

MILBORNE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL - MEETING MINUTES

Held on :03/09/2008

Starting at: 19:30

Location: Milborne St Andrew Village Hall

Present: In the Chair: Cllr Simon Curtis Cllr Steven Parnaby
Cllr Michael Marsh Cllr David Andrews
Cllr Marion Regan

Also: Mrs H Cox (County Councillor) – for part of the meeting
Steve Howard – Dorset County Highways

In attendance: Mr Colin Fletcher (Parish Clerk)

Cllr Brian Cullum attended the start of the meeting but handed in his letter of resignation from the Parish Council which was accepted by the Chairman. The Clerk is to write to Mr Cullum on behalf of the Parish Council thanking him for his input over the last 6 years.

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90 **Apologies:** Mr M Cox (District Councillor)
Mrs D Jones (District Councillor)

Action

91 **Declarations of Interest:**
None

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

93 **Matters Arising:**
93.1 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.
93.2 Arising from minute 83.5 – the ownership of the overhanging hedge is to be followed up.
93.3 Arising from minute 96.3 – it appears that the lay-by on Blandford Hill is owned by BT – this information was passed to Steve Howard (DCC) during the meeting.

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94 **Sycamore Tree in Chapel Street:**
The situation regarding the tree in the garden of the house next to the Old School House was discussed. The Tree Officer for North Dorset District Council has proposed placing a Tree Preservation Order on the tree. A number of local residents have objected in writing to the TPO and feel that the tree should be felled. The owner of the tree (Mrs Robinson) had applied to North Dorset District Council for the tree to be felled. The Councillors had visited the site to see the tree earlier in the day. After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Marsh that the Parish Council should write to North Dorset District Council supporting the felling of the tree. Seconded by Cllr Parnaby and agreed by all. The Clerk is to write to the District Council. Cllrs Jones and Mrs Cox have the same opinion. It was suggested that the District committee making the final decision should be encouraged to visit the site to see the problems created by the tree (falling leaves, etc.).

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95 **Correspondence:**
95.1 DAPTC – Circular 11/08
Dorset Waste Forum – Cllr Regan said that she would try to attend the meeting on 13 October 2008
Highways Seminar – 16 October 2008 Clerk to forward details to Councillors.
95.2 Letter from North Dorset District Council – Litter Bins/Dog Waste Bins suggesting that the Parish Council could pay for the provision and cleaning of extra dog bins (if required). The Clerk to contact District to enquire the likely cost

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- 95.3 Letter from Weymouth & Portland fair-trade Forum
Workshop and Networking day – 11 October 2008 – Clerk to distribute
information to all Councillors after the meeting. *Clerk*
- 95.4 Blandford Leisure Centre Action Group
Cllr Regan said that she would try to attend and report to the next meeting –
but, if she is not able to do so, the Clerk will ask for a copy of the minutes of
their meeting. *MR
Clerk*
- 96** **Reports**
- 96.1 **Sports Field** – Cllr Andrews reported that work is being done and confirmed
that the land has been rotivated – disclosing a lot of stones which will need to
be picked off by hand as the stone burrier cannot deal with them. Seeding is
due September/October. *Clerk*
- 96.1.2 The Clerk is to check on the planning situation with regard to the side fencing.
Cllr Curtis reported that a meeting had been held with representatives of the
Sports Club regard the lease and other aspects of the site. It was agreed that
a working party should be set up to look in more depth at the lease and
financial aspects. Cllrs Parnaby and Curtis agreed to form such a working
party with input from other Councillors. *SP
SC*
- 96.2 **DT11 Report** – Cllr Andrews had attended the meeting in August. The
meeting was well attended and spent a lot of time discussing the Leisure
centre at Blandford where financing will cease in 2010. Cllr Andrews had
advised the meeting that the people of Milborne St Andrew did not generally
support the financing of the Centre by parishes.
- 96.3 **Traffic Calming** – Steve Howard (Dorset County Council) spoke from the floor
and agreed that he would look at the possibility of changing the layout of the
Milton Abbas junction so that the pavement area may be extended. He agreed
that he will mark the proposals on the road with paint so that Councillors can
see what is proposed and comment before any actual work is carried out. The
intention is to increase pavement size and make crossing the road safer. He
confirmed that he will continue to look into moving the bus stop to the lay-by on
Blandford Hill and will be in touch with BT.
- 96.3.1 Councillors also mentioned missing signs and road markings.
- 96.3.2 Cllr Parnaby raised the matter of blocked gulleys in Milton Road – these
should be reported to John Mann. Cllr Mrs Cox said that she should be copied
in on any emails regarding these matters and will be happy to get involved.
- 96.4 **Skate Park** – The Clerk reported potential insurance difficulties and expenses.
Cllr Curtis will speak with Mr Fergusson (the land owner) with regard to what
sort of legal agreement he would be looking for. *SC*
Cllr Parnaby suggested that it would be a better idea to look at siting the skate
board equipment on land that is already owned by the Parish – ie on the sports
field. The equipment would require an area of approximately 30m x 5m – the
Clerk is to investigate the price for providing a hard area of this size. *Clerk*
The Clerk reported that he had been advised by the District that, if the
equipment was to be placed on Council owned land, this would probably be
considered “permitted development” and, as such would not require formal
planning consent – any final proposals will need to be discussed with the
District Planning Officers.
The cost of transporting the equipment from Portland will exceed £2,000.00.
Cllrs Parnaby, Andrews and Regan agreed to be the “driving force” for this
project.
- 96.5 **Grant Administration** – An application had been received from POPPS.
Councillors decided to defer a decision until the next meeting.

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97 **Open Half Hour**

During the Open Half Hour, the Editor of The Messenger magazine reminded Councillors that he will be standing down within the next few months. It was agreed that notices should be placed on the Village notice boards seeking a new Editor. This is to be an item on the next meeting's agenda.

Clerk

98 **Finance**

98.1 The following payments was agreed and cheques was signed:
£27.00 – Milborne St Andrew Village Hall – venue hire
£306.00 – Clerk – salary for 3 months ((June, July, August).

98.2 The Clerk mentioned that Councillors should begin to consider what they would like to see in the 2009/2010 budget as the next meeting will begin to look at this.

99 **Planning**

2/2008/0739 - 28 Stileham Bank – erection of rear conservatory
After consideration, there were no objections.

2/2008/0764 - The Shop, The Square – alterations, repairs, replacement window
After consideration, there were no objections.

100 **Matters of Interest and/or for Information**

100.1 Cllr Marsh passed minutes of the Youth Club meeting to the Chairman.

100.2 Cllr Andrews expressed thanks to Mr Cherry for tidying the memorial area.
The Clerk is to write to Mr Cherry.

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100.3 Parish Plan – Cllr Parnaby expressed concern that Milborne St Andrew is one of the few parishes that has not yet completed its plan. The questionnaire is currently with Peter Dunkley. The Clerk is to write to him stating the Council's concern.

Clerk

100.4 Recycling – concern was expressed as to the siting of the re-cycling bins now that the car park of the pub appears to be for sale. The Clerk is to write to Hall & Woodhouse to check their intentions with regard to the bins. Recycling to appear on the agenda for the next meeting.

Clerk

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 22nd October 2008 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 21:35