

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 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)  
  
4 members of the Public

- 21/04-1**      **Welcome, zoom meeting rules read out by the Clerk, apologies for absence received-**  
P Valinski (PV)
- 21/04-2**      **To receive any declarations of interest and grants of dispensation- none**
- 21/04-3**      **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021.**  
Proposed CD    Seconded SF
- 21/04-4**      **To receive matters arising from the minutes for information only- none**
- 21/04-5**      **Democratic Forum (15 minutes)- for members of the public to raise any issues or items-**  
Tony Alford -Dorset Councillor reported that the weekly cases are in decline, but latest advice is to be vigilant. The shielding motion has ended, but those who have been receiving support from DC will continue. Dorset Council are considering car parking charges and consultations have been held, also electric vehicle charging points have been installed in approx. 40 DC car parks. Recycling centres are likely to be busy over the Easter weekend. He also commented on the school bus situation as he has not had a reply. SF reported that the bus is timed at 7.38am. JE commented, that this contract is nothing to do with the Council as it is a private school contract between the bus company and the school. It was advised that parents speak to the schools on this matter so the school can take this up with the operators contracted by the schools.  
SF asked AA about the discussions of Council property specifically South walks House, AA commented that when Dorset Council was formed, it was known that the Council would not need as much property and with Covid and staff working from home South walks house is no longer needed, so DC wish to find another use for it going forward.
- 21/04-6**      **Speaker on the “Outland Opera”-** Ruth Knight spoke to the meeting on Outland Opera, Ruth explained that she currently works for the English Natural Opera on site specific Opera which are created about the areas where they wish to perform. There will be an Outland opera in Wynford eagle in 2022, feedback from the local community will be gathered over the course of the summer. There may be transport or digital exclusivity issues in attending these events so Ruth will be holding a consultation event in MNVH in July to share stories and have a cup of tea to talk about the local area. From 12<sup>th</sup> April Ruth will be leafleting in the area.  
The Council were interested in this project and offered to put this in the Herald, notice boards and on the Website/Facebook. The newsagents are quite accommodating so may help with leaflets. DP commented on Dorset Blind association and suggested this avenue as well.  
Ruth was thanked for attending the meeting and the clerk will get in touch regarding posters.
- 21/04-7**      **Chairman’s report-**  
Mr Fox has weeded and tidied around the War memorial and cross and painted the village seats. The PC no longer have a contract for the cleaning of the MUGA and are not looking at arranging another, it was suggested that we could look after it ourselves, with monthly checks, reporting any problems that arise also possibly purchase a power washer to clean it twice a year.

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After the costs of buying the equipment and finding someone to do the cleans, we would still be in budget.

Russell and his team have already sown the wildflower seed on the verge on Dorchester Road, we look forward to seeing them grow.

The one allotment with rubbish on has now been cleared by a local contractor at a cost of £400, we have been unable to get back this cost after the allotment holder left the plot in a state, but savings may be found elsewhere to cover this.

The wall at No 14 Hill view has now started to fall down, this has been re reported to highways as urgent.

DP suggested charging a substantial deposit to cover these costs in the future.

RG commented on the wildflowers, the primroses were transplanted came from the site near the train station as they were due to be dug up.

Several Councillors have a pressure washer that can be used for the cleaning of the MUGA, but long extension leads, RCD breaker and hose pipe are required as there is now a water and electric supply in the MUGA hut.

The Council agreed to purchase these items once the length of pipe and electric lead is agreed.

Proposed JE                      Seconded DP

TF reported that the wooden fence inside the playing field is broken and needs to be replaced, a site meeting is to be arranged to look at the fencing and a quote for post and rail fencing to be gathered. This was put in the budget for 2021-22.

SF asked if the hire of the MUGA for Tennis can be made available, TF contact details are available for bookings and enquiries on the PC website and on the notice at the MUGA.

### 21/04-8 Council Property:

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

CD reported that someone has been walking their dog in the play area, new signs were being prepared but they need to be updated with the current contact details, the clerk will order two new signs for the play area entrances.

CD updated the PC on the surfacing, the clerk has arranged a site visit on 22<sup>nd</sup> April other contractors have been contacted to gather quotes.

### 21/04-9 Planning Consultations-

- i. To consider all planning applications: - None in circulation  
ii. To consider and other planning matters or enforcements-none.

### 21/04-10 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.

Payments	Detail	Amount
M Harding	Salary /Exp	£568.70
HMRC	PAYE	£127.40
DAPTC	Training	£10.00
A Goff	Flood Honorarium	£100.00
J Carver	Grass contract	£341.66
L Goff	Flood Honorarium	£100.00
R Goff	Silver Birch trees	£141.82

Bank balances as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 - £ 32,235.35

Chairman's Signature

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Proposed CD

Seconded JE

SF thanked the clerk for the preparation of the finance reports.

## 21/04-11 Transport/Highways

- i. **To receive the transport report-** SF had supplied the transport report.
- ii. **To consider any other Highways issues-** surfacing works to be carried out in the village, nothing further on the request for the yellow lines to be renewed or the request for another bollard.

## 21/04-12 To consider items of correspondence received

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

- i. Dorset Council community Governance review- to be discussed further on the May/June agenda
- ii. A letter was sent to the property owners where the bins that had been left as an obstruction, this seems to have been rectified.
- iii. Email sent by a resident regarding the dog mess issue in the village, the PC cannot give out personal data, it is up to the resident to speak to the dog warden or contact the Dorset Council ward member.
- iv. The external audit information has been received from PKF Littlejohn, the clerk will now prepare the year end accounts for the internal Audit, the Annual return will be considered at the May meeting.
- v. Dorset Council survey on the DAPTC services offered, Cllrs will comment on the questions and the Clerk will submit. Closing date 4<sup>th</sup> May.
- vi. MP Chris Loder- would like the Parish Council's view on Dorset being a National Park, it would be interesting to know the reservations of the MP. There is a greater protection for the environment, but this may cause an issue with planning. AA commented that this has been a point of discussion for several years, the National park has its own planning system and can choose what planning is in the county, it was noted that there isn't anything a National Park can do that isn't already being done i.e., AONB. AA noted that why would Dorset Council want to lose its planning powers? AA offered to speak to MP Chris Loder to gather his thoughts.
- vii. SF spoke on the Trailway- the previous countryside warden was surprised that this had not already been sorted out. He offered to go back to Tara Hansford and Sustrans to gather further information, SF offered to write to Mr Sartan about the trailway. RG suggested speaking to the definitive maps team at DC. RG supported the completion of the project; most Cllrs support the project; the issue is that the land in question is not in our parish. AA commented that the matter was discussed in another parish meeting and there is an issue with the landowner and this need to be addressed. Cllrs agreed that the Sustrans project needs to be supported. It was proposed to send a letter to Mr Yeates to let him know that the trailway has the support of the residents and PC of Maiden Newton so children can have safe access and travel between parishes.  
Proposed JE                      Seconded CD
- viii. Resident at top of Bull Lane has complained about the state of the fence on Station road as this has still not been repaired. The PC have already written to the management company, SF raised it with GWR but has not had a reply. A land registry search will be needed, to clarify the ownership of the area. Clerk to follow up.
- ix. SF attended a DAPTC meeting where Dorset Council spoke on the plans to support summer activities, especially those problems in the coastal areas and access to the beach's, issues of rubbish, parking etc. Cllrs commented that wild camping being illegal unless there is landowner's permission. Cllrs were reminded to be vigilant on camper vans setting up camp. More information to follow on this topic.

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### **21/04-13 Items for the meeting on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 via zoom-**

This will be the Annual meeting with the election of Chair, Vice chair and this will be the last meeting via zoom as there are no regulations to meet virtually after the 7<sup>th</sup> May 21.

### **21/04-14 Democratic Forum 15 minutes**

Resident – thanked whoever dealt with the wall issue.

Another resident commented that the white sheet quarry is being used for motor cross and is causing a noise issue, although this is not in our parish it is having an effect on Maiden Newton residents. This is in the parish of Toller Fratrum, the only thing the PC can do is report the noise disturbance to Environmental health- Clerk to action.

Proposed DP                      Seconded SF

A resident commented on the pressure washing of the surface of the MUGA and care should be taken as this could soon lift the paint and tarmac.

Cllrs and residents were thanked for attending and wished a Happy Easter.

Meeting closed at 8.09 pm.