

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021, at 7pm via zoom**

**Councillors Present:**

T Fox (TF) (*Chairman*)  
S Falkingham (SF) (*Vice Chair*)  
C Dyke (CD)  
Cllr A Alford (Dorset Councillor)  
Mrs M Harding (Clerk)

J Edwards (JE)  
D Padfield (DP)  
R Goff (RG)  
P Valinski (PV)  
4 members of the Public

**21/05-1 Election of Chair for 2021-22 and sign the acceptance of office.**

Trena Fox was nominated by SF and seconded by CD.

**21/05-2 Election of Vice- Chair 2021-22 and sign the acceptance of office.**

Sally Falkingham was nominated by TF and seconded by RG.

**21/05-3 To receive apologies of absence received-none****21/05-4 To receive any declarations of interest and grants of dispensation- none****21/05-5 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.**

Proposed CD

Seconded SF

**21/05-6 To receive matters arising from the minutes for information only-**

Dorset National Park- TF asked for comments from Councillors on the email from Chris Loder MP regarding his views on this topic, a response had also been sent by Dorset National Park. DP spoke against a national park and supported Chris Loder's comments. Cllrs supported the views from Chris Loder against a National Park for Dorset, RG would look further into the comments prior to any response being sent. **Action RG/Clerk**

TF reported that the hose and electric lead had been purchased for the cleaning of the MUGA surface and is aiming to commence this in the coming days. The MUGA is starting to be let now for tennis and basketball.

SF commented on the fence by the station that requires repair is the responsibility of the management company for the residents of the area, the Clerk contact the management company to this effect.

**21/05-7 Democratic Forum (15 minutes)- for members of the public to raise any issues or items-**

none.

**21/05-8 Chairman's report-**

Over the last year we have said goodbye to Alan, Anne and Gary and welcomed Michele as our new Clerk, who has updated our systems and banking etc. Di Padfield has joined the PC again.

The MUGA hut with electric and water is now up and running on the playing field, the Chairman thanked Steve Bevis for his commitment in overseeing the project.

This year a Christmas tree was installed with lights to welcome everyone to the village.

We now have a wildflower area installed on the grass verges in the village, two silver birch trees to be planted on the green to replace ones that had died.

The Allotments now have their own notice board, and most plots are let.

Meetings since July 2020 have been held via zoom to enable the Parish Council to function, but we hope to back to face to face meetings after the 21<sup>st</sup> June. JE commended the Clerk in her first 6 months in the role.

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### **21/05-9 To confirm the roles and responsibilities of Councillors for the coming year**

Councillors confirmed their current roles for 2021-22, this will be updated and placed on the website and notice board.

Trena Fox- Chairman, Allotments, signatory, Crisis committee

Sally Falkingham- Vice chair, bank signatory, PPG, Housing and Homeless forum, Transport, DAPTC.

Cherri Dyke- Play area, Village Hall Car park, Bank signatory, crisis committee.

Russell Goff- Ancient Monuments, Emergency & Flood, Pump and Fire house, The Green Harveys Close.

Paul Valinski- Youth and Community Centre, Village hall.

Jeremy Edwards- Bus shelters, Bank signatory (online banking) crisis committee, Playing field, MUGA, Rock pit car park.

Diana Padfield – Child protection officer, DAPTC, PPG.

### **21/05-10 To confirm the meeting dates of the coming year**

Councillors discussed the current regulations and guidance on holding face to face meetings and agreed to hold the next meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 commencing at 7pm. The Annual Parish Assembly will be held first with refreshments, followed by the PC meeting. DP offered to set up teas and coffees in the hall for attendees of the meeting. Items to be discussed at the APA would be the Quarr land and any questions from the residents on any issues and any reports from community groups in the village.

### **21/05-11 To consider that the Council is eligible to use the General Power of Competence**

An eligible council is one which has resolved to adopt the GPC, with at least two thirds of its members being declared elected and the Clerk must hold an appropriate qualification (Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012) The Council agreed to adopt the power as it confirmed it is eligible.

Proposed JE

Seconded SF

### **21/05-12 To reaffirm the Council's Standing Orders, Financial regulations, and other policies of the Council and to consider a scheme of delegation whilst the PC are unable to meet after 6<sup>th</sup> May virtually.**

The Clerk had circulated a list of the polices in place and explained the scheme of delegation, this would take the place of the crisis committee agreed at the beginning of lockdown given the new members and now using online payments.

SF and the Clerk had reviewed all policies in Oct/Nov 2020.

Councillors approved the policies in place and adopted the Scheme of delegation.

Proposed JE

Seconded RG

### **21/05-13 Council Property:**

- i. **To receive the monthly risk assessment reports**-all visual inspections carried out- no issues to report.

### **21/05-14 Planning Consultations-**

- i. **To consider all planning applications:**
  - a. P/LBC/2021/00346- 1 The Stables 9 Church Road- Conversion of existing store to dining room- no objections.
  - b. P/HOU/2021/00234- 3 North Road, Maiden Newton-Erection of single storey rear extension- No objections

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- c. WD/D/20/002894- Crockway Farmhouse- siting of 2 agricultural workers dwellings (retrospective) and siting of 4 agricultural workers mobile homes- SF had circulated suggested comments as some of the details are incorrect- no objections.
- d. P/RM/2021/00630- Land off Cattistock Road - Reserved matters application dealing with the site appearance, landscaping, and layout in relation to outline approval WD/D/16/001598- SF had circulated a report to Cllrs.

Maiden Newton Parish Council accepts the revised plans for the Quarr development. The original was agreed by West Dorset District Council in 2017 although this area is outside the Maiden Newton Development Boundary. The PC still have the following reservations:

1. How effective will the surface water collection system be able to collect storm generated surface water run off? The site is up hill from the existing Manor Farm Close. In times of heavy rain, the system installed in this area cannot cope and the area already contributes significantly to the flooding around the War Memorial.
2. How will building materials be delivered? There is the " S" bend round the Grade 1 listed barn to negotiate as it has previously been damaged by large vehicles.
3. Heating is still provided by Calor Gas with 2 underground 4000 litre tanks provided on the right of the road between the garages for no.2 and no.4 and opposite the turning circle despite the need to prepare for climate change, no mention is made of solar panels or other heat sources. Councillors agreed to the comments.

CD commented that she was not aware the access to the site being through the Manor Farm Close had been approved.

The agent for the application spoke on this item. There as outline consent agreed of 2016. A technical report was prepared at that time, providing storage capacity. The access was actually a condition of the planning consent by the planning authority at that time. An access was requested from Cattistock road, but this was rejected by highways/planning department because of the loss of vegetation and the lack of visibility onto Cattistock road.

CD raised her concerns about the danger to the children, elderly residents who use this as a direct route to the church, shops, and school. The agent noted that the layout submitted was agreed but a traffic management plan would be likely to be put in place in order to access the site.

The agent also asked about the future maintenance on the land at the Quarr, would the PC be prepared to take this on so plans can be put in place going forward but there is a S106 agreement in place for this to be dealt with after the work commences, suggested uses at that time was for a play area.

TF commented that the land proposal looks a good idea, but the Parish Council would need to ask the residents if they are happy for the PC to take it on due to the costs to maintain this in the future. It was confirmed that the land would be gifted to the PC. This will be discussed at the Parish meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> July and a proposal for the PC meeting to be considered at the Parish meeting afterwards. The agent will supply a plan of the actual land that is proposed to be transferred to the village.

RG agreed to prepare a plan for consideration by the parish.

**Action RG**

SF asked the agent if the sizes of the garages and gardens been changed, this was confirmed as advice has been taken from the conservation officers reports.

SF asked why the proposal is not utilising other sources of heating, it was noted that there is no mains gas, Calor gas tanks are to be placed underground, they avoided solar panels on roofs due to the issues in a conservation area, there will be car charging points installed. A resident made a point on sustainability and was surprised with such a modern development that more sustainable heating options are not being considered given the costs of Calor gas. JE also



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the seesaw, then put in place new surfacing at that same time. This was agreed and put on hold until August or September.

### 21/05-16 Transport/Highways

- i. **To receive the transport report-** SF had supplied the transport report for May. Network Rail have started to build the disabled access to Dorchester West station. Advance notice of major engineering works at Bristol Temple Mead are starting on this in July. 30th May there is engineering works near Chetnole. Trains to be replaced by buses between Yeovil Pen Mill and Weymouth. Finally, Network rail are working on replacing the signalling by drivers and guards.

### 21/05-17 To consider items of correspondence received

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

- i. The Clerk raised the issues of emptying the dog poo bin, a resident who started this volunteering project a few years ago now called the "Poo fairies" spoke on this, she explained that she started doing this and gathered volunteers to help, the bin is emptied twice a week otherwise it is too heavy, the bin was too high but has now been lowered but more volunteers are welcome to help. The bags are tied and placed in the bins in the village as there is permission to do this from DWP, the clerk has contacted DWP to ask if they would empty this bin but no reply to date. JE will put the info on the Facebook page asking for volunteers. Thanks were given to the volunteers for doing this for the benefit of the community.
- ii. SF asked that a girl in the village started litter picking in the village from Feb 2020 as part of her D of E and has continued ever since could the PC formally thanked. SF to supply contact details.
- iii. A resident also spoke on the emptying of the dog poo bins as they empty the bin in the Quarr, it was requested that the bin is lowered for ease of access to empty. This was agreed especially if this makes the job much easier.
- iv. Skate Park proposal- A letter of support had been received by a volunteer looking to get this project off the ground at the area around the Youth Club site by the Playing field. SF has already responded to the organiser with some background information. Concerns about the siting of the equipment were raised but it was noted the equipment would be movable. The Parish Council supported the Skate park in this location and will write back to that effect. The Chair of Frome Vauchurch Parish also commented that the residents around that area should be considered as part of any project.
- v. CD commented that there would no longer be a Youth Club, as there isn't a leader. PV commented that this has not been decided.

### 21/05-18 Democratic Forum 15 minutes

Nicky Mann is meeting with PCSO regarding the Community Speed watch team for the village and hopes to start from the 1<sup>st</sup> June throughout the village, at agreed risk assessed sites.

Tony Alford- no reports over and above the Dorset Council newsletter. It has been a big year for the Council with Covid. Tony was asked to officially open the trailway entrance Bridport to Maiden Newton at the Station. AA will get back to the Council when the opening date is confirmed. AA noted that he is no longer on the DWP committee, as he only serves on 1 committee.

PPG group has now been reorganised and is now part of the Bridport group, the last meeting was put off, and no meeting has been arranged, the PC was asked to write a letter to the PPG to ask when they are likely to meet again so the reps can make comments on the progress so far.

Meeting closed at 8.29 pm.