

MILBORNE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL - MEETING MINUTES

Held on :07/01/2009

Starting at: 19:30

Location: Milborne St Andrew Village Hall

Present: In the Chair: Cllr Simon Curtis
Cllr Marion Regan Cllr Gill Harvey
Cllr David Andrews Cllr Steven Parnaby

Also: Nil

In attendance: Mr Colin Fletcher (Parish Clerk)

122 Apologies:
Mrs D Jones (District Councillor) Mrs H Cox (County Councillor)
Mr M Cox (District Councillor)

123 Declarations of Interest:
Cllr Regan declared an interest in the Grant Application submitted by the group proposing to launch a new village publication "The Reporter".
Cllr Harvey declared an interest in any discussion that may take place regarding the relocation of the bus stop to Blandford Hill. **Action**

124 A letter of resignation had been received from Cllr Marsh. Councillors expressed their thanks to him and wished him well for the future.

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

126 Matters Arising:

126.1 Arising from minute 115.1 – Cllr Andrews supplied a plan showing the location of litter bins in the village indicating changes that could be made. The Clerk will add this information to his dealings with North Dorset District Council. **Clerk**
No specific litter 'hot spots' have been identified other than the area where school children wait for their buses. Mention was made of plastic bags containing dog dirt having been thrown into the trees along Blandford Hill – the Clerk to inform North Dorset District Council. **Clerk**

126.2 Arising from minute 115.2 – the Clerk is to write to Mr Miller telling him that the lease for the Sports Field will be completed shortly and enquiring if he has any comment to make as an adjoining landowner. **Clerk**

126.3 Arising from minute 115.5 – Steve Howard has confirmed to the Clerk that the realignment of the Milton Road junction should be completed by the end of February.

126.4 Arising from minute 115.7 - the Clerk is to follow up on letters to local schools regarding litter at the bus stop. **Clerk**

126.5 Arising from minutes 116.2 and 117.3 – Cllr Regan has heard no more from Peter Butler regarding possible youth involvement in the village community.

126.6 Arising from minute 116.3 – in light of the resignation of Cllr Marsh, Cllr Harvey agreed to become the nominated contact for villagers' concern over the digital television switchover. Clerk to inform DAPTC. **Clerk**

126.7 Arising from minute 117.5 – Clerk to chase Mr Diaz again regarding the possible footpath along Lane End to the Sports Field. **Clerk**

126.8 Arising from minute 119.1 – An annual review meeting has been arranged to take place between the Chairman and the Clerk to discuss terms and salary, etc.. **SC and Clerk**

126.9 Arising from minute 120.1 - nothing has been heard about planning application 2/2008/0954 (Camelco Ltd – Milborne Business Centre) – Clerk to check current position on this. **Clerk**

126.10 Arising from minute 121.1 - Cllr Regan mentioned that the Village Hall committee is looking into a possible crest or badge for the village - she will advise more at the next meeting. **MR**

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- 127** **Correspondence:**
- 127.1 Changes to bus routes and times - Cllr Parnaby will chase up on a previous survey - the letter was passed to him. SP
- 127.2 Bus bay on Blandford Hill (Cllr Harvey left the meeting for this item). Cllr Parnaby agreed to follow up on this. Can the bay be moved a little further down hill to move it away from residential property? SP
- 127.3 Other items of correspondence had been dealt with by the Clerk since the last meeting.
- 128** **Pub Meeting - an evaluation of the outcome**
- The meeting (held immediately prior to this meeting and facilitated by the Parish Council) had attracted approximately 120 people. Some 70 have indicated that they may be interested in investing in a project to save the pub, and some had said that they would be interested in forming a working party to steer the actions of the group. The Parish Council will not be directly involved in the project but does give its full support and has helped to "start the ball rolling". Councillors agreed to support the working party in any way they can.
- 129** **Business Plan for 2009**
- Looking at the year ahead, it was felt that priorities should be
- 1 The Sports Club Lease
 - 2 Parish Plan - to look at what is produced by the questionnaire
 - 3 Highway works - adjusting road layouts, etc.
 - 4 Finance - bearing in mind the current global economic downturn
 - 5 Improving the general appearance of the village
 - 6 On-going training for Councillors and Clerk
 - 7 Other ideas were invited and can be sent to the Clerk for consideration at the next meeting.
- 130** **Reports**
- 130.1 **Environment & Transport**
- Cllr Parnaby said that further drains had been cleared - particularly in Blandford Hill and he will continue to push for others to be done. He also mentioned available grants for people over 70 (or those on benefits) for improving heating and insulation in their homes - he has a contact number if needed.
- Cllr Andrews had been approached in relation to open up a local non-official footpath by "The Nursery" at Manor farm. He has spoken to the Footpath Officer (Mrs Snape) and she will let him have the necessary contacts.
- 130.2 **Education & Training**
- Nothing reported
- 130.3 **Volunteers & Community**
- Nothing reported
- 130.4 **Business & Employers**
- Nothing reported
- 130.5 **Sport & Recreation**
- Hedge-cutting - the groundsman for the Sports Club will ask the contractor cutting the hedges on adjoining land to cut the front of the hedge on Lane End and to tidy the top.
- 130.5.1 **Sports Club Lease**
- Cllr Curtis reported that he has re-worked the lease following discussions with the Club and other Councillors. He proposed that this should be put to the Club for their consideration so that any matters may be resolved before involving solicitors for the final drafting. The next meeting of the Sports Club is due at the end of January. The Clerk is to send a copy of the proposed lease to Mike Handley. Clerk

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Open Half Hour

Matters raised from the floor -

- 1 Road sweeping - Cllr Parnaby said that sweeping is scheduled for every 6 months - but if it cannot be done for any reason, then we have to wait another 6 months. However, if there is a specific problem, individuals should contact Dorset County Council (with a copy to Cllr Hilary Cox) detailing precise details of the problem and its location.
- 2 Fly posting
- 3 Footpath at Honeysuckle Cottage, Blandford Hill - confirmation of the diversion is awaited and a new sign will be erected once this is received.
- 4 Well done to the Parish Council for organising the pub meeting

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Parish Plan

Tony Dyer spoke from the floor - the draft of the questionnaire is with the printers and, once produced, will be personally delivered throughout the village. Likely cost of production will be £800.00 - including analysis.

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The Messenger

From the floor, Geoff Hodgson outlined the current position with regard to closure of "The Messenger" Magazine and the hired printing machine. Ed Frost spoke about the new replacement magazine "The Reporter". Geoff confirmed that "The Messenger" has ceased to exist but that the printing machine and bank account will continue to exist until July 2009. Thanks were expressed to Geoff and his wife Sue for having run the magazine for some years. Councillors agreed to support Geoff's case with the printing machine company for the outstanding rental period fees to be waived. The planned circulation for the new magazine was confirmed as the same as the old one.

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Finance

134.1 The following payments was agreed and cheques was signed:
None

134.1 **Budget 2009/2010**

The budget as discussed at the last meeting was agreed and Cllr Regan proposed that it be accepted. Seconded by Cllr Harvey and unanimously agreed.

Clerk

134.2 **Grant Administration**

The application from "The Reporter" magazine was considered and it was agreed that a grant of £250.00 should be made (proposed Cllr Parnaby, seconded Cllr Andrews) to help to launch the new village magazine in its first month. Any further application for funds will be considered should they be necessary.

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Planning

There were no planning matters for consideration.

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Matters of Interest and/or for Information

136.1 The willow tree at the War Memorial site requires some major trimming - Clerk to contact appropriate contractor for pricing.

Clerk

136.2 The Clerk has contacted the Land registry regarding title for the War Memorial site and the Parish Pit - their response is awaited.

Clerk

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 18th February 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 21:30