

MILBORNE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL - MEETING MINUTES



Held on :13/05/2009

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: Mrs H Cox (County Councillor)
Mrs D Jones (District Councillor)

In attendance: Mr Colin Fletcher (Parish Clerk)

160 **Apologies:** Mr M Cox (District Councillor)

Action

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

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

163 **Matters Arising:**

163.1 Arising from minute 165.1 - County Highways have indicated that there can be no allowance for parking at the Causeway junction. Any proposal for this junction can be considered but it is likely that any actual work there would be some time away in light of finance and other work priorities.

163.2 Arising from minute 165.1 - the Clerk is to follow up on the relocation of dog bins.

Clerk

163.3 Arising from minute 159.3 - the Clerk is to inform the Enforcement Officer formally about wooden building and caravans that have been built at The Rings and on Milton Road.

Clerk

164 **Correspondence:**

164.1 Blandford Forum Town Council (letter) - asking for contribution to maintenance of public toilets. Cllr Andrews had spoken with some villagers who did not support the Parish Council making a financial contribution. After discussion, it was agreed that no contribution could be made. The Clerk to respond.

Clerk

164.2 DT11 Forum Community Partnership - (email via Tony Dyer) - notice of the Big Green day to be held on 18th July 2009 on Stour meadows.

164.3 Susan Hodgson (letter) - confirming that the printing machine used by the Messenger magazine has been removed by the suppliers and thanking the Parish Council for their help and support in this matter.

164.4 Telephone message from resident of Homefields and letter from Barbara Sutton of Amberhaze, Little England regarding poor parking in Homefields - PC Mullens (from the floor) stated that it is technically an offence but the police would take into consideration other factors - he said he would visit the area after tonight's meeting and assess what the problems are.

165 **Reports/Discussion**

165.1 **Environment & Transport**

See minute 164.4 above concerning parking at Homefields.

165.2 **Education & Training**

Nothing was reported.

165.3 **Volunteers & Community**

165.3.1 PC Mullens (from the floor) said that there had been a small rise in crime figures in April which was not out of keeping for this time of year. PACT is continuing as a good way to highlight things of concern. On 19th June (a Friday) he will be attending a number of areas identified by Parish Councils concerned with speeding traffic. The object is an education

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- exercise to demonstrate perceived speeds - it is often thought that the speed of a vehicle is greater than it actually is. He asked Councillors to suggest a time and place to him via email as soon as possible. All
- PC Mullens and Luke Goddard are now trained in Crime Prevention and can make surveys of premises - they can be contacted on the number on the posters.
- Cllr Andrews asked about tractors not letting other motorists pass - PC Mullens confirmed that if the tractor is travelling at more than 25mph it does not need to pull in. Any un-roadworthy vehicles should be identified and reported to him.
- 165.3.2 Music festival in Roake road - PC Mullens is aware of the festival and has visited the site - the licence has been issued - he will be on duty in the area during the event - it is unlikely that there will be a major noise problem in view of the prevailing wind direction.

165.4 **Business & Employers**

In light of recent break-ins at the Business Centre, security has been reviewed and increased.

165.5 **Sport & Recreation**

- 165.5.1 Cllr Andrews expressed concerns about the new practice pitch being constructed next to the access way into the club car parking area. Cllr Curtis pointed out that the legal framework for relations between the Club and the Parish Council will be formalised when the lease is signed - due at the AGM. Cllr Curtis asked Councillors for final agreement on the terms of the lease - Cllr Andrews proposed agreement and Cllr Regan seconded - vote unanimous.

- 165.5.2 Lease of retained land - discussion took place on the future of this land - possible short term lease for grazing is a possibility - suggested 6 month rolling term at a rent of £200 per 6 months. Thought would need to be given to the terms of the letting - particularly fencing and insurance aspects. The Clerk is to speak with letting agents for guidance - and also to check on any planning requirements. Clerk

165.6 **Business Plan**

The Business Plan set out at previous meetings had been considered. Cllr Regan proposed adopting the plan, seconded by Cllr Andrews - vote unanimous. The Plan will be presented as part of the Annual Parish Meeting.

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Open Half Hour

Matters raised from the floor -

1. It was pointed out that an article in The Reporter has said that local non-dog owners were opposed to the Parish Council paying for additional Dog Warden services - Cllr Andrews pointed out that the problem of dog mess affects all villagers whether they own a dog or not. It was agreed that the Parish Council would continue to act for the good of the majority, monitor the situation and take the necessary steps if things do not improve.
2. Cllr Jones (from the floor) reported that The Information Centre in Blandford had now relocated and was being run entirely by volunteers. It was agreed that the Clerk should write and congratulate them on their successful relocation on behalf of the Parish Council. Clerk
3. Parish Plan - tony Dyer reported that 53% of adults and 30% of young people had responded to the questionnaire. Analysis is taking place. Draft will be put forward in September with a view to the final plan being made in October 2009. Glossy copies to go to government bodies, etc. and the main distribution will be via the village website. Additional funds will be needed and he has approached DCA.
4. Pub - A couple are intending to purchase the pub and open it by August bank holiday 2009. Thanks were given to Tony Dyer and all others who had worked on behalf of the village on this matter.

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5. A question was raised from the floor as to whether notes should be published of the Open Half Hour. The Clerk said that some Parish Councils do and others don't - but that he felt it was helpful to record some matters so that the issues would not be lost. Councillors agreed and the practice will continue.

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Finance

- 167.1 The following payments was agreed and a cheque was signed:
£299.05 - DAPTC subscription
£293.50 - Dyne Drewett (Solicitors) - acting for the Parish Council on the Sports Club lease.
£88.48 - Milborne St Andrew Village Hall - venue hire until December 2009.

167.2 **Grant Administration**

No applications for funds have been received despite advertising the availability of grant money in The Reporter.
The Clerk will place notices on the notice boards.

Clerk

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Planning

There were no applications for discussion.
The proposed application by the Village Hall for a small extension was discussed and it was felt that no objection would be raised when the application detail is received.

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Matters of Interest and/or for Information

- 169.1 Cllr Curtis reminded everyone that the Annual Parish Meeting is due to take place on Sunday 17th May 2009 in the Pavilion at the Milborne St Andrew Sports Field - starting at 2:00pm.
169.2 Cllr Andrews advised the meeting that he will be unavailable until 20th May.
169.3 It was agreed that some future meetings should be arranged to take place in the Committee Room rather than the Main Hall at the Village Hall - the Clerk to sort this out.

Clerk

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 24th June 2009 at 7.30pm in the Committee Room at the Village Hall.
The Annual Parish Meeting will be on Sunday 17th may 2009 at 2:00pm in the Pavilion at the Sports Field.