

MILBORNE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL - MEETING MINUTES

Held on :22/10/2008

Starting at: 19:30

Location: Milborne St Andrew Village Hall

Present: In the Chair: Cllr Steven Parnaby Cllr Simon Curtis (part of the meeting)
Cllr Marion Regan
Cllr David Andrews

Also: Mr M Cox (District Councillor)

In attendance: Mr Colin Fletcher (Parish Clerk)

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

102 **Declarations of Interest:**
Cllr Curtis declared an interest in the Planning item as he is an adjoining land owner.

Action

103 **Minutes:**
The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true and correct record and were signed by Cllr Parnaby acting as Chair for the meeting.

104 **Matters Arising:**

- 104.1 Arising from minute 93.1 – Roll of Honour – the Clerk reported that the new name was being added to the Memorial plaque and the cost will be £40.00
- 104.2 Arising from minute 93.2 – overhanging hedge in Milton Road – Clerk to look into this further. *Clerk*
- 104.3 Arising from minute 94 – sycamore tree – several Councillors and the Clerk had attended the planning meeting at North Dorset District Council to support the felling of the tree in Laracor, Chapel Street. However, the TPO was confirmed and the tree will remain.
- 104.4 Arising from minute 95.2 – Cllr Andrews will produce a plan for suggested - re-siting of dog bins. *DA*
- 104.5 Arising from minute 96.1 – the Clerk is to further investigate the need for fencing on the Sports Ground boundary. *Clerk*
- 104.6 Arising from minute 96.3.2 – see 107.1 below.
- 104.7 Arising from minute 96.5 – grant application from POPPS – now withdrawn.
- 104.8 Arising from minute 97 – A notice has been placed on the village notice board about the possible closure of the Messenger Magazine. A group of volunteers is aiming to form a committee with a view to keeping the Messenger going.
- 104.9 Arising from minute 100.3 – the Parish Plan questionnaire is in the final stages of drafting and should be produced shortly. *SC*

105 **Correspondence:**

- 105.1 Letter from Blandford Leisure Centre Action Group seeking financial support from April 2010. Previously, the Parish has declined to offer financial support but, after discussion, it was agreed to give more consideration to the request and defer this matter to the next meeting – allowing time to reply to the Group by their deadline of 28 November 2008. *All*
- 105.2 Letter from Sallie Maitland-Gleed objecting to the proposed change to the layout of Milton Road junction.
Email from Richard Lock praising the proposed change.
Cllr Andrews reported that he had watched traffic using the junction and saw no problems. Cllr Regan felt that the proposal afforded improved sight-lines for crossing the road. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should write to Highways and ask for the amendments (as marked on the road) to be carried out as soon as possible. *Clerk*
- 105.3 Letter from Volunteer Centre (Dorchester) – invitation to an exhibition and community lunch in Blandford. Cllr Regan agreed to attend on 25th November. *Clerk MR*

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- 106** **Recycling**
Cllr Andrews has spoken with the tenants of the pub and they have confirmed that the recycling bins can remain there for the time being. He will keep the situation under review and will also provide the Clerk with a plan showing other possible sites so that they may be checked with North Dorset District Council. DA
- 107**
- 107.1 **Environment & Transport**
Cllr Parnaby reported that the gulleys in Milton Road have been cleared to some extent but there is more to be done. Cllr Andrews had attended an environmental meeting and there was some argument as to liability for such cleansing. Cllr Parnaby agreed to arrange a meeting with all parties to try to resolve the situation. SP
- 107.2 **Education & Training**
No report
- 107.3 **Volunteers & Community**
Cllr Regan reported that the Village Hall application to the Peoples' Millions is proceeding well.
A small piece of un-used land to the rear of the Village Hall may be sold to an adjoining owner.
Cllr Regan had been approached about the amount of rubbish in the village and bins not being emptied. She will try to identify the worst litter sites. The Clerk is to contact North Dorset District Council about frequency of bin clearing. MR
Clerk
Mr Fergusson has donated money for the purchase of daffodil bulbs which Mr & Mrs O'Dyer have been planting around the village.
- 107.4 **Business & Employers**
Cllr Curtis confirmed that a committee is being formed to take over running The Messenger magazine.
Concern was expressed about the imminent closure of the pub and possible knock on effects.
- 107.5 **Sport & Recreation**
Cllr Andrews reported that work is continuing and seeding has now been done although some stone picking is still needed.
The question of gate locks was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council would fund up to £50.00 of the cost. The question of the revised layout for the entrance gates needs to be chased up – the work needs to be costed.
The Sports Club has requested permission to install mobile floodlighting on land between the football pitch and the car parking area. This was agreed on the basis that it would have to be reviewed if complaints were received.
The Club also requested permission to level the area so that it may be used for use as an additional training area. This was agreed on the same basis. Clerk to write to the Club confirming these points. Clerk
- 107.5.1 **Sports Club Lease**
A working party had met to discuss the terms with the Sports Club – and to determine the area to be leased, the financial consideration arrangements (ie an annual fee plus a percentage of commercial turnover – income from users outside the village) and the term of the lease. It was felt that the area of land that returns to the A354 at the rear of the site may be excluded from the lease and used by the Parish for other purposes. Negotiations continue and another meeting is to be arranged. It was agreed that the whole Parish council will meet the full committee of the Sports Club to make the final agreement. The clerk pointed out that, once terms are agreed, it will be necessary to seek legal advice. All

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Open Half Hour

With many contributions from the floor, the following are to be followed up:
St Andrew's View – footpath connection to the old coffin path – current closed off with chain link fencing – Clerk to contact North Dorset District Council to see what can be done.

Clerk

Footpath by Honeysuckle Cottage, Blandford – being redirected but old path is still open and useable.

Suggestion that a “do” of some sort should be organised at the Sports Club for all local villagers once the works to the field have been completed – with a view to encouraging more local people to visit the site.

White lining and missing cat's eyes in village centre – Cllr Parnaby said these will be dealt with when the kerbs are being done.

Parish Clerk Dave Mullins – crime statistics for the period are as normal for the time of year. He will arrange for more PACT cards and some posters to be provided. Clerk to confirm future meeting dates to him.

Clerk

Litter left where school children wait for their buses – local police are aware and Clerk will write to schools to make them aware.

Clerk

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Finance

109.1 The Clerk reported that the Notice of Conclusion of Audit has been received from the external auditors with no problems – but they advised that the Council's assets should be re-valued. Clerk to arrange valuation of land owned and any other assets.

Clerk

109.1 The following payments was agreed and cheques was signed:
£141.00 – BDO Stoy Hayward LLP – external audit fee

£40.00 – Peter Vatcher-Dow – payment for engraving of Memorial plaque

109.2 The Clerk reminded Councillors that they should begin to consider what they would like to see in the 2009/2010 budget.

All

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Planning

Cllr Curtis left the meeting at this point having declared an interest in this item as an adjoining land owner.

2/2008/0917 & 0915 - 15 & 36 Blandford Hill (outbuilding) – convert barn into sitting room with bedroom over, remove two single storey extensions and erect new conservatory – after consideration, no objections were raised subject to any concerns expressed by villagers which may have been addressed directly to North Dorset District Council.

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Matters of Interest and/or for Information

111.1 Co-option of Councillor

The interest expressed by Kelly Joyce had been withdrawn.

Jill Harvey had come forward as a potential Councillor and, after discussion, was duly co-opted. The Clerk is to complete the necessary formalities.

Clerk
JH

The Clerk pointed out that there is another casual vacancy to be filled and the necessary notices have been posted on the village notice board.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 26th November 2008 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 21:40