

**MILBORNE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES of an EXTRA MEETING**



Held on :14/06/2010

Starting at: 19:30

Location: Milborne St Andrew First School

Present: In the Chair: Cllr Simon Curtis
Cllr Marion Regan

Also: -

In attendance: Mr Colin Fletcher (Parish Clerk)
Mr Steve Howard - Dorset County Council Highways

07 **Apologies:** Mrs D Jones (District Councillor) Mrs H Cox (County Councillor)
Cllr Paul Morgan Mr M Cox (District Councillor)

08 **Co-option of a Councillor:**

Michael Hopper had expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. Details had been circulated to Councillors and, after consideration, Mr Hopper was asked to join the Council.

An email had been received from Cllr harvey who has decided to stand down from the Parish Council. Thanks were expressed to her for the time she had spent with the Council.

09 **Declarations of Interest:**

Cllr Hopper declared that he lived close to the location for the proposed MUGA - the subject of a planning application to be considered.

10 **Questions from Members of the Public**

10.1 Corner of Milton Road: - Considerable discussion took place on the need/appropriateness of flower beds at the junction. Concern was expressed over the location and possible hazards to pedestrians. Steve Howard pointed out that one of the intentions of the scheme was to give the visual appearance of narrowing the road as well as to soften the aspect and make the village centre more attractive. He confirmed that visibility for drivers would not be restricted and that the width of the footway for pedestrians would remain at 2 metres. One resident pointed out that, in heavy rainfall, a "stream" runs down the hill into the area of the proposed beds - Steve Howard said that this had been allowed for with a small upstand around the beds to stop them being washed out. Cllr regan reminded those present that the provision of planting in this area had been discussed for several months and had been reported in some detail in the published minutes and The Reporter. It was suggested by several members of the public present, that a return to the original concept of two planters, a bench and bin would be a better idea - Cllr Curtis pointed out that the cost of providing planters would probably be in the region of £600.00 plus the cost of soil and plants - against the cost to the Parish Council of the proposed beds built into the pavement which was a total of £360.00 as the work would be carried out by Dorset County Council, the bin is being provided by North Dorset District Council and the bench is being sponsored by a local organisation. See later minute for the Parish Council's determination.

10.2 Bus stop move to Blandford Hill - Cllr Curtis pointed out that the majority of villagers had indicated in their responses to the Parish Plan questionnaire that a move would be a good thing - however, what was not clear from that result was how many of those people who responded were actually bus users. Cllr Hopper pointed out that, if the stop were to be moved, it might be easier to provide a shelter and raised kerb facility to enable easier access for the less able users. A member of the public said that he was concerned about children waiting at the lay-by in the dark times of the year out of sight of the village centre. Steve Howard said that from a safety point of view it would probably be better to move the stop to the lay-by - but there were other social issues to consider. It was also pointed out that no reported accidents relating to the bus

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stop in its present location had ever been recorded. Steve Howard suggested that it might be an idea to try it for 6 months or so and, if it was not felt to be a good move, it could be moved back to its original location.

11 To determine action on the Corner of Milton Road

After some discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Hopper that the proposed planting scheme be modified to include two planters, a fixed bench and bin with planting to be less than 1 meter in height and all subject approval by Dorset County Council Highways. This was seconded by Cllr Regan and unanimously agreed. Cllr Curtis expressed thanks to Steve Howard for all the abortive work he had carried out on behalf of the village. The Clerk mentioned that funds had not been allocated in the budget for purchasing planters and top soil – it was felt that the cost could be taken from the sum previously set aside as the Obelisk Fund.

- 12 Bus Stop move** – After discussion it was agreed to arrange a full public meeting to determine the general feeling within the village with regard to this matter. The Clerk will arrange such a meeting and publicise it on the boards and in The Reporter (if the publication dates allow). Cllr Hopper asked if Steve Howard could give a report on what could and could not be done at the lay-by and at the present location in terms of raising kerbs, etc..

Clerk

13 Finance

- 13.1 The Clerk presented the annual accounts which have been prepared up to Audit stage. Cllr Regan proposed their acceptance, seconded by Cllr Hopper – all agreed. The Accounting Statements and Annual Governance Statement were also agreed. The Clerk will proceed to Audit.

Clerk

14 Planning

- 14.1 **2/2010/0457/PLNG** - Application from Village Hall re: construction of multi-use games area (MUGA) – concern was expressed from the floor that the MUGA would be using up a lot of the green area and also concern over future maintenance liabilities. The Clerk read out a report from Richard Lock of the Village Hall.
After discussion, it was proposed that the Parish Council would not object to the application subject to expressing the concern of locals over the loss of green amenity, that the MUGA should be sited as far away from The Causeway and other properties as possible, concern over possible noise from the re-bound fencing and the appearance of the same should it deteriorate in the future, and any other concerns expressed by local residents directly to North Dorset District Council. On a vote this was agreed – Cllr Curtis and Cllr Regan for, Cllr Hopper against.
- 14.2 **2/2010/1489/PLNG** – Deveral House, Deveral Farm Road, Milborne St Andrew re: erection of 2.4m high brick garden wall with door and stone cappings – after discussion, all agreed that there was no objection to the application.

15 Matters of Interest and/or for Information

- 15.1 Cllr Curtis asked the Clerk to write to the suppliers of the new gates at the Sports Field as the pedestrian latches were not engaging correctly.

Clerk

The meeting closed at 20:55

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting is due on 7th July 2010 – 7:30pm in the Main Hall at Milborne St Andrew Village Hall.