

# MILBORNE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL - MEETING MINUTES

Held on :26/11/2008

Starting at: 19:30

Location: Milborne St Andrew Village Hall

Present: In the Chair: Cllr Simon Curtis  
Cllr Marion Regan Cllr Michael Marsh  
Cllr David Andrews Cllr Gill Harvey

Also: Mrs H Cox (County Councillor) (part of the meeting)

In attendance: Mr Colin Fletcher (Parish Clerk)

**112 Apologies:** Cllr Steven Parnaby  
Mrs D Jones (District Councillor)  
Mr M Cox (District Councillor)

**Action**

**113 Declarations of Interest:**  
Cllr Regan declared an interest in the Grant Application submitted by the group hoping to launch a new village publication should the present "Messenger" cease operation in the new year.

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

**115 Matters Arising:**

115.1 Arising from minute 104.4 - Cllr Andrews produced a plan showing the location of dog bins in the village and suggested moving the bin from Lane End to the Dewlish Road junction area and that the bin in The Rings could be moved onto Blandford Hill close to or below the factory site – these suggestions were agreed. He will now gather information to produce a plan of the location of litter bins.

DA

The Clerk will contact North Dorset District Council to enquire about stickers for existing litter bins that state that the bins may be used for dog refuse. Cllr Regan will look into "litter hot spots" and will report back to the next meeting.

Clerk

MR

115.2 Arising from minute 104.5 - The Clerk is to write to Mr Miller to enquire whether he considers the lack of a fence on the southern side of the Sports Field to be a problem.

Clerk

115.3 Arising from minute 104.4 - The Parish Plan questionnaire is now back with Tony Dyer.

115.4 Arising from minute 105.1 - Cllr Andrews reported that the situation with regard to Blandford Leisure Centre seemed not to have changed when it was discussed at the last DT11 meeting. The question of finance is recorded later in these minutes in the Finance section.

115.5 Arising from minute 105.2 - The Clerk is to contact Steve Howard again regarding the realignment of the Milton Road junction.

Clerk

115.6 Arising from minute 106 - The Clerk is to contact North Dorset District Council regarding two suggested recycling locations.

Clerk

115.7 Arising from minute 108 - the Clerk is to contact the schools that local children travel to to inform them of the litter problems at the bus stop.

Clerk

115.8 Arising from minute 109.1 - the Clerk is to arrange valuations of the Sports Field and other assets.

Clerk

**116 Correspondence:**

116.1 Telephone call from Mr Morris of Stileham Bank - the Clerk reported that Mr Butler had called to express his opposition to the Parish Council possibly making a contribution to the funding of Blandford Leisure Centre.

116.2 Email from Peter Butler - outlining his own views and representing the views of some of the younger members of the village community. Cllr Regan has already responded to the email but has not had a reply. It was agreed that contact should be maintained with Mr Butler and the suggestion was made that

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- youth involvement from a planning, financial and management aspect may be advantageous to all - Cllr Regan agreed to act as liaison at this stage.
- 116.3 DAPTC November Circular - Cllr Marsh agreed to act as the nominated contact for parishioners with queries or concerns about the digital television switchover due to begin from next year. MM
- 117**
- 117.1** **Environment & Transport**  
Cllr Andrews reported that dialogue continues with the Highway and Environmental authorities with regard to blocked gulleys
- 117.2** **Education & Training**  
No report
- 117.3** **Volunteers & Community**  
Following on from the email detailed in Correspondence above, it was felt that more youth involvement with the Parish Council might be beneficial to the village as a whole. Cllr Regan will continue to make contact with Peter Butler and further consideration will be given to forming a Youth Council. MR
- 117.4** **Business & Employers**  
Cllr Curtis provided a copy of the agent's details for the Royal Oak pub - price £390,000 not including trade fixtures and fittings or areas of the car park (although these would be available on a peppercorn rent until 2012). There is some talk of a local consortium being formed to take on the project.
- 117.5** **Sport & Recreation**  
The levelling and seeding has been completed and the field was reported as "looking good". The Clerk is to write to Mr Farwell thanking him for his work. Mr Farwell has indicated that, should any areas of grass seed not grow, he will re-seed them in the spring. Clerk  
Cllr Andrews said that the hedges around the field have been cut, as have those on the adjoining land owned by Mr Fergusson.  
The Clerk is to contact Mr Diaz at Highways regarding the possible footpath connection to the Sports Field. Clerk
- 117.5.1** **Sports Club Lease**  
Agreement on terms for the lease are progressing well and a meeting will be arranged soon for full final discussions. The Clerk reminded Councillors that, once terms are agreed, it will be necessary to seek legal advice on drawing up the formal lease document.
- 118** **Open Half Hour**  
Cllr Andrews suggested siting a new rubbish bin on the re-shaped area at the Milton road junction - this would replace the damaged bin by the bus stop.  
**The Messenger** - Geoff Hodgeson said from the floor that the January issue will be produced before he stands down and that the Messenger is currently financially able to continue if anyone wanted to take it over - with some cash in the bank and pre-booked advance advertising. Ed Frost (from the floor) said that a group had been formed to launch a new magazine if the Messenger is not continued in its present form but that they feel unable to take on the assets and liabilities of the existing publication. Clerk  
Cllr Mrs Cox (from the floor) wished the village well in its bid for funds from the "Peoples' Millions". She also mentioned the Parish Maintenance Team which is next due to visit in March 2009 - she will be keeping an eye on how well they perform against the list of items supplied. It is important that the list be submitted to them by the end of January 2009. This will be an Agenda item for the January meeting.  
There was general discussion on traffic speed through the village and it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Safety Caravan Partnership Clerk

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requesting them to come and look at the areas of Blandford Hill, Dorchester Hill and Milton Road with a view to setting up their mobile speed detection facilities.

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### **Finance**

- 119.1 The following payments was agreed and cheques was signed:  
£306.00 - Clerk's salary for September, October and November  
£160.00 - Geoff Cherry - for grass cutting throughout the year  
£19.00 - Milborne St Andrew Village Hall - venue hire

### 119.1 **Budget 2009/2010**

The Clerk provided figures for consideration which indicated an overall rise in costs of 2.08% against 2008/2009. After discussion, the figures were agreed subject to final adjustments and would be discussed again and agreed at the next meeting so that they may be submitted to the District for Precept by the due date. Cllr Curtis will meet with the Clerk to discuss salary details. Cllr Curtis also suggested that the Council might consider purchasing an 'A' board for use when public meetings were taking place and some kind of plaque that could be used where a Parish Council grant has been given - Clerk to investigate costs. Other costs that may need to be considered include signage at the Sports Field and the cost of re-aligning the Sport Field gates.

SC  
Clerk

Clerk

All

### 119.2 **Grant Administration**

Application from the group proposing a new village magazine - any money would be needed by mid-January 2009 - the 'Messenger' will see its last issue published in December and if no-one has come forward to take it over by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009 it will close. In principal, the Parish Council supports the publication of a village magazine. After discussion, it was decided that the applicant will come forward before the next meeting with suggested stage payments (rather than one lump sum) which can be considered at the January meeting - any agreed payment will be made in sufficient time to allow for publication within the last 10 days of January 2009.

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### **Planning**

- 120.1 2/2008/0954 - Milborne Business Centre - Camelco Ltd - Excavate bank and widen private internal access road - Cllrs Andrews and Regan had visited the site and advised that North Dorset District Council have referred the removal of trees to their resident expert. The land owner had said that he would be happy to plant additional screening if required - Cllr Regan had suggested holly as this is evergreen. After consideration, no objections were raised subject to any concerns expressed by villagers which may have been addressed directly to North Dorset District Council and with the suggestion that additional natural screening ought to be provided to mitigate loss of foliage.
- 120.2 2/2008/1057 - Deveral House, Deveral Farm Road - Mr R Fugard - Internal and external alterations to a listed building. After consideration, no objections were raised subject to any concerns expressed by villagers which may have been addressed directly to North Dorset District Council.
- 120.3 2/2008/0979 - Lakeshell, Dorchester Hill – extension and alterations to a former pair of semi-detached cottages into a single family home - Mr M Curtis - some concern was expressed about the 'hard' line of the roof visible above the boundary wall from the road and it was felt that this needed to be softened - possible with some form of planting. After consideration, no objections were raised subject to any concerns expressed by villagers which may have been addressed directly to North Dorset District Council and consideration being given to softening the roof line.
- 120.4 Planning Consultation from West Dorset District Council – wind turbine on land north of Bardolf Manor, Puddletown (outside Milborne St Andrew Parish) - After discussion, it was agreed that there were no objections to the proposal.

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

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| 121.1 | The possibility of creating or adopting a crest or badge for the village was mentioned. All Councillors to consider this and make suggestions at the next meeting.                                     | <i>All</i>   |
| 121.2 | Cllr Curtis felt that it would be useful for a copy of minutes from the previous year to be supplied to Parish Councillors when draft current minutes are distributed so that comparisons may be made. | <i>Clerk</i> |
| 121.3 | Cllr Curtis reminded the meeting that the public vote for the Village Hall application for the "Peoples' Millions" Lottery funding was taking place today and urged everyone to register their vote.   | <i>All</i>   |

***Date and Time of Next Meeting***

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 21:35

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