

MILBORNE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL - MEETING MINUTES



Held on :05/08/2009

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

Also: None

In attendance: Mr Colin Fletcher (Parish Clerk)

180 **Apologies:** Cllr Tom Palmer Mr M Cox (District Councillor)
Mrs H Cox (County Councillor)
Mrs D Jones (District Councillor)

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

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

183 **Co-option of New Parish Councillor**
Mr Paul Morgan had expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. He was invited to speak to the meeting and, after discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Regan and seconded by Cllr Harvey that Mr Morgan join the Parish Council. The decision was unanimous and Cllr Morgan joined the meeting.

184 **Matters Arising:**
184.1 Arising from minute 174.5 - the Clerk reported that he had been in touch with North Dorset District Council regarding relocation of litter/dog bins and had agreed in principal a number of changes. The Clerk will arrange for an item to be included in the next issue of The Reporter outlining the proposals in order to judge the reaction of villagers before any work is carried out.
184.2 Arising from minute 173.2 - The Clerk had spoken with the Enforcement Officer at North Dorset District Council regarding wooden buildings and caravans in the village. The buildings (being used for horses) appear to be legitimate but the Enforcement Officer has undertaken to investigate the caravans that may be being occupied in Milton Road. He will report back at the next meeting.

185 **Correspondence:**
185.1 Letter from North Dorset District Council Solicitor - regarding a complaint that had been raised by Mr G Hodgson about an article that Cllr Regan had had published in The Reporter magazine. The Standards Committee on 02/07/09 had considered the complaint and had decided that no action needed to be taken.
185.2 Letter from Liveability - the Parish Council's application for grant funding has not been successful.
185.3 Letter from Milborne St Andrew Village Hall Committee - asking if the Parish Council would consider providing a shelter for students who wait for their bus in front of the Village Hall. The Committee has said that the shelter could be erected on the Causeway end of the playing field. The Clerk will investigate costs and Cllr Regan will obtain more information from the Village Hall.
185.4 Letter from Came & Company - enclosing the new Parish Council Insurance Policy and details.
185.5 Email from PC Mullins - Homewatch newsletter - showing that there had be no reported crime in Milborne St Andrew during July.

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- 185.6 Letter from Mr M Hopper - regarding a speed check carried out by PC Mullins (also in the presence of Cllrs Regan and Harvey). During the check, there was a very small number of drivers exceeding the speed limit through the village. He suggests that a request should be made to Dorset County Council regarding the Speed Indicator Devices at each end of the village suggesting that they ought to become mains powered (rather than solar and wind) to ensure that they work more efficiently and also that the trigger speed should be reduced closer to the 30 mph limit. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Dorset County Council on these matters. Clerk
- 185.7 Letter from Blandford Leisure Centre Action Group - asking if the Parish would make a financial contribution to the continued running of the leisure centre. Previously the Parish Council had declined. After discussion, it was agreed that the Council's decision previous decision should not be changed.
- 185.8 Letter from North Dorset District Council - regarding the Register of Interests for Parish Councillors which may need to be updated. The Clerk suggested that it would be a good idea to renew all Councillors' declarations and will circulate the necessary paperwork. All agreed. Clerk
- 185.9 DAPTC Circular - July 2009 - included notice of a Clerks Seminar due to take place on 08/09/09 and a New Councillors Seminar on 22/09/09. It was agreed that the Clerk should attend on 08/09 and that Cllrs Harvey and Morgan should attend on 22/09. Clerk
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- 185.10 Email from DAPTC - other training events - Planning Matters on 01/12/09 - Clerk to obtain details and pass to Cllr Andrews for consideration. Chairmans Seminar - Cllr Curtis may be able to attend - Clerk to obtain more information. Clerk
- 186** **Reports/Discussion**
- 186.1 **Environment & Transport**
- 186.1.1 Concern has been expressed regarding the condition of windows and broken electricity boxes on Crown House - particularly with regard to visual impact and safety. The Clerk is to write to the Housing Association. Clerk
- 186.1.2 Cllr Regan expressed concern about potholes in some of the roads around the village. She will contact "Clarence" and also email to Cllr H Cox. MR
- 186.1.3 The Clerk was instructed to write to the Environment Agency to request an update on the current situation with regard to flooding and the monitoring of water flow through the village. Clerk
- 186.2 **Education & Training**
No report - but see minutes 185.9 and 185.10 above.
- 186.3 **Volunteers & Community**
- 186.3.1 Cllr Regan reported that work is under way for the improvements to the Village Hall.
- 186.3.2 It was felt that there should be some way of recognising local people who have made major contributions to the community. It was agreed that all Councillors will give consideration to this and further discussion will take place at the next meeting. The Clerk is to look into any financial implications. All
Clerk
- 186.4 **Business & Employers**
- 186.4.1 Cllr Curtis reported that new occupiers of the pub expect to take possession on a leasehold basis very shortly and intend to open for the Bank Holiday weekend at the end of August. There is considerable work to be done to the property and this will be on-going for some time.
- 186.5 **Sport & Recreation**
- 186.5.1 Cllr Palmer had asked for the matter of the alcohol licence applied for by the Sports Club to be considered. The Clerk is to check past records to ensure that what has been applied for complies with what has been previously agreed. Clerk



- 186.5.2 The Clerk was instructed to write formally to the Sports Club concerning caravans and tents which had been pitched on the land during the weekend of the local event "Roger's Rant". It was felt that approval should have been sought from the Parish Council before this was allowed.
- 186.5.3 Cllr Curtis reported that he had received a quotation for the work to provide new entrance gates to the Sports Field (approximately £790.00 plus VAT). More quotations are being obtained. Cllr Curtis will also chase Dorset County Council with regard to the path due to be provided linking the entrance to Blandford Hill. SC
- 186.5.4 Cllr Morgan reported that, at the Sports Club, work continues on preparing the training area. He will check on progress being made on the cricket pitch area and report to the next meeting. SC

- 186.6 **Business Plan**
- 186.6.1 Cllr Regan said that The reporter will be compiling a list of local companies as a local business directory.
- 186.6.2 Cllr Curtis ran through the items contained in the Business Plan for this year and highlighted the areas where action is already being taken and others where more could be done. PM

- 187 **Open Half Hour**
- 187.1 It was pointed out from the floor that school children also wait for buses at Stileham Bank and a shelter could be provided there - see minute 185.3 above.
- 187.2 Bus stop in village centre - the Clerk was asked to contact the bus company with regard to missing timetables. Concern was also expressed about the location of the stop and it was agreed to pursue the possibility of moving the stop to the bay close to the telephone exchange.
- 187.3 Mrs Snape (Rights of Way Officer) spoke from the floor. Complaints have been received regarding the bridle way at the side of the Sports field in Lane End. She has tried contacting the owner but nothing has been done. Cllr Regan has already spoken with the owner's son. Cllr Curtis will speak with the Dorset County Council RoW Officer and, if nothing can be done, the Clerk will write to Mr Mike Miller to underline the Parish Council's concern. All
- The path from the garage in Dorchester Hill to the church needs to be cut right back - Mrs Snape has informed Dorset County Council.
- Cllr Curtis expressed the Parish Council's thanks to Mrs Snape for her continued efforts on behalf of the village. Clerk

- 188 **Finance**
- 188.1 Three payments were agreed and cheques signed
 £658.00 to Colin fletcher - Clerk's salary for March, April, May, June, July and August.
 £44.85 to Nildram Ltd - payment for the ".gov" email address
 £30.00 to Mrs S Lester-Shaw - payment of Internal Audit fee.
- 188.2 **Grant Administration**
 No applications have been received so far this year. The Parish Council currently has £2000.00 available for allocation.

- 189 **Planning**
- 189.1 Appeal Decision - 2/2008/0954 - Milborne St Andrew Business Park - excavate bank, fell trees and construct retaining wall. The appeal was upheld by the Inspector.
- 189.2 Grants of Planning Permission have been given to previously discussed application - 2/2009/0464, 2/2009/0463 and 2/2009/0372
- 189.3 Grants of Listed Building Consent have been given to previously discussed applications - 2/2009/0465 and 2/2009/0426



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Matters of Interest and/or for Information

- 190.1 The Clerk was asked to check on the criteria for Quality Councils.
- 190.2 The clerk is to arrange for more notice board keys to be made available.
- 190.3 Mrs Maitland (from the floor) advised Councillors that the village bier is still in existence and is being looked after by Peter Jackson of Spring Lane, Milton Road.

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The meeting closed at 21:30

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 16th September 2009 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. - **please note** - this has now been changed to 9th September.

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