

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on
Thursday 1st July 2021, at 8.40pm in the village hall**

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)

P Valinski (PV)

17 members of the Public

- 21/07-1 Welcome and to receive apologies of absence** – TF commented that Russell Goff had resigned as a Councillor, he was thanked for all he has done for the village whilst a Cllr and the PC wishes him and his family well in the future.
- 21/07-2 To receive any declarations of interest and grants of dispensation-** none
- 21/07-3 To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 6th May 2021.**
Proposed JE Seconded SF
- 21/07-4 To receive matters arising from the minutes for information only-** none
- 21/07-5 Democratic Forum (15 minutes)- for members of the public to raise any issues or items-** none.
- 21/07-6 Chairman's report-** The Chairman had provided a report in the Annual Parish meeting.
- 21/07-7 To consider adopting the new Code of Conduct and all Councillors to attend training- DC now moving to digital register of interests by 30th September.**
TF, SF have attended the training and other Cllrs hope to do so when more dates for courses are placed on the DAPTC website. The Council adopted the new Code of conduct, this will be updated so it is personal to MNPC and placed on the website.
Proposed SF Seconded TF
- 21/07-8 To consider a community governance review for the parishes of Maiden Newton and Frome Vauchurch to join as a Group Council.**
The Chair of the Frome Vauchurch parish meeting had left the meeting so could not comment at this point. The Councillors supported the grouping of the two parishes for the benefit of the Communities.
Proposed CD Seconded SF
- 21/07-9 To adopt a Grant Awarding Policy for Maiden Newton PC**
A draft policy had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting, this was agreed and will be placed on the PC website.
Proposed JE Seconded PV
- 21/07-10 Council Property: To receive the monthly risk assessment reports-** all completed.
- i. To consider the play area report following the quarterly inspection-** Cllrs discussed, the gate from the Car Park behind the village hall into the playing field and considered putting in a combination lock, so buggies and wheelchairs can access the play area. Costs for a combination lock will be gathered.

ii. To consider adopting the land at the Quarr for community benefit-

The outline Quarr development was approved in June 2017 with 16 conditions, since then there have been several planning applications considering reserved matters most of which the PC have commented on.

The case officer had been contacted regarding a planning appeal that the PC was not consulted upon. He explained that he has queried this with the registration section over the appeal notification and will let us know of any feedback. That appeal was dismissed.

The case officer commented that, Planning Officers ideally hope to receive the corporate view of the Parish Council on development proposals. He commented that the PC's existing comments do just that. He also noted that he has representations by a planning consultant on behalf of residents and their concerns will be considered as part of his assessment.

The PC do not feel they need to add any further comments on this application of reserved matters.

However, the PC are considering the land being offered as part of an existing S106.

The PC have been in contact with the S106 officer regarding its content. It was noted that this is an old S106 agreement and details are missing.

The PC have also had feedback from the CIL officer and the CIL payment that could be made to the PC as and when the development is complete could be in the region of £18,000. There is a criteria of how this can be spent and this will be considered as and when this payment may be received in the future.

The PC now needed to decide whether to take this land on with the following proviso's:

- To take on the land without any funds as stated within the current outdated S106 for the future maintenance of the area as confirmed by the S106 officer.
- To take the land on and increase the precept to maintain the area.
- Consider using the CIL monies once received for the future maintenance of the land.
- Not to take the land on and a management company will then maintain the area so the PC will not have any control on its future use.

Another item to consider is as part of the S106 a play area with 5 pieces of equipment has been specified.

- The Parish Council could comment on this as part of the current reserved matters to insist that no further play areas are built but the funds that would have been used are gifted to the PC for the future maintenance of the land to be adopted.
- Or it could insist the funds are gifted to update the current play area and purchase new equipment when required.

Conclusion:

The PC adopts the land as a community space for the benefit of the village of Maiden Newton and ask for the funds to build the proposed play area are given to the PC for the future maintenance of the site and ask that the current S106 is updated with these recommendations.

Proposed JE Seconded DP

The suggested use of the Quarr land was discussed in the Annual parish meeting- picnic area, village green, community garden and orchard with fruit trees for the benefit of the community it was suggested that the area could be named the "Platinum Gardens".

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iii. To consider the maintenance of the hedge by the village hall (PC owned area)

The Council will gather quotes for the cutting of the hedge by the village hall for the autumn after the bird nesting season.

iv. To consider sharing the cost of a skip with the Allotment Association for the allotment holders use only.

The allotment association had made a request for a skip to be placed at the allotments at a cost of £245.00 plus Vat. This cost would be shared with the Allotment association on a one off basis. This was agreed. Proposed JE Seconded PV

The Allotment Association will be asked to monitor the skip, so it is not abused.

v. To arrange a site visit for Councillors at the MUGA and playing field to consider maintenance.

The councillors considered the recommendation from the Annual Parish meeting to open up the MUGA for the month of August for a trial period. A notice publicising this will be placed on the notice boards website and on the MUGA. This was agreed.

Proposed JE Seconded SF.

A site meeting will be held to look at the goal posts, fencing, MUGA surfacing and fencing to the community centre. JE, TF, PV, SF, MH and the members of the football clubs will attend. Clerk to arrange.

21/07-11 Planning Consultations-

i. To consider all planning applications:

a. P/LBC/2021/00790- 5 Cattistock Road- Proposed dwelling- no objections.

b. P/HOU/2021/001256- 3 Stanstead Road-Erection of single storey extension to the rear and alterations- No objections

c. P/FUL/2021/01910- Install ground-mounted solar panel photovoltaic solar arrays, substations, inverter stations, security fencing, access tracks, landscaping and other ancillary infrastructure. Location: Land at Cruxton Farm- It was brought to the attention of the PC the issues that could be caused by the construction traffic; the Council will ask for an extension to look further at this information and make a comment.

ii. To consider and other planning matters or enforcements-none.

21/07-12 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.

This report covers the period since the last meeting in May.

Payments	Detail	Amount
June		
M Harding	Salary /Exp	£660.30
HMRC	PAYE	£101.80
DC	Dog poo signs	£18.00
DAPTC	Annual subs	£406.56
SSE	Electricity for MUGA	£10.77
PWLB	Loans	£641.30

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L Carver	Grass contract	£350.00
July		
M Harding	Salary/Exp	£687.80
HMRC	PAYE	£101.80
SSE	Electricity for MUGA	£11.11
K Hussey	Play inspections	£64.00
L Carver	Grass contract	£350.00
National Allotment society	subs	£66.00
Baker	Reimburse for War memorial plants	£65.62
Receipts		
MUGA	Hire	£10.00
Allotment	Rent	£12.50
HMRC	VAT	£533.38
Allotment	Rent	£25.00

£10,000 was transferred from the Current account to the savings account on 1st June 2021.

Bank balances as of 30th June 2021 - £ 46,727.94

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ii. To consider the request for a grant towards the fence at the station

A request for financial help had been received from a resident on behalf of the Residents housing group representing the houses by the station. The current fencing is in need of repair. This fence had been reported to Meadfleet in September 2020, but this was not reported to the housing group until May 2021. The resident's group had supplied information on the costs and the criteria in order that the PC could consider this proposal. The cost of the fence was in the region on £3000 and this would be shared between all the residents but given its location and the benefit to the community the group asked for financial support from the PC.

The Council considered the grant request, it was noted that this not PC land but supported the residents by agreeing to send a letter to the housing group asking for the costs of the fencing to be paid for by Meadfleet, GWR and Network Rail as the Station Car Park is part of the Station Land leased to GWR by Net Work Rail who would benefit from this fencing, not the actual residents who live in this area. SF will be attending the GWR and Network rail meeting on the 15th July so will raise this issue with them.

21/07-13 Transport/Highways

- i. **To receive the transport report-** SF had supplied the transport report for July and had read out a full report at the Annual Parish Assembly.
- ii. **To receive any other highways issues-** to comment on the proposed declassification of the A356- Cllrs were concerned that if the route was declassified it would then not be gritted so would rather road was not de-classified.
- iii. **To consider supporting the Community Speed watch scheme with Frome Vauchurch-** The Chair of Frome Vauchurch parish meeting had left the PC meeting so this would be revisited in September.
- iv. **To receive any rights of way issues -none**

21/07-14 To consider items of correspondence received

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

JE reported that at the recent CLT meeting the boundary fence at the Community centre had been discussed and asked for this to be reinstated. Cllrs will look at this at their site meeting.

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21/07-15 To confirm the date and items for the next PC meeting on 2nd September 2021

It was agreed not to hold an August meeting unless something comes up that requires a decision. Otherwise, the scheme of delegation can be put in place.

21/07-16 Democratic Forum 15 minutes

The Council had received a complaint about overhanging branches from the cemetery to property nearby, it was explained that this is not the responsibility of the PC, and their complaint will be sent to the PCC for action.

TF commented that she had received a call regarding the state of the grass in the cemetery as some of the graves cannot be seen, it was also reported that the PCC could not afford to cut the grass. This is not the responsibility of the Parish Council. The PC have historically made a £650 annual donation towards the grass cutting, this area is the responsibility of the PCC and has been passed on to the resident concerned.

Ammonite health had not responded to the letters posted so the Clerk had made an online complaint, they have now responded to SF who is checking that Ammonite health have been answered all the questions and complaints before any further action.

Meeting closed at 9.46 pm.