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- ii. **Speaker on the potential for Electric charging points in the village-** Christopher Whitehouse from Dorset Council Transport Planning team came to speak on the potential of installing electric vehicle charging points in the village.  
Nationally the government will be banning new petrol and diesel vehicles by 2030, nationally about a third of all new homes do not have off street parking. DC have been working with some commercial partners to look at part funding and start to install a few sites (about 30) over the last year, these are mainly in towns.  
The PC noted that there is still a DC car park in the village.  
There are various options to consider:  
1-The cheap and cheerful option is community charging, renting out a driveway using a phone app.  
2- Self funding groups like PC's can put in a charge point in the village,  
3- Shared funding- putting in charge points in car parks using a phone app or card which is pay as you go, the LA have a small amount of funding which could help part fund this.  
4- Possibly ask the local garage to install one on site.  
Mr Whitehouse can offer support and advice to install one in the village.  
It was noted that you can plug this into your electricity supply but there are different types of chargers on the market. The charging time would be a trickle charge overnight. The other types of times would be 3-4 hours or a fast charge for three quarters of an hour. The question was asked of many points can be added to one site, it was explained that once there is a cable into the site it will be dependent on the electric that is available to this site.  
Cllrs raised the issues that most properties have 2 cars, and many do not have parking places so could lead to frustration if one was installed and people have to wait their turn.  
To install the correct supply could well be costly the charge points being installed of 22kw are in the region of £55,000.00 the fast chargers for 4 hours are about £6000 to £8000 but there are government grants to assist with this.  
Mr Whitehouse will look at the car park in the village and come back to the PC to see if this is possible. This will be added to the October meeting. It was suggested the PC should speak to the local businesses to see if there is interest.  
Mr Whitehouse was thanked for his time and left the meeting.
- iii. **Speaker on the use of the MUGA and playing field for Rugby Tots from Sep-**The local coach for Rugby Tots came to ask if they could run sessions after school for children aged 2 to 7 from 2.30pm in the afternoon. The sessions would not affect the school use but in October the group would need an indoor venue so the Community Centre or the village hall would be contacted about this. It was suggested the group contact the CLT about the use of toilets if required. SF and JE will speak to the CLT at their next meeting.
- iv. **Cllr Roland Tarr spoke on the planned works on the NCR 26-** RT spoke on the proposed works to the section of National Cycle Route 26 between Frampton and Cruxton, the plan is to make the surface more user friendly with recycled tarmac taking out the unnecessary gates on the route and replace with easy access gates. This is to be funded by the government. There are 3 routes being repaired in the area. The PC were asked to write an official letter of support for these works. This was agreed.
- v. **Members of the public to raise any issues on agenda items**

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### Chairman's report

We have had a site visit to the Muga and playing field to look at replacing fencing and gate between the CLT land and PC field (as requested) also looked at repairing wooden fence along side of field and getting hedge cut when are able.

We met some of the football club they are going to sort out the removal of the old goal posts

The Muga has been open for August and suggest it stays open till end of September, only two young lads have requested to use tennis net and they have been given them access every time which has

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worked well. The Chair met with Ken Hussey (play inspector) to do safety check on the Muga and provide a report.

Trees at the rock pit car park has been looked at and they will need to be monitored but no immediate action needs to be taken, we have had people climbing them and a notice was put on the community Facebook page about this to remind them of the danger.

Allotment's skip arrived was filled up and picked up, The Clerk, Chair of the PC and Chair of the Allotment Association met Charles and sorted out a few issues, there have been a few personnel changes among allotment holders.

### **21/09-7 To consider a community governance review for the parishes of Maiden Newton and Frome Vauchurch to join as a Group Council.**

The Council discussed further the merits of making a group Council with Frome Vauchurch as both parishes share many of the assets and community facilities. The Chair of Frome Vauchurch also expressed the need to work together. FV are looking at setting a precept in the near future to maintain some of their assets, pay for training and prepare for a combined precept with Maiden Newton if this CGR is agreed for 2024.

The Clerk will prepare a response from the PC to the Survey for submission by 28<sup>th</sup> October to DC, this will then come out to public consultation in Dec 2021

### **21/09-8 Council Property: To receive the monthly risk assessment reports- all completed.**

- i. To consider the use of the MUGA since opening for August- extended to the end of September-** JE reported that there had been no problems since the full opening of the MUGA for August and this has been extended to end of September. This was under the proviso that a Friends of the MUGA is set up to assist with the shortfall in revenue with the MUGA being open. It was reported from members of the public that some parents are tidying up the MUGA, but no one has come forward to the PC to set up a Friends of the MUGA. The Chair of FV Parish meeting will ask those parents who have been maintaining the area to come forward to set up this group. This will be further discussed in October.
- ii. To consider then use of the MUGA/Playing field for Rugby Tots-**  
The use of the MUGA/Playing field was agreed assuming it fitted in with the school use. This is inline with the current terms and conditions of the school and Football groups.
- iii. To consider quotes for fence repairs in the playing field and the boundary playing field to CLT.**  
None received in time for the meeting deferred to October meeting.
- iv. To consider quotes to cut back the hedge by the village hall**  
One quote had been received at a cost of £150 this was agreed
- v. To discuss any tree works at Rock Pit Car Park**  
Following the report of some young people climbing the trees, the PC sent a message via the Facebook community page and in the Herald asking people not to climb the trees, a local Tree surgeon was asked to report on the current state of the trees, the report showed that at this time nothing is required immediately but to monitor the area and consider any works if the situation changes.
- vi. To consider the Play area report-** deferred to October meeting as CD was unable to attend.

### **21/09-9 Planning Consultations-**

- i. To consider all planning applications:**
  - a. P/FUL/2021/01920- Install ground-mounted solar panel photovoltaic solar arrays, substations, inverter stations, security fencing, access tracks, landscaping and other ancillary infrastructure- This was the comment made by the PC in July-

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Maiden Newton Parish Council agree in principle to the application of the Solar Farm but given the amount of construction traffic that this development will require on the small narrow lanes and its impact on the local community we cannot support the proposal to install ground-mounted solar panel photovoltaic solar arrays, substations, inverter stations, security fencing, access tracks, landscaping and other ancillary infrastructure in this location. The PC would like to point out that there has been a lot of work within the community to assist with flood alleviation with the maintaining of gullies and grips, this will all be lost with the number of oversized vehicles that will be using these routes on a daily basis until it has been constructed. The chosen route is also part Nation Cycle Network 26 which is a frequently used route by the visitors to the area, the local community and many children, this will impact on the safety of this route. Should the planning authority support this application then a more safe and suitable access to the site will need to be arranged. Following the information provided in the meeting the PC will be waiting to hear whether any new more suitable route can be achieved.

- b. P/CLE/2021/001296- The Old Railway station, Maiden Newton- Siting of storage container- Following a site visit and information from the case officer to state that the wrong application had been submitted and full planning application was required the PC will await the updated application prior to commenting but note that this container is not within the agreed area of land leased and may cause an obstruction where it is sited as vehicles will have issues turning in the area.
- c. P/HOU/2021/02510- 39 Dorchester Road- Take down existing outbuilding and erect studio- no objections.
- ii. **To consider and other planning matters or enforcements-**The day of the meeting the case officer and the agent had been in contact to send updated plans and information this was circulated to Cllrs. The land available to the PC to take on is still ongoing no further update on any amendments to the S106.

### 21/09-10 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 July.

Payments	Detail	Amount
<b>Aug</b>		
Maiden Newton VH	Hire	£24.00
H Soper	Allotment strimming	£70.00
M Harding	Salary /Exp	£660.10
HMRC	PAYE	£102.00
SSE	Electricity for MUGA	£10.77
L Carver	Grass contract	£350.00
DAPTC	Training	£50.00
<b>Sep</b>		
BHIB	Annual Insurance	£873.82
M Harding	Salary/Exp (including Brush and bin liners for MUGA)	£699.52
HMRC	PAYE	£101.80
SSE	Electricity for MUGA	£11.11
PKF Littlejohn	External Auditor	£360.00
L Carver	Grass contract	£350.00
Sign Services	Signs for verges	£16.80

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Receipts		
Allotment	Rents	£46.00
MUGA	Hire	£5.00
Paddock and Grazing	Rent	£387.50
Allotment	Skip hire	£122.50

Bank balances as of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 - £ 44,433.85

Proposed JE

Seconded PV

- ii. **To accept the External Audit of the Annual return-** The external audit had been completed no matters arising. This was noted by the Council. Copies of the notice are on the noticeboard and website.
- iii. **To ratify the Annual Insurance quotes**  
Quotes had been gathered for the annual insurance. The PC agreed to change insurers to BHIB and agreed to a 3-year LTA with a saving of £380. The Annual Insurance was agreed at a cost of £873.82 per annum.
- iv. **To consider any financial implications of the fence at the station car park**  
Following the request from residents to contribute to the replacement of the fence. The PC considered this are not in a position to contribute to the costs as it is not PC land and is not to the benefit of the community, the PC has a duty to spend public money wisely. The PC were also informed that GWR also refused to assist with residents with the costs as they too are funded by public money.

### 21/09-11 Transport/Highways

- i. **To receive the transport report-** SF had supplied the transport report. Also, a copy of the Bus Back Better report submitted to DC.
- ii. **To consider an electric charging point in the village-** Following the information received earlier in the meeting it was agreed to defer until the Oct meeting once potential sites could be considered.
- iii. **To consider supporting the Community Speed watch scheme with Frome Vauchurch-** The Chair of Frome Vauchurch parish meeting provided a report of the current scheme, there are 19 volunteers from both villages, and cover 5 sites. Over 12 sessions the CSW group have collected data from 938 readings, 41 were doing over 36 that is 4.% speeding. The CAM team have also been on site with the group. The equipment is on loan for 3 months then the cost of this is in the region of £350. The PC will then consider paying for the equipment if the scheme and volunteers wish to continue. The CSW team was thanked for all they are doing for the villages.
- iv. **To receive any rights of way issues** -Nothing new to report at this time.

### 21/09-12 To consider items of correspondence received

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

SF commented on the letter sent to the surgery with the issues from residents. SF had a meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> July and published the results in the Herald, a copy of these notes will be circulated to Cllrs. SF was thanked for her work on this topic.

### 21/09-13 To confirm the date and items for the next PC meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Deferred items and the co-option of a Cllr.

### 21/09-14 Democratic Forum 15 minutes- none

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm.