

# MILBORNE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL - MEETING MINUTES



Held on :01/04/2009

Starting at: 19:30

Location: Milborne St Andrew Village Hall

Present: In the Chair: Cllr Simon Curtis Cllr Marion Regan  
Cllr Gill Harvey Cllr Tom Palmer  
Cllr David Andrews

Also: -

In attendance: Minutes taken by Cllr Regan

150 **Apologies:** Mrs D Jones (District Councillor) Mrs H Cox (County Councillor)  
Mr Colin Fletcher (Parish Clerk) Mr M Cox (District Councillor)

**Action**

151 **Declarations of Interest:**  
There were none.

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

153 **Matters Arising:**  
153.1 Arising from minute 142.2 – Cllr Regan had attended the Dorset Waste Forum

154 **Correspondence:**

154.1 Letter from Dorset County Council - outlining changes to footpaths in the Parish. Copies to be passed to the Rights of Way Officer and copies of plans to be displayed on main notice board. *Clerk*

154.2 Copy letter from Mr M Hopper to Steve Howard at Dorset County Council Traffic Management - regarding the Milton Road junction and bus stop location.

154.3 Email from Steve Shaw - regarding the Sustainable communities Act and urging the Parish Council to encourage North Dorset District Council to resolve to use the Act by submitting proposals before 31/06/2009. *SC and Clerk*

154.4 Email from Parish Clerk Mullins and PCSO Goddard - regarding drop-in sessions where they can meet local residents to discuss concerns and issues. The Clerk is to write back suggesting that they should continue to attend the Parish Council Meeting when they can. The Clerk to also arrange for mention of their contact numbers, etc. to be in The reporter *Clerk*

154.5 Letter from Village Hall - outlining increased charges from 01/04/2009.

154.6 Letter from Milborne Sports Club - regarding their wish to apply for an alcohol licence. After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Andrews that this be agreed to, seconded by Cllr Harvey and agreed by all. The Clerk to write confirming the Parish Council has no objection. *Clerk*

154.7 Email from Blandford Leisure Centre - asking to come and talk about the rescue package for the Centre. Agreed that they should be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting in May. *Clerk*

154.8 Letter from Dorset County Council Library Service - giving the times of their visits - to be placed on main notice board. *Clerk*

154.9 Letter from North Dorset District Council - confirming that the North Dorset Parish Boundary review does not affect the Parish.

155 **Reports/Discussion**

155.1 **Environment & Transport**  
Councillors had carried out a village “walk about” to identify areas for improvement.  
The square was thought to need some tidying and smartening up.  
Locations for possible planters, finger posts and benches we suggested - notably on the re-shaped junction of Milton Road.  
The Causeway junction - Steve Howard has suggested reducing the splay to improve safety in this area - Cllr Andrews asked if Steve Howard could provide

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a plan and mark the road in the same way as had been done for Milton Road. It was agreed that an approach should be made to the owner of the garage in Dorchester Hill to ask if they could change their display of cars to allow a pedestrian way through on their forecourt as the pavement there is very narrow.

The possibility of placing grit bins on hills in the village was considered but it was felt that this should only be done if the unusually cold spells continue in future years.

The access gates to the Sports Field were discussed and it was agreed that metal gates would be preferable. The layout plan was agreed with a double depth pedestrian gate to the left of the main vehicle gate. In the same area - the pavement link between the Sports Field entrance and Blandford Hill has been approved and it is expected that the work will be carried out within the next three months.

Dog Bins - it was agreed that another bin is needed in addition to the one at the gate near the church - this could be relocated from Lane End where there is a bin that is rarely used. The rubbish/dog waste bin currently at the top of Blandford Hill would be better located by the telephone exchange building. The manhole cover in the pathway at the corner of Hopsfield needs attention.

## 155.2 **Education & Training**

Cllr Curtis has attended a governors meeting at Milborne St Andrew School. Cllr Andrews is attending a future school assembly.

## 155.3 **Volunteers & Community**

Cllr Regan reported that the Village Hall Committee has been successful in gaining a grant of £16,000 for play equipment.

Cllr Regan has been in touch with the Liveability Fund seeking help with funding for re-seeding the Sports Field cricket area and to provide benches and planters, etc. at various points around the village.

## 155.4 **Business & Employers**

Nothing reported

## 155.5 **Sport & Recreation**

It was confirmed that the seeding of the new area at the Sports field has failed. Mark Farwell does not agree and has left the job. A proposal to waive rent from the Sport Club in order to get seeding carried out in the spring was agreed. The club will be asked to submit estimates for Parish Council approval - Cllrs Curtis and Andrews will oversee the work.

There was some concern that the Sports Field is becoming a football only area and this is to be passed on to the Club.

The lease has been approved in principal and is with the council's solicitor for final drafting.

## 156

### **Open Half Hour**

Matters raised from the floor -

1. Mr Hopper expressed concern over the revise layout of the Milton Road junction. He was asked to contact the Highways department direct with his comments.
2. Mr Frost spoke about street lights - the Clerk is to investigate responsibility for street lights and whether the Parish Council is able to control which are left on and which may be turned off.
3. tony Dyer reported that the Parish Plan questionnaires have been collected and approximately 80% had been filled in.

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### **Finance**

- 157.1 The following payments was agreed and a cheque was signed:  
£15.50 - Milborne St Andrew Village Hall - venue hire

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## 157.2 **Grant Administration**

An announcement has been placed in the reporter but no applications have yet been received.

## 158 **Planning**

158.1 Licensing Application relating to land south of road from Milborne St Andrew to Roke for music (live and recorded) between 19 and 21 June 2009. After discussion it was agreed to raise no objection.

158.2 Refusal of Planning permission - notice received from North Dorset District Council - 2/2009/0037 - Straitford House, Blandford Hill.

158.3 2/2009/0206/39 - Land at Goulds Farm, Little England - demolition of existing and erect 13 dwelling plus other work - after consideration and discussion, it was agreed that Councillors should visit the site before responding to this matter. A site visit will be set up. Generally it was felt the site was being over-developed.

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

159.1 Pub - this is now under offer to an independent buyer - but contracts have not yet been signed. Hall & Woodhouse have indicated that they would be happy to talk to the community group should the sale not proceed.

159.2 The proposed logo for the village was agreed without the stag's horns. The design was based upon original idea supplied by local artist Mary-Ann Featherstone from Chapel Street. The Clerk is to write to Mrs Featherstone thanking her for her efforts in this matter.

159.3 Concern was expressed over the number of caravans and wooden buildings that have appeared around the village. The Clerk is to contact the North Dorset District Council Planning Enforcement Officer to establish whether planning permission is need for such things. Also the Clerk is to check on the planning situation with regard to the building at the rear of 8 Homefields

Clerk

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

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> may 2009 at 2:00pm in the Pavilion at the Sports Field.