance: Mr Colin Fletcher (Parish Clerk)

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

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Cllr Ron Ward stating that he had decided to stand down from the Parish Council in view of continuing ill health. The Councillors asked the Clerk to write to Mr Ward expressing their thanks for his contribution to the Parish, their hope that his health will improve and their good wishes for the future.

66 **Declarations of Interest:** **Action**
None

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

68 **Matters Arising:**
68.1 Arising from minute 31.3.1 – Roll of Honour – the Clerk will arrange for the cost to be assessed for the extra name to be added to the memorial. *Clerk*
68.2 Arising from minute 58.5 – Councillors have considered alternative locations for the rubbish bin in the Square but no acceptable replacement site has been found. All will continue to give this some thought.

69 **Correspondence:**
69.1 An email has been received from David Diaz at Dorset County Council regarding the possible footway to be constructed from Blandford Hill to the entrance to the Sports Field. The priority assessment will be carried out in August and he will be in touch again after then.
69.2 The Clerk has heard from Traffic Management at Dorset County Council regarding carious signage matters - all have been completed except the direction sign to Milton Abbas – which has been ordered and will be erected as soon as possible. Cllr Andrews pointed out that the Milborne St Andrew village sign on Dewlish Road is missing and needs replacing. Cllr Cullum referred to street name signs in Stileham Bank and Hopsfield which have become faded and chipped. The Clerk will contact Dorset County Council to see what can be done. *Clerk*

70 Possible Post Office Closure
The Chair invited Mr Tony Dyer to speak from the floor. The closure list for Dorset is due to be issued on 15th July 2008. If Milborne St Andrew office is one of those selected for closure, it is unlikely that this can be changed. However, the village should be prepared in advance so that the best case can be put forward to either
a) try to stop the closure
b) ensure that the village gets a good outreach service, or
c) support another local post office.
Mr Dyer sought the moral and official backing of the Parish Council together with a commitment to some financial support in his campaign should it be necessary. Cllr Cox agreed that the village should be prepared in advance.

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After consideration, the Councillors agreed to support the proposed focus group and will provide some funding to help with necessary printing costs – any such amount to be agreed in advance.

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Recycling Banks

The Clerk reported that he had heard from North Dorset District Council that the landlord of the pub had re-sited the recycling banks such that the operative felt it too dangerous to empty them. The banks had been moved to allow additional parking at the pub. Councillors will consider possible alternative sites.

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Reports

72.1 **Sports Field** – we await the return of Mr Farwell to complete the outstanding work – he has said that he will be back when he is less busy. Cllr Parnaby suggested that it may be better to look at paying someone else to complete the work. Cllr Andrews felt that we should approach Mr Farwell to try to secure a more definite timescale and possibly enquire whether a financial contribution from the Parish Council toward the work being done would get things moving.

72.2 **Skateboard Park** – The Clerk reported that he had been speaking with another local authority and there is a possibility of acquiring three steel ramps at no cost – although the Parish Council would have to fund transporting them from the Weymouth area and any necessary refurbishment and installation costs. The Clerk is to check on the position regarding planning permission for the site and the land owner is to be contacted to check that he is still in favour of letting his land be used.

Clerk

72.3 **Proposed Road Crossing** – It was agreed that the proposed crossing should not be pursued and that attention should be turned to alternative measures for slowing traffic through the village so that crossing would be safer. A meeting will be arranged with Steve Howard of Dorset County Council to look at possible alternatives. Mr Dyer (from the floor) showed a plan he has already submitted to Steve Howard with regard to traffic flow around Chapel Street. Cllr Parnaby agreed to act as the Parish Council contact.

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72.4 **Grant Administration** – The Clerk provided additional information relating to the application received at the previous meeting from the Ladybirds Play Group and it was agreed that a grant of £280.00 be made. An application from the PCC for £840.00 was received and considered. The application relates to maintenance of the church yard and the Councillors agreed to support it in the sum of £650.00 – proposed by Cllr Parnaby and seconded by Cllr Andrews.

72.5 **DT11 Meetings** – Cllr Cullum, who has represented the Parish for some time, said that he wanted to stand down from the DT11m meetings. Cllr Regan suggested that the responsibility could be shared with a different Councillor going to each meeting. The Clerk is to issue a timetable of meeting dates.

Clerk

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Open Half Hour

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Maintaining Roads, Pavements, Grass and Drains -

74.1 Cllr Parnaby said that he had received a number of complaints from village residents regarding these highway issues. The Clerk mentioned that the Village Highway Maintenance Team is due to visit Milborne St Andrew in September and a list of works should be compiled – giving precise location information. A form should be issued to the Clerk by Dorset County Council for completion in July.

74.2 Hedges in Huntley Down and along part of Milton Road were reported as being overgrown and the Clerk is to contact residents.

Clerk

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- 75** **Mobile Library**
Can it be arranged for the library to visit Milborne St Andrew in the evening so that children and people who work during the day can use it? Clerk to enquire. *Clerk*
- 76** **Parish Plan** - The questionnaire has now been finally drafted and should be printed quite soon. Milborne St Andrew is one of the few Parishes not to have yet produced their Parish Plan. It was agreed that this item should be left on the agenda for future meetings.
- 77** **Finance**
- 77.1 The following payments were agreed and cheques were signed:
£311.57 – Community First Insurance
£306.00 – Clerk's salary for March, April and May
Grant payments as agreed above.
- 77.2 The Clerk reported that the internal audit had been successfully concluded and the necessary notices posted. Thanks were expressed to Mrs Heather Hogg who carried out the internal audit.
- 78** **Planning**
- 78.1 9 Homefields - after consideration, there were no objections
- 78.2 37 Stileham Bank - after consideration, there were no objections
- 79** **Matters of Interest and/or for Information**
- 79.1 Thanks were expressed to Cllr Andrews for clearing the accumulated rubbish at the war memorial site.
- Date and Time of Next Meeting**
Wednesday 9th July 2008 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.
- The meeting closed at 21:10