

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
Thursday 7th January 2021, at 7pm via zoom**

Councillors Present:T Fox (TF) (*Chairman*)

J Edwards (JE)

S Falkingham (SF) (*Vice Chair*)

P Valinski (PV)

D Padfield (DP)

R Goff (RG)

Cllr A Alford (Dorset Councillor)

Mrs M Harding (Clerk)

4 members of the Public

- 21/01-1** **Welcome, and to receive apologies for absence-** C Dyke (CD)
21/01-2 **To receive any declarations of interest and grants of dispensation-** none
21/01-3 **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd December 2020.**

Proposed JE

Seconded PV

21/01-4 **To receive matters arising from the minutes for information only-**

SF reported highways were asked to put in a no through road to North of Standstead road this will be requested again as issues have occurred in this area of vehicles getting stuck.

21/01-5 **Democratic Forum (15 minutes)- for members of the public to raise any issues or items-**

Tony Alford -Dorset Councillor that Dorset Council are back in lockdown mode and have new Council newsletters noting services that will be affected by lockdown.

21/01-6 **Chairman's report-**

Hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year. I would like to thank Penny and Paul Johnson for the donation of Christmas tree also anyone who donated lights and balls, thanks also to Laurie and Russell for putting it in place it was a nice welcome to the village.

I have spoken to an allotment holder about the rats and several have been caught and he will keep putting traps down but as you know it is an ongoing problem and I do not think bringing someone in to sort this out is going to help. Di, the Clerk, and I met with Dave Carey (Highways Officer) about removal of bus shelter, as it is near the road, they would be able to put in a pedestrian walkway (at a cost to the PC) and we will need to put skip somewhere during demolition. We also visited number 14 Hill View, about plans to erect a house which was not supported in the proposed location, the Clerk submitted our findings to the planning department. A notice board has been put in the allotments and thanks to Laurie Goff sourcing and installation.

JE commented on the rats in the allotments and had spoken to the pest controllers and would do a free survey, TF commented that at present it is in hand and this is being carried out without using poison.

Note:

Some members of the public were removed from the meeting due to issues of interrupting the meeting whilst in session.

21/01-7 **To consider a review of the Parish Council website (Clerk/JE)**

JE commented on the current site and that the Clerk has now updated the current site with some advice from the website provider and this is now working better. JE suggested we now stay with the current company and book in a couple of hours training if required.

Proposed PV

Seconded SF

The Clerk also commented on the info site for Maiden Newton created many years ago by a resident of the village at that time, this was a free website which to PC do not have control over and it is very out of date. The company would be asked to link the site to the official Parish Council website or remove if necessary.

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21/01-8 To consider the Climate Change consultation from Dorset Council

The original consultation had been received and was circulated to all. The consultation questions are 26 pages, and the draft plan is 71 pages long. This needs to be submitted by the 20th Jan 21. The Clerk had sent the comments from another PC to SF. SF explained there is also a pressure group meeting and circulating their documents and many Dorset Councillors are attending these meetings. It will take a lot of time to comment on this extensive consultation, but some topic areas are of specific interest to Maiden Newton.

Tony Alford explained that the Council would be happy to receive comments on areas that matter to the PC. This being an in-depth consultation it was agreed that the Councillors will read the comments from another parish and use this as a basis for comment. It was noted that it is difficult to disagree with the Dorset Council view. All Cllrs will consider the other PC submission and a response to the consultation will be submitted prior to the closing date.

Proposed RG

Seconded JE

21/01-9 Council Property:

i. **To receive the monthly risk assessment reports-** all visual inspections carried out.

RG commented on the need for a new volunteer to maintain the flowers at the war memorial, the previous volunteer will be thanked and a notice on the board and a note in the Herald.

RG needs to carry out some maintenance in this area. The PC wreath has been removed from the war memorial and will be reused and a donation made to the RBL, it was suggested that the one for the fire service was also removed RG to let the fire service know.

ii. **To consider the removal of the Bus Shelter on Dorchester Road**

The Council considered this and decided to leave this until this next lockdown is over, given the costs to remove it with all the current regulations for working on the highway and deferred to a future meeting. JE will continue to inspect the bus shelter.

21/01-10 Planning Consultations-

i. **To consider all planning applications:** - None in circulation

ii. **To consider and other planning matters or enforcements-** No response for an update on the planning at Land West of Cattistock Road for 9 dwellings

21/01-11 Finance-

i. **To consider all receipts and payments**

All payments due were authorised to be paid in line with the necessary internal controls and contracts. The PC are now making their payments online. The reports of payments were circulated prior to the meeting:

Payments	Detail	Amount
M Harding	Salary /Exp	£523.31
HMRC	PAYE	£116.00
DAPTC	Training	£23.00
J Carver	Grass contract	£341.66
L Baker	Muga Contract	£100.00
Vision ICT	email	£21.60
L Goff	Notice Board- Allotments	£258.00
SSE	Electric at MUGA	£10.68

