

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
Thursday 3rd February 2022, at 7 pm in the village hall**

Councillors Present:

Trena Fox (TF) Chair

C Dyke (CD)

L Goff (LG)

Mrs M Harding (Clerk)

Cllr A Alford (Dorset Councillor)

S Falkingham (SF) (Vice Chair)

D Padfield (DP)

17 members of the Public

- 22/2-1 Welcome and to receive apologies of absence** - TF welcomed all to the meeting and received apologies from P Valinski and J Edwards.
- 22/2-2 To receive declarations of interest and/or grants of dispensation-** None.
- 22/2-3 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th January 2022**
Proposed CD Seconded LG
- 22/2-4 To receive matters arising from the minutes for information only-** none
- 22/2-5 Democratic Forum (15 minutes for members of the public to raise any issues on agenda items)**
- i. A resident asked what was happening with the Drift as only part of this had been repaired. LG explained that Dorset highways department had been in and carried out some work at the bottom end but some of the rights of way team have been off sick, so works are due to commence as soon as they are back in work.
 - ii. Annual Spring Clean- A young resident of Maiden Newton is going to organise a village spring clean as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award, residents will be welcome to join in this will take place on the 1st and 2nd April, posters will be around the village
 - iii. Planning – A resident thanked the PC for their objections to the planning application for the Shepherds huts, the resident spoke on the updated reports that are now on the planning portal from the agent and highways regarding the potential installation of cctv at the entrance to the site onto Cattistock Road and the concerns of data protection especially as this is on a public right of way. The case officer has not extended the date for comments as these changes were deemed minor. The PC were asked to make further comment. The Councillors then discussed this issue and agreed to make further comments on the new reports objecting to cctv and the implications could have.
- 22/2-6 Chairman’s report-**
- The new fence at the playing field has been replaced and looks really good.
We had a problem with the stop cock outside the hut, but this has now been repaired. Wessex Water are going to update mains stopcock in the road.
Cherry, Lawrie, Michele and I had a site visit at the play area and decided what needs repairing or replacing. Cherri had a meeting with a contractor and will report on this. There have been a few issues at the Allotment, but they are being investigated. Paul and I attended 6 hours of zoom training on planning. Hopefully this will come in useful in the future. We now have a new measuring stick and winder for the tennis net. Finally, the bollards have now been put in place outside the stables.

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22/2-7 Council Property: To receive the monthly risk assessment reports- all completed.

- i. CD reported on her meeting with one contractor, the Clerk has prepared a spec and plan which is being sent to several play companies to gather quotes. CD also reported that the “Friends of the Play Area” are aiming to hold fund a raising event on 30th April. The gate by the VH is not wide enough so the PC will be altering the gate from the car park to make this meet the current regulations.
- ii. To consider the Grass cutting specification for 2022-2025-this was agreed and will now be advertised on the website, Facebook, notice boards and the Herald.
Proposed LG Seconded CD

22/2-8 Planning Consultations-

- i. To consider all planning applications:
 - a. P/HOU/2022/0336- 19 Dorchester Road- Erect garage in front – following discussions regarding the access to the garage and materials there was no objection in principle to the application but would like the garage to be in keeping with the neighbouring properties.
 - b. P/FUL/2021/04814 Proposal: Change of use of the land to site 3 no. shepherd huts, erect shower/W.C. block and create associated access road. Location: Land North of 19 Cattistock Road -further updated documents had been added to the planning portal-the PC will make further objections to this application.
- ii. To consider and other planning matters or enforcements-none

22/2-9 Finance-

i. To consider all payments due

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 January meeting.

Payments	Detail	Amount
Feb 22		
L Gurd	Playing field fence	3105.27
DAPTC	Training	78.00
MNVH	Hall hire	16.00
Clerk	Salary/Expenses	757.74
HMRC	PAYE	104.80
J Carver	Grass contract	350.00
SSE	MUGA electricity	26.98
Northover & Ball	Water repairs at MUGA hut	129.69
Vision ICT	Website costs	78.00

Proposed CD Seconded LG
Bank balances as of 31st January 22 - £52760.26

A Lloyds savings account has been opened in place of the Barclays savings account. All funds have been removed from Barclays accounts and these will be closed at year end. LG will be a signatory on the Lloyds account as well as JE and the Clerk.

ii. To consider the annual rent for the Grazing and Paddock for the next 3 years

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This will be discussed in closed session

22/2-10 Transport/Highways

- i. **To receive the transport report-** SF had supplied a report. SF spoke on the Bus Back Better online sessions, but there is nothing in the plan for the Maiden Newton area, SF will complete the questionnaire on behalf of MNPC. SF urged more people to use the bus service to Yeovil.
- ii. **To receive any rights of way issues -**
The Clerk will make a DMMO application to the Definitive maps team to add the footpath across the field to the north of the Church that is not yet on the Definitive Map of Rights of Way footpaths to the definitive plan, details have been sent by the RoWLO to the PC

SF commented on FP 2 from the railway path and requested that the PC put in an application for this to be added to the definitive map, the RoW liaison officer at the meeting explained that this could take some time and may need evidence 3 members of the public put their names forward to assist with historical evidence. This needs to be applied for prior to the developments taking place.

The ruts on the Drift are now 18" deep and almost impassable. This work is planned with the Countryside team.

22/2-11 To consider items of correspondence received- report circulated

Most items were covered within the agenda, the PC made an official request for internet access in the village hall to VH committee, CD to take this to the next meeting as Chair of the committee.

- i. **To consider the Queens Jubilee and any celebrations in the village**
The Council considered the Queens Jubilee for the community and invited residents to come forward with ideas for the celebrations, this will be put in the Herald to be further discussed at the March meeting. CD will book the VH for that weekend including the car park in case this is required.
- ii. **To further discuss the issues at the Doctors Surgery and forward these concerns**
DP had circulated some information from Ammonite and the PPG as there had been no meetings and the concerns raised by the residents were not being met. DP explained that a meeting is to be arranged with a representative from each all the parishes who are served by the surgery, Clerk to contact the PC's. DP will collate issues from residents of Maiden Newton to take a meeting when arranged. SF explained that DP will lead on these communications.

22/2-12 To confirm the date and items for the next PC meeting on 3rd March 2022- Grass cutting tenders, Play area tenders, Queens Jubilee ideas.

22/2-13 Democratic Forum 15 minutes-

- a. Cllr Tony Alford reported on the upcoming full council meeting on 15th February to consider the Dorset Council budget, there is likely to be an increase of 3% due to the increasing costs of services, the adult social care costs in the region of 13M. The budget is not easy as there are no grants from central government. AA reported on the waste service, the recycling service is now just over 60% with the very best in the country at 65%.
AA also spoke on the bulletin from Spencer Flower the leader of Dorset Council regarding the issues with the Local plan and the subject of the formulae by central government for the numbers of homes for Dorset over the next 17 years being 29000. The Leader has suggested a manifesto to put in a proper system of development for rural Dorset that should be a fairer system to make more homes available for younger people, this will need legislation to make that

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change, but this could take time and part of the agreement when Dorset Council was created was to produce a new Local Plan by 2024. There is currently no action required at this time by the PC but to watch and see how this develops. AA explained that communities can make a difference by forming a Neighbourhood plan.

Residents commented that infrastructure needs to be in place before development can be considered.

SF commented on the issues of schools and that Maiden Newton children go to Beaminster rather than Dorchester due to historical agreements.

- b. LG commented on the pavement issues on Bull Lane which have been repaired.
- c. We have still not heard about the repainting of the yellow lines, clerk to follow up.
- d. It was noted that Chapel Lane needs resurfacing to be reported online.
- e. SF asked if there is any news on the works to NCR 26, Clerk to follow up with Cllr Tarr.

The meeting was closed at 8.30pm

22/2-14 To move to closed session to consider the grazing contracts

The Council considered the rents for the grazing and paddock for the next 3 years.

The annual rents were to be set at:

Grazing £475.00

Paddock £325.00

Proposed LG

Seconded DP