

MILBORNE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL - MEETING MINUTES



Held on :20/01/2010

Starting at: 19:30

Location: Milborne St Andrew Village Hall

Present: In the Chair: Cllr Simon Curtis Cllr Paul Morgan
Cllr Gill Harvey Cllr Tom Palmer

Also: Mr M Cox (District Councillor)

In attendance: Mr Colin Fletcher (Parish Clerk)

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

223 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.

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

225 Matters Arising:

225.1 Arising from minute 215.2 – Cllr Morgan reported that a walnut tree had been ordered for use at the sports field.

225.2 Arising from minute 214.2 - the Chairman reminded all about the reporting of potholes and similar problem - either direct to Dorset County Council or to the Clerk.

225.3 Arising from minute 217.1.1 – Cllr Harvey will speak with the shop owner in Milton Road regarding a possible seat.

225.4 Arising from minute 217.3.2 – Cllr Morgan will continue to investigate possible help for transport for older people in the village and will approach POPP for more information. Cllr Harvey had spoken with a number of older local residents who all expressed an interest in the provision of such transport.

225.5 Arising from 217.5.1 – Padlocks for the Sports field – Cllr Curtis is arranging for these to be provided. It was felt that stronger locks ought to be purchased and it was agreed that an additional £10.00 should be added to the already agreed expenditure to facilitate this.

225.6 Arising from minute 221.4 – a meeting has taken place with Sue Sadler of Dorset County Council and she seems quite positive toward the imposition of a reduced speed limit on Lane End. She will be in contact again when more is known.

226 Correspondence:

226.1 Email from Margaret Kirk about an accident involving a pedestrian outside the shop in Milton Road. The Clerk is to write to her expressing the Councillors' concern and letting her know that the parking area next to the shop is to be "white lined" and, hopefully, this will encourage shoppers to park there rather than on the road.

226.2 Email from Cllr Harvey regarding a complaint about dog fouling outside Crown Court - an individual has been identified to her - the Clerk will pass the information on to the Dog Warden at North Dorset District Council. Occupiers of Crown Court are keen to remove bushes from outside the flats and seed the area to keep it tidy. Councillors agreed that they would have no objection to this. The Clerk is to contact Signpost Housing for their reaction.

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| 227 | Open Half Hour | |
| 227.1 | It was suggested that the naming of this section of the Agenda should be change – the Clerk is to investigate what other Parish Councils do. | Clerk |
| 227.2 | It was pointed out that some people are parking inconsiderately on the corner of Crown Court – the Clerk will approach Signpost Housing Association to see if anything can be done. Local community police will also be told. | Clerk |
| 228 | Reports/Discussion | |
| 228.1 | Environment & Transport | |
| 228.1.1 | Corner of Milton Road – the planting plan for the new beds is being worked on and should be ready in 7 to 14 days. | |
| 228.1.2 | Repositioning of the bus stop to Blandford Hill lay-by – Steve Howard from Dorset County Council has confirmed that he believes the relocation would provide a safer location for the stop and that, from a traffic management view point, it would be better to have the bus stopping off the main road. He did not think the bus company would object. Cllr Harvey expressed her concern over safety as the bus would not be able to park completely off the main highway and could create a major hazard for traffic from both directions. She pointed out that the safety record for the current location of the bus stop shows that there have been no reported accidents attributed to buses for some 50 years. Cllr Morgan suggested another site meeting with Steve Howard with Councillors present. Cllr Palmer recalled that the bus company had turned down the proposal some years ago on safety grounds. The Clerk will write to Steve Howard outlining the concerns. | Clerk |
| 228.1.3 | Grit Bins – Councillors agreed to include a sum in the Budget for 2010/2011 to allow for the purchase of a number of grit bins. Councillors will consider suitable locations for the bins – possibly at or near St Andrew’s View and the school. Cllr Morgan said that he would be happy to organise a “Grit Squad” to spread the grit as necessary when needed next winter. The Clerk will investigate costs. | Clerk |
| 228.1.4 | Flood Wardens – existing Flood Wardens have been acting on behalf of the Parish for some years and have indicated that they may wish to stand down later this year. Thought is to be given to possible volunteers to takeover these important positions. | All |
| 228.2 | Education & Training | |
| 228.2.1 | Cllr Harvey and Cllr Morgan will be attending the New Councillor training session later this month. | |
| 228.3 | Volunteers & Community | |
| 228.3.1 | Parish Plan - work is progressing to the timescale outlined by Tony Dyer. Additional funding has been secured. | |
| 228.4 | Business & Employers | |
| | Nothing to report | |
| 228.5 | Sport & Recreation | |
| 228.5.1 | Access gateway - the new gates to the Sports Field have been installed. The spring mechanism is to be finished on the pedestrian gate. Suitable signs will need to be added once suitable wording has been decided upon together with signs for the Millennium Walk. The Sports Club and Parish Council will meet to agree wording, etc.. The pedestrian gate will be left unlocked for the time being to assess whether there is a need for it to be locked in the future. | |
| 228.5.2 | Land between the Sports Field and Blandford hill – the old entrance gate will be re-used with additional fencing to section off this area. The Clerk is to check if there are any restrictions in the deeds relating to this area. The Clerk is to continue to look into the possibility of leasing this area for grazing. | Clerk |
| 228.6 | Business Plan | |
| | Nothing new to report. | |

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Finance

- 229.1 The following payments were agreed and cheques were signed:
£140.00 - to Geoff Cherry for grass cutting
£1,782.50 - to T K Fabrications for provision of new gates, posts, etc.
£44.96 - to Tony Dyer - reimbursement of Parish Plan expenses

229.2 The Clerk reported that the rental sum of £375.00 had been received from the Sports Club. Also, the sum held by the Nationwide Building Society has now been transferred to the main bank account.

229.3 Cllr Harvey agreed to become another signatory for the Parish Council's bank account - Clerk to arrange.

Clerk

229.3 The Council's grant application for CPEND funding for a footpath to provide improved access to the sports pavilion is still pending. The Clerk will report to the next meeting.

Clerk

229.1 **Grant Administration**

An application form has been passed to Margaret Kirk for the Milborne St Andrew Wednesday Social Club.

229.2 **Budget**

After discussion it was agreed to amend the suggested figure to allow for an increase in s137 grants (proposed Cllr Harvey, second Cllr Palmer, all agreed). It was also agreed to increase the monthly hours for the Clerk to 15.

Cllr Harvey proposed acceptance of the Precept figure at £7,500.00 for 2010/2011, seconded Cllr Morgan, all agreed. The Clerk will advise North Dorset District Council.

Clerk

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Planning

- 230.1 2/2009/1049 - Deveral House, Deveral farm Road - no objections were raised.

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Matters of Interest and/or for Information

- 231.1 The Clerk will enquire about dates for the Annual Meetings due in May 2010.

The meeting closed at 21:25

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 23rd March 2010 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall Committee Room.