

MILBORNE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL - MEETING MINUTES



Held on :09/12/2009

Starting at: 19:30

Location: Milborne St Andrew Village Hall

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

Also: Mr M Cox (District Councillor)

In attendance: Mr Colin Fletcher (Parish Clerk)

211 Apologies: Cllr Tom Palmer Cllr Marion Regan
 Mrs H Cox (County Councillor)
 Mrs D Jones (District Councillor)

212 Declarations of Interest:
 Cllr Morgan declared an interest in matters relating to the Sports Club and Cllr Harvey declared an interest in the possible re-positioning of the bus stop.

213 Minutes:
 It was pointed out that Cllr M Cox did not attend the last meeting and Cllr Jones did. These changes were made and the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

214 Matters Arising:

- 214.1 Arising from minute 205.2 - Risk Assessment and Freedom of Information - Clerk is looking into these and will report at the next meeting. To be included on the Agenda for January's meeting.
- 214.2 Arising from minute 204.3 - the Chairman reminded all about the reporting of potholes and similar problem - either direct to Dorset County Council or to the Clerk.
- 214.3 Arising from minute 205.5 - Parish Plan funding - the Clerk reported that the application is being looked at by Dorset County Council and a decision is hoped for shortly - indications are good. Clerk to continue to chase.
- 214.4 Arising from minute 206.1.3 - Rights of Way Officer - Clerk to write to Peter Anthony about this position and ask him to contact Mrs Snape (previous ROW Officer) who has said that she will be happy to hand over information to him.
- 214.5 Arising from minute 206.1.4 - Bins - the bin that has been moved to Blandford Hill is not upright - Clerk to speak with North Dorset District Council. Possible move of larger bin to Village Hall site - awaiting response from Village Hall Committee.
- 214.6 Arising from minute 206.3.1 - The Clerk had checked again over the matter of VAT on play equipment and it had been confirmed that the proposal is not possible.
- 214.7 Arising from minute 207.2 - Speed Indicators - response from Dorset County Council - they have now agreed to connect the devices to mains electricity and hope to do so before the end of the year so that the village can have the benefits of their operation throughout the darker winter months.
- 214.8 Arising from minute 207.4 - the Clerk is to write to Mr Michael Miller about the hedges on Dorchester Hill.

215 Correspondence:

- 215.1 Letter from Village Hall - increased cost for venue hire from 01/02/2010
- 215.2 Letter from North Dorset District Council - as part of regional tree planting scheme, the Parish Council may have a free tree to plant where they wish. Agreed that the tree should be planted on the Sports Field - letter passed to Cllr Morgan to follow up.
- 215.3 Homewatch Newsletter - no reported crime in the village in November although there have been some break-ins to sheds and outbuildings in other local villages.

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- 215.4 Schedule of training session with the Dorset County training Partnership - Cllrs Morgan and Harvey are interested in the New Councillors session due on 20th January 2010 - Clerk to obtain details. Clerk
- 215.5 Other correspondence received was circulated as usual.

- 216** **Open Half Hour**
- 216.1 Clerk to look into the absence of bus time tables at the stop in the square (both sides of the road). Clerk
- 216.2 Memorial site - Geoff Cherry asked if he could place a stone with suitable slots in to hold the memorial crosses rather than having them stuck into the ground. He has spoken with the British Legion who are happy for this to happen. All agreed it was a good idea and thanked Mr Cherry for his offer to provide the stone at no cost.
- 216.3 The street name sign by number 1 Homefield is missing - Clerk to report this to the District Council. Clerk
- 216.4 Concern over water lying at Ashley Barn Farm Corner - Clerk to suggest to local farmers that they might dig gulleys to drain the water into their fields. Driving on the bends is very dangerous. Clerk may contact Clerk for adjoining area. Clerk
- 216.5 Flooding in the village has not been bad so far, despite very heavy rainfall. Cllr Andrews reported that the flood plain at Brooklands was still not showing any water.

- 217** **Reports/Discussion**
- 217.1 **Environment & Transport**
- 217.1.1 Corner of Milton Road - Cllr Regan had visited local residents who had no specific objections to the proposal to improve the corner by adding planting, etc.. One had indicated that they were not keen on the seat/bin being located there but was otherwise relatively happy. Cllr Harvey felt that a better site for the seat would be by the shop in Milton Road. Cllr Andrews proposed approval of the plan, seconded by Cllr Curtis - all agreed. Cllr Harvey will speak with the owner of the shop with regard to a possible seat being located there. JH
- 217.1.2 White lining in shop carpark - Cllr Andrews produced a plan showing possible markings which had been agreed with the shop owner - who is happy for the lining to be carried out. The likely cost to the Parish Council will be less than £100.00. Cllr Harvey proposed that the work should be done, seconded Cllr Andrews and agreed by a majority.
- 217.1.3 Repositioning of bus stop to Blandford Hill lay-by - Cllr Harvey declared a personal interest. She said that, although the proposed site was directly in front of her house, she was neutral about it and had no particular worries. Dorset County Council has proposed a trial period for the re-siting - probably 3-6 months during which time there would be no parking restrictions in the bay. Concerns were expressed as to safety if a car was parked in the bay and the bus had to remain on the road. Results from the question in the Parish Plan Survey indicated (from the 417 responses received) that 64% would be in favour of the move, 19% against and the other 17% undecided. Cllr Andrews felt that the trial should only go ahead if parking was prohibited in the bay. Cllr Andrews proposed the trial on that basis but it was not seconded. It was agreed that Cllr Curtis should go back to Steve Howard (at Dorset County Council) for further suggestions and to check what reaction had been received from the bus company. This matter was deferred to the next meet and will be kept as an Agenda item. SC

- 217.2 **Education & Training**
- 217.2.1 Cllr Harvey and Cllr Morgan will attend the New Councillor training session in January 2010 - Clerk to confirm details. Clerk

- 217.3 **Volunteers & Community**
- 217.3.1 Recognition of contributions to the community - the Clerk reported he had had it confirmed that this could be funded through the Chairman's allowance. The



and an invitation to attend the meeting had been received in light of the objections given to the applications. All representations made will be considered by the committee. It was agreed that Councillors would not attend as comments had been made formally in writing already and would be given full consideration at the meeting.

220 Standing Orders and Financial Regulation

The Clerk had previously circulated copies of the Standing Orders and Financial regulation to all Councillors showing suggested amendments. After discussion, Cllr Harvey proposed and Cllr Morgan seconded a motion to approve the amendments - all agreed.

221 Matters of Interest and/or for Information

221.1 Cllr Andrews passed a letter of resignation to the Chairman. Councillors thanked him for all the work he has done on behalf of the village over the passed years and wished him well in the future. Mr Andrews agreed that he would continue as Flood Warden for the village and will see through the white lining at the shop.

221.2 The Clerk was asked to place an advertisement for volunteers to become Councillors a new Tree Warden.

221.3 Cllr Morgan mentioned that local sports person Malcolm Aplin had been awarded South today Sports Personality of the Year and a local television crew had visited the Sports Club to record the event. The Clerk is to write to Mr Aplin congratulating him on behalf of the village.

221.4 Rural Speed Limits - Cllr Curtis and Cllr Morgan will arrange to meet with Dorset County Council to discuss a possible 40mph sped limit on Lane End.

221.5 Parish Bier - Mrs Maitland passed a record of the parish bier to the Chairman - indicating that it is currently being stored in a shed. It was felt that the ideal location for it would be in the church - but there is concern over the available space there.

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The meeting closed at 21:30

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 20th January 2010 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall Committee Room.

