

MAIDEN NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Proposed JE

Seconded CD

- iv. **Wildflower verges**-RG proposed to carry out a trial placing wildflower seeds into verges, the team at DC now have a cut and collect machine which will much better for the growth of wildflowers. This would come at a cost of no more than £300 and the area of verge suggested would be on Dorchester road before the garage. The grass will be removed using a digger and will look untidy initially, this is hoped to be done before April. JE asked why yellow rattle is not included in the seed mix, it was explained that it may not work quite so well initially but could be added later. The cut and collect is cost neutral and should reduce the cuts from 6 to 3 then final down to 2 cuts per season.

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v. **To consider a letter of support for the final section of the trailway project for Sustrans**

The area concerned is in the parishes in Comptons Toller and Wynford who are looking into this, it was suggested that the current landowner should be made aware that the public and local Parishes supports the trailway. SF explained that this has been going on for a long time and she was under the impression that the landowner may be interested in supporting this project. RG is in favour of the trailway, but we shouldn't put pressure on landowners, a letter of support should be sent back to Sustrans to that effect.

21/03-8 Planning Consultations-

- i. **To consider all planning applications:** - None in circulation, SF asked about the Quarr development, it was noted that has been withdrawn as per the planning portal.
- ii. **To consider and other planning matters or enforcements**-none.
- iii. **To consider a comment on the Dorset Local Plan consultation-** SF had circulated her comments on the Dorset Local Plan, SF explained that the documents are available to view until after the weekend. The Council were happy with the comments, SF will update the response to a letter format, and this will be sent to DC by 15th March deadline.

21/03-9 Finance-

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

The reports of payments were circulated prior to the meeting:

All payments due were authorised to be paid in line with the necessary internal controls and contracts.

Payments	Detail	Amount
M Harding	Salary /Exp	£587.40
HMRC	PAYE	£127.40
DAPTC	Training	£38.50
S C Marsh	Hegde Trimming (Allotments)	£280.80
J Carver	Grass contract	£341.66
L Baker	Muga Contract	£100.00
Vision ICT	Website	£150.00
Ken Hussey	Play inspections	£64.00

Bank balances as of 31st January 2021 - £ 36656.25

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Update on the new account with Lloyds, there is a delay of 4 weeks for opening accounts due to Covid-19.

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- ii. **To consider an honorary payment to the project manager with the building the MUGA shed**
The Council agreed to a payment of £250 for all the time the project manager has put in during the building of the MUGA shed in his own time, this could have cost thousands of pounds if the PC had appointed a project manager.
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- iii. **To consider the updated costs of the grass cutting contract for 2021-22**
The grass cutting contract is to increase by £100.80 for the year as from 1st April 2021. Total cost £4200.00 paid monthly. The contract will be reviewed next year gathering 3 quotes.
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21/03-10 Transport/Highways

- i. **To receive the transport report-** SF had supplied the transport report- an addition SF reported that the present Heart of Wessex Rail Partnership is being wound up. The Westbury to Weymouth section will be transferred to the new South Wessex Community Rail Partnership. She asked that the Clerk could include an invitation to anyone interested in representing Maiden Newton in the new partnership in her report of this meeting for the April Herald. That person should contact the Clerk or SF for more information.

There have a been a few complaints about the replacement buses not picking up from the nominated stop at the railway station.

- ii. **To consider any other Highways issues**

The request for yellow lines had been reported online and an initial response had been received. No action yet.

The request for a further bollard by the dropped kerb opposite the Chip shop had also been reported and an initial response received, no action yet.

RG commented on the bins at the bottom of Bull Lane being placed on the corner against the wall and are still being left in this location, this is causing an obstruction on the pavement. This was reported to Dorset Council Highways back in October '20 but no action taken. It was also noted that 2 cars cannot pass at the bottom of the lane when they are left out. The bins could be located around the corner by the seat or by the garages, this will be followed up and a polite letter into the doors of the resident's TF offered to drop these in. Also, a note will be placed in the Herald.

JE asked about the notice regarding the parking restrictions on Dorchester Road, it was explained an accident in the village damaged the residents wall and because it's on a busy road, highways restrictions need to be in place, this will be a partial closure.

21/03-11 To consider items of correspondence received

The list was circulated prior to the meeting, items to note:

Dorset Council community Governance review- to be looked into later in the year this will be looking at any parish boundary changes, the amalgamation of parishes or number of Cllrs etc. This is the time to tidy up the administration of parishes if desired.

Information on the Communities prepared Flood officers' event in February was sent to the village flood officers.

21/03-12 Items for the meeting on Thursday 1st April 2021 via zoom-

SF commented following the DAPTC guidance, we may not be able to have our annual PC meeting via zoom if after 7th May. The May meeting is due to be held on the 6th May so this will continue via zoom. It was agreed to hold an annual parish meeting later in the year when we can meet face to face.

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21/03-13 Democratic Forum 15 minutes

TF reported that her husband will paint the village seats when he can. Also as there can be no litter pick this year suggests that the village have a community litter pick and take the rubbish bins home or use the litter bins in the village. RG suggested speaking to Dorset Waste partnership as they may collect from a central location or provide a wheelie bin. Clerk to make contact. JE will post something on the Facebook page. SF noted that there is a teenager collecting rubbish as part of there Duke of Edinburgh award.

The Chair of the Parish meeting in Frome Vauchurch, commented on the Pizza sales starting at Rock Pitt Car Park, the start date is due to be the 12th March and had anyone mentioned to the residents in the closest bungalows about this, the Cllrs had not contacted the neighbours so the Chair of Frome Vauchurch Parish meeting will tell the residents and come back with any questions to JE. She also commented on the flood issues in the area and the farmer planted the maize last season underpinned with grass seed. This may help the flooding on the field by the Allotments. RG commented that the corner of the field has been ploughed and the landowner will be thanked for doing this.

A resident explained that there had been activity on the Quarr site with inspectors and some photos being taken but nothing further.

Meeting closed at 7.57 pm.