

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on
Thursday 5th May 2022 at Maiden Newton village hall**

Councillors Present:T Fox (TF) (*Chairman*)

S Falkingham (SF)

J Edwards (JE) (*Vice Chairman*)

D Padfield (DP)

C Dyke (CD)

L Goff (LG)

P Valinski (PV)

Cllr A Alford (Dorset Councillor)

Mrs M Harding (Clerk)

14 members of the Public

22/05-1 Election of Chair for 2022-23 and sign the acceptance of office.

Trena Fox was nominated by JE and seconded by CD.

22/05-2 Election of Vice- Chair 2022-23 and sign the acceptance of office.

Jeremy Edwards was nominated by LG and seconded by PV.

22/05-3 To receive apologies of absence received- none**22/05-4 To receive any declarations of interest and grants of dispensation- none****22/05-5 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th April 2022.**

Proposed SF

Seconded JE

22/05-6 To receive matters arising from the minutes for information only- none.**22/05-7 Democratic Forum (15 minutes)- for members of the public to raise any issues or items-**

- i. **Report from Dorset Council-** Cllr Alford had to attend another Parish meeting, so gave his report- AA spoke on the issues at the last Dorset council meeting when protestors glued themselves to the furniture, this meant the Council had to reconvene in another part of the Council offices. The Council continue to work on the issues of climate change and ecology. Solar panels have been placed on some of the refuse buildings. There are changes to the verge cutting regime in attempt to create more wildflower verges so there will be cut and collect but this will be reduced to once a year instead of twice. Except where there are known dangerous junctions. Following the recent survey of library services with over 7000 responses a committee will be reviewing the consultation papers in the year ahead. Grant funding is now available from the Community and Culture fund for projects for the Arts, museums, sports, youth and play, funding of up to 80% of the project, details of the grant will be circulated to Councillors. South Walks house is now being used to by the NHS for clinical and office space. The Tour of Britain's first-ever Dorset stage is coming to Dorset on 10th September riding from West Bay to Ferndown using the coast road. The Leader of the Council has been meeting with the minister Michael Gove regarding potential changes to the Local Plan. Tony was thanked for his report and left at 7.10pm
- ii. **Speaker on the Dorset Deserves Better Campaign-** Jane Ashdown attended the meeting to speak on the County wide campaign, the group have no political alliance but are in opposition to the current local plan for Dorset Council. There are about 60 organisations who have joined the campaign including at least 20 parish councils. Ms Ashdown spoke on the letter sent and actions of the Dorset Council leader Spencer Flower who is holding talks with MP Michael Gove on the current arrangements and excessive housing of 40,000 homes required for Dorset by 2038. Ms Ashdown asked that the PC supports the cause and joins the campaign. The PC would discuss this further in the meeting and thanked Ms Ashdown for her time.

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- iii. **Members of the public to comment on agenda items-** Residents commented on the increase in dog poo around the village and specifically around the footpath by the church. It was noted that the Poo Fairies are still operating in the village. It was suggested that more signs are provided.

22/05-8 Chairman's report-

TF started by thanking Sally for all the work she has carried out for the Council and the support as Vice Chair over the last 2 years.

LG with support has now replaced the backboards at the MUGA. All is well at the allotments. The school are hoping to use the playing field for a school football tournament in June. TF expressed her disappointment that only 3 people turned up for the Jubilee meeting arranged.

Members of the public commented that the meeting was too late in the day too organise an event. JE explained that the Jubilee has been on the agenda for at least 3 months, and it was to be a community event not a Parish Council led event, but the PC would have been happy to support it.

22/05-9 To receive a report from Dorset Council -Anthony Alford- reported earlier in the meeting

22/05-10 To consider the Council supporting the Dorset Deserves Better Campaign on behalf of Maiden Newton PC and nominate a Cllr rep

The Council agreed to get behind the campaign, SF and DP will be the reps for the PC

22/05-11 To confirm the roles and responsibilities of Councillors for the coming year

Councillors confirmed their current roles for 2022-23, this will be updated and placed on the website and notice board.

Trena Fox- Chairman, Allotments, Crisis committee

Jeremy Edwards- Vice-Chair, Bus shelters, Bank signatory (online banking) crisis committee, Playing field, MUGA, Rock pit car park and CLT rep.

Cherri Dyke- Play area, Village Hall Car Park, Bank, crisis committee.

Diana Padfield – Child protection officer, Dorset Deserves Better.

Lawrie Goff-Bank signatory, Ancient Monuments, Emergency & Flood, Pump and Fire house, The Green Harvey's Close.

Paul Valinski- Youth and Community Centre, Village Hall.

Sally Falkingham- Transport, DAPTC, Housing and Homeless forum, Dorset Deserves Better.

Mr Christopher Slade- The rights of Way Liaison Officer

Mr Chris Baker is to take on the role of the Southwest Community Rail Partnership from SF.

22/05-12 To confirm the meeting dates of the coming year

The Dates were confirmed for the following year.

9th June 2022, 7th July 2022, August if required, 1st September 2022, 6th October 2022, 3rd November 2022, 1st December 2022- festive refreshments, 5th January 2023, 2nd February 2023, 2nd March 2023 and 6th April 2023- Annual Parish Assembly followed by the PC meeting.

22/05-13 To consider that the Council is eligible to use the General Power of Competence

An eligible council is one which has resolved to adopt the GPC, with at least two thirds of its members being declared elected and the Clerk must hold an appropriate qualification (Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012) The Council agreed to adopt the power as it confirmed it is eligible.

Proposed JE

Seconded PV

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22/05-14 To reaffirm the Council's Standing Orders, Financial regulations, and other policies.

The Policies were reaffirmed. Proposed JE

Seconded RG

22/05-15 Council Property: To receive the monthly risk assessment reports-

- i. CD reported on the Play area- the Friends of the Play area held a very successful event on 30th April, gathering support from the village for the new play equipment and raised £1500 towards the project. The event was also good for the PC as many who attended did not know how much the PC pay to maintain the play area. A letter of thanks would be sent to the Friends of the Play area group. The order for the new equipment can now be placed. The residents would like to plant a small tree in the area next to the fence, this will be added to the June agenda for consideration. The proposal to change the car parking arrangements for the village hall to make the car park into an additional green space for those wishing to play football and move the car park to the front of the hall will also be added to the June agenda for further discussion and costings.
- ii. The Allotment inspection will be arranged prior to the next PC meeting TF, and the Clerk, DP asked if she could also attend as a previous Allotment holder rep when was a Cllr previously.
- iii. The Bus shelter project on Dorchester Road will be added to the agenda as this was agreed in the budget for this financial year.
- iv. Dog poo-following the discussion in the democratic period, the Clerk will order more signage from Dorset Council and the Council agreed to look into purchasing dog poo bags and leaving them at strategic places in the village to encourage dog owners to pick up. It was reported the poo fairies are still clearing bins in the village. JE would put a notice on Facebook to encourage a sense of community. Proposed JE Seconded LG

22/05-16 Planning Consultations-

i. To consider all planning applications:

- a. P/FUL/2021/02196 Proposal: Retain change of use from light industrial/office (Class E (g)(iii)) to storage and distribution (Class B8) including change of use of land for siting of shipping container for additional storage space. Location: Station House Station Road- The PC had been gathering information on the issues with the container and parking at the station. The PC objected to the container being adjacent to a listed building and in a conservation area. The list of objections was to be drafted and submitted to the Case officer. Proposed PV Seconded DP
- b. P/LBC/2022/02561 Proposal: Removal of modern truss roof, new oak trusses and re-slate to match and install 3no.conservaion roof lights Location: Manor Farmhouse- No objections
- c. P/HOU/2022/02560 Proposal: Install 3no. conservaion roof lights Location: Manor Farmhouse- No objections

- ii. **To consider and other planning matters or enforcements-**It was noted that the Quarr development has been taken over by another developer and the PC have sent an email to commence the process of the transfer of the Quarr Land. The developer was noted as Stonehaven Holdings Ltd.

22/05-17 Finance-

i. To consider all receipts and payments

The reports of payments were circulated prior to the meeting:

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All payments due were authorised to be paid in line with the necessary internal controls and contracts.

Payments	Detail	Amount
M Harding	Salary /Exp	£679.70
HMRC	PAYE	£106.60
Maiden Newton VH	Hall hire	£32.00
SSE	Electricity for MUGA	£19.92
T Fox	Paint for benches	£39.99
H Soper	Allotment works	£200.00
L Carver	Grass contract	£406.66
L Goff	Flood Honorarium	£100.00
A Goff	Flood Honorarium	£100.00
PWLB	Loan	£628.40
L Gurd	Playing field fencing	£180.00
Receipts		
Old Fire House	Rent	£15.00
Dorset Council	Precept	£16000.00

Bank balances as of 30th April 2022 - £ 58,742.64

Proposed JE Seconded PV

- ii. To receive the Internal audit report 2022-23-**This was circulated prior the meeting and agreed
Proposed CD Seconded SF
- iii. To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2022-23-** this was circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting and agreed. The Council approved the Governance Statement.
Proposed PV Seconded SF
- iv. To approve the Statement of Accounts 2022-23-** this was circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting and agreed. The Council approved the Statement of Accounts.
Proposed PV Seconded SF
- v. To consider a Queen’s Jubilee grant towards events**
Only 3 residents attended the meeting arranged in April, TF explained that the event should be a community effort and not a Parish Council led event. The Allotment Association are holding a BBQ. The PC suggested that when the play area is complete it is renamed “The Jubilee Play Area”. This was supported and agreed. A plaque will be arranged as well.

22/05-18 Transport/Highways

- i. To receive the transport report-** SF had supplied the transport report for May.
- ii. To consider any other Highways reports-** Mr Baker spoke to the meeting on his new role as the SW CIC partnership rep and hoping to work closely with the PC and village. He explained that the charity has funds available to spend and are open to suggestions.

22/05-19 Rights of way report- None

- 22/05-20 To consider items of correspondence received-** a list of correspondence was circulated: DP spoke on the progress of the group of Cllr reps from the surrounding parishes working on the issues with the Ammonite group and Maiden Newton surgery. The rep from Frome Vauchurch had updated the report and this was circulated to Cllrs.

22/05-21 Items for the next Parish Council meeting 9th June 2022

All Cllrs were asked to inspect property for the next PC meeting, TF and the Clerk will arrange the Allotment inspection prior to the next meeting. Village hall car park and additional green space.

22/05-22 Democratic Forum 15 minutes

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JE spoke on the Scout event on St Georges day at the Playing field and thanked the PC for the use of the field. He also commented on one of his Beavers who has organised a litter pick as part of the Litter Free Dorset campaign, which he is hugely proud of.

The Clerk was asked to follow up on the project to update the surfacing on the cycle path, it was explained that the project has been held up with surveys but hoped to be completed in the summer.

Meeting closed at 8.05 pm.