



## MAIDEN NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

### 22/3-7 Council Property: To receive the monthly risk assessment reports- all completed.

- i. To consider the use of the Quarr land for "Open space grassland habitat" The Clerk reported that following the planning approval of the Quarr development advice had been gathered on the land that has been suggested to be gifted to the PC for community benefit. The land as noted in the S106 is for Open Space grassland habitat. The PC will start the process of taking over the area, so it can plan the future use in line with the S106. It was also noted that CIL contributions from this development will be in the region of £18000, but this is not paid until the development starts and will be paid over an 18-month period. Proposal that the Clerk progresses with the land transfer to the PC.

Proposed JE

Seconded LG

LG reported on the Old Fire Station house door and this needing to be repaired, it was noted that this is leased to the Fire station, a copy of the lease will be found to consider who is responsible for the repairs.

### 22/3-8 Planning Consultations-

#### i. To consider all planning applications:

- a. Planning appeal P/HOU/2021/03664-correspondence relating to a planning appeal in respect of Erection of porch at 18 Dorchester Road- for info and no comments required at this stage.
- b. P/FUL/2022/01364 Proposal: Erect extension to agricultural storage building. - the application only came in on the day of the meeting, Cllrs raised no objections.

- ii. **To consider and other planning matters or enforcements**-following the additional comments made by the PC on the application for the Shepherds Huts, further comments have been made by the agent on the planning portal.

### 22/3-9 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.

Payments	Detail	Amount
<b>Feb 22</b>		
Clerk	Salary/Exp	922.46
HMRC	PAYE	245.96
MNVH	Hall hire	16.00
J Carver	Grass contract	350.00
SSE	MUGA electricity	25.62
Vision ICT	Website hosting and support	161.26
S C Marsh	Hedge cutting at Allotments	302.40

Proposed JE

Seconded SF

Bank balances as of 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 - £47,967.89

A savings account with Lloyds has been opened, and £25000 transferred to this account this will earn some interest.

The Council need to find a new internal auditor for 2021-22. Clerk has another internal auditor who audits other parishes who is willing to carry out the audit. The fee would be £75. This was agreed by the PC.

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### ii. To consider the grass cutting tender for 2022-2025

The PC had sent out 4 specifications to interested contractors but only 2 had tendered for the contract. These were considered by the PC.

SF proposed that the PC continues with the current contractor J Carver at a cost of £14640 for the period of the next 3 years. JE commented on the cost difference and the savings that could be made by the PC if the other contractor were to be engaged, but Cllrs wanted to support local businesses and the convenience of a local contractor who will cut for events if required. The PC are not bound by the lowest tender.

The proposal was seconded by PV All Cllrs agreed

### iii. To consider the play area quotes

The PC had sent specs to 7 play companies and 6 had sent quotes. These ranged in cost from £11113 to £21874. It was agreed to create a working group to look at the quotes in more detail and bring this back to the PC for decision. TF, CD, LG and the Clerk will meet on site over the next couple of weeks.

## 22/3-10 Transport/Highways

- i. **To receive the transport report-** SF had supplied a report, this was circulated to all and placed on website and in the Herald. SF also sent out a long and detailed report on “Dorset Connectivity” a Network Rail paper, it discusses the alterations which will be necessary before an hourly service on our line can begin, some of these will not take place until 2034 to 2039. SF also reported on the changes to the officers for our area which is now based in Bristol

SF also asked if the PC could manage the funds for the “Friends of the Station” as some of the current friends are leaving the village. The Clerk will enquire but it is unlikely this is possible as it will not meet the financial regulations.

LG reported that the area around the bridge has now been cleared so this can be inspected by Dorset Council, Clerk to follow this up with the DC highways officer.

- ii. **To receive any rights of way issues** – the modification orders and definitive map changes are yet to be completed.

## 22/3-11 To consider items of correspondence received- report circulated

- i. **To update the Queens Jubilee and any celebrations in the village**

CD has booked the VH for the weekend, some events have come forward. The Allotments Association are holding a Hog roast. Suggestions will be collated at the April annual parish meeting, suggesting a street party. A group to run this event are welcomed to come forward.

- ii. **To update on the issues at the Doctors Surgery**

DP was unable to attend the meeting but had reported that a rep from each of the parishes who use the surgery have come forward for a meet with a rep from Ammonite Health. The parish reps will gather feedback from the residents in their respective villages. DP has asked for comments from residents via Facebook and the Herald.

- iii. **Other items to note:**

The fence erected by the river has been reported to the EA who are looking into this as access is required to the river in times of flooding.

The PC have received a request to use the playing field on 23<sup>rd</sup> April for the Scouting St George’s Day celebration. This was agreed assuming it does not clash with football tournaments.

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The PC had received an email from a pressure group regarding the issues of green lanes and the use by motor vehicles. AA commented that he is unaware of this info, this will be forwarded to AA for his comment and any further information.

CGR- the draft recommendations for MNPC and FV to join and become a group Council were agreed but the PC needs to have the backing of the community, this will be discussed at the APM. Also, DC are supporting the request by FV to make the river the boundary of the two parishes. No's of Cllrs was not suggested in the draft so this would be confirmed at the same time.

**22/3-12 To confirm the date and items for the next PC meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and to make arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting-** It was agreed to hold the APM at 7pm on 7<sup>th</sup> April when residents will be asked to comment on the Community Governance Review suggestions, The Queens Jubilee celebrations, the play area project. Refreshments will be served. This will be followed by the April PC meeting.

**22/3-13 Democratic Forum 15 minutes-**

The meeting was closed at 8.10pm