

MILBORNE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL - MEETING MINUTES

Held on :18/02/2009

Starting at: 19:30

Location: Milborne St Andrew Village Hall

Present: In the Chair: Cllr Simon Curtis
Cllr Gill Harvey
Cllr David Andrews

Also: Mr M Cox (District Councillor)

In attendance: Mr Colin Fletcher (Parish Clerk)

137 **Apologies:**
Mrs D Jones (District Councillor) Mrs H Cox (County Councillor)
Cllr Marion Regan

138 **Declarations of Interest:**
There were none. **Action**

139 139.1 A note of resignation had been received from Cllr Parnaby.
139.2 Mr Tom Palmer had expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. His application was considered – proposed by Cllr Harvey and seconded by Cllr Andrews – Mr Palmer was co-opted onto the Parish Council and signed the necessary forms.

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

141 **Matters Arising:**
141.1 Arising from minute 136.2 – the question of possible squatters on the land at the War Memorial or the Parish Pit was raised – the Clerk to contact the Land Registry for advice. *Clerk*
141.2 Arising from minute 131 – Cllr Andrews said that he had passed all information to those who were interested in making the unofficial footpath into an official one. They had decided not to proceed and all paperwork had been left with Peter Dunkley.

142 **Correspondence:**
142.1 Letter from Susan Hodgeson regarding the demise of The Messenger Village Magazine updating the current situation.
142.2 Letter from Dorset County Council regarding Dorset Waste Forum – meeting due 27 March 2009 – Cllr Regan said she would attend. Clerk to confirm. *Clerk*
142.3 Letter from Dorset County Council – confirming Public Footpath Diversion Order 2007 – part of footpath 11 off Blandford Hill.
142.4 Telephone call from Mr David Payne of Blaydon View regarding damage to trees outside the school. Cllr Andrews has inspected the trees and says that the damage is unlikely to cause the trees to die – he is seeking further advice – he will also arrange for some form of protection to be placed around the base of the trees.

143 **Business Plan for 2009**
Cllr Curtis outlined the Council's Mission and Vision for the coming year and invited all Councillors to review the outline and bring comments to the next meeting. The Business Plan should be adopted in principle at the next meeting. A copy of the Business Plan proposal is attached to these minutes. *All*

143.1 **Environment & Transport**
Cllr Andrews had been to the Rural Roads Road Show – outlining comments and ideas on the state of village roads – particular mention was made of white lining and signs which could be removed or re-sited to 'un-clutter' villages. Thanks was expressed to Cllr Andrews for touring the village and removing fly posters – particularly difficult where staples have been used. He underlined

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that it should be the responsibility of the individuals who place the posters to remove them.

A few people in the village had suggested that grit bins could be placed at certain points where problems had occurred with icy road conditions during the recent bad weather.

It was agreed that all Councillors will meet before the next meeting to walk around the village to assess what can be done to improve the visual appeal as well as the practical location or re-location of dog bins, litter bins, possible grit bins and other street furniture.

143.2 **Education & Training**

Cllrs Regan and Andrews had met potential new head teachers at a reception at the school.

143.3 **Volunteers & Community**

Cllr Regan reported that the Village Hall Committee will be applying for a grant for possible new play equipment.

143.1 From the floor, Tony Dyer updated the meeting on the situation regarding the pub. The committee consists of John Kane, Geoff Hodgson, Brian Parkinson, Brian O'Dyer, Mike Sertise and Tony Dyer (Chair). Three meetings have taken place so far and it is anticipated that proposals will be ready to put to the village shortly. There are strong rumours that the pub is under offer to some else but the community will go on – the strength of support in the village has been seen by Hall & Woodhouse and the planners. Mr Dyer thanked the Council for its support so far.

143.4 **Business & Employers**

Nothing reported

143.5 **Sport & Recreation**

Inspections are to be made of the newly seeded area – the seeding seems to have failed to a large extent.

143.5.1 **Sports Club Lease**

A meeting had been held with the Sports Club to finalise terms for the lease. The Club requested that the term be extended to 50years. After discussion, Cllr Harvey proposed that the change be accepted, seconded by Cllr Andrews and approved. The Clerk will update the draft of the lease and submit to a solicitor for final drafting and approval.

Clerk

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Open Half Hour

Matters raised from the floor -

1. Mrs Butler spoke about facilities on the Village Hall field area. She has spoken with local teenagers and tried to establish what they are looking for. Cllr Curtis pointed out that the Council does not own the land in question. Mrs Butler said that use of the car park area off Lane End would not be appropriate and the sports field is too far from the centre of the village. It was suggested that, as she had identified that the teenagers would prefer to use the Village Hall area for recreation, she should approach the Village Hall Committee with the information she has obtained from the teenagers.
2. Tony Dyer mentioned that the young people of the village will have the opportunity to make their feeling known through the Parish Plan Form.
3. Cllr Curtis made the point that it is often better for a group of people, rather than an individual, to make

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Skate Park

This was dealt with under the Open Half Hour – see minute 144 above.

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Parish Plan

Parish Plan – Tony Dyer said that there would be a meeting on 4th March and that he is looking for volunteers to distribute the questionnaire on 6th to businesses and on 7/8th to households. Results of analysis of the answers should be available in September 2009 when they will be presented to the people of the village before coming to the Parish Council.

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Finance

- 147.1 The following payments was agreed and cheques was signed:
£1,288.00 – to TBD Print Services Ltd – for printing of Parish Plan Questionnaire
£14.25 – to Milborne St Andrew Village Hall – for venue hire
£542.51 – to Colin Fletcher (Clerk) – for 3 months salary and reclaim of expenses
£345.00 – to Symonds and Sampson – for valuation fee relating to the Sports Field

147.2

Grant Administration

Cllr Curtis suggested that an advertisement should be placed in The Reporter inviting applications for grant fund for the year 2009/2010.

Clerk

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Planning

- 148.1 2/2009/0069 – Milborne St Andrew First School – playgroup building – after consideration there were no objections to the proposals but concerns were expressed about traffic speeds on the approach to the school. Cllr Palmer suggested a speed limit of 20mph should be imposed on the approach to the school. The Clerk will inform North Dorset District Council.
- 148.2 2/2009/0011 – Shepherds Hut, field Barn Farm – convert to holiday let – after consideration there were no objections.
- 148.3 2/2009/0037 – Straitford House, Blandford Hill – extension, garage and revised vehicular access – after consideration it was agreed that the Parish Council should object on the grounds of the proposed access being dangerous, visual impact of an opening being formed in the hedge and visual impact of the garage and extension on the main approach to the village.

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Matters of Interest and/or for Information

There were none.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 1st April 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 21:20