**MAIDEN NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON**

**THURSDAY 4th JANUARY 2018**

**IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM WEBBERS PIECE**

**CHAIR:** Cllr Alan Goff

**PRESENT:** Cllr Cherri Dyke, Cllr Sally Falkingham, Cllr Trena Fox, Cllr Paul Valinski

There were 6 members of the public at the meeting.

A presentation on the proposed access ramp for the trailway from the Drift Road was given by Mr Kevin Humphries, the Transport Planner for Dorset County Council. He explained that a ramp would be constructed on the unused grassland next to the station/former branch line that belonged to Network Rail. The ramp would be surfaced with tarmac to make it usable in all weathers and prevent material loss down the slope. A surface dressing would be applied on top to make it look like a gravel path. The proposal was unanimously supported by the Councillors who also expressed their preference for surfacing the existing section of trailway between the Station and Cattistock Road Bridge. Mr Humphries answered questions from councillors and members of the public about the proposal.

Concerns about the blocked sluice gate on the River Frome at Cruxton and the fallen trees in the river behind the Quarr were raised.

**The Chair declared the meeting open at 7.27 p.m.**

001/0118 Apologies for absence

Cllr Anne Clements, Cllr Dave Marsh and County and District Councillor Jill Haynes

002/0118 No declarations of interest were received

003/0118 The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2017

**RESOLVED:** The minutes were approved and signed as a correct record.

004/0118 Chairman’s report

Cllr Goff said that he had spoken with Mr Keith Hales, Headteacher of Beaminster School, and Cllr Jill Haynes about the immediate concerns over the school buses. The driver had been instructed not to move the bus until all of the pupils were safely seated. Supervision was not an official requirement on the school bus and there were sufficient places for the six form students. The Councillors agreed to monitor the situation throughout the new term.

005/0118 Meetings and Courses attended on behalf of the Council

1. Transport Report – Cllr Falkingham Cllr Falkingham reported that Dorset Community Transport's trial service to Yeovil has attracted enough customers to be viable and will be continued.
2. DCC Mineral Extraction Policy Consultation - Cllr Falkingham Cllr Falkingham reported that none of the potential sites are in Maiden Newton and recommended that the County Policy be supported. DCC Waste Policy Consultation covers the collection and treatment of all types of waste. Cllr Falkingham reported that the policy included two issues which would affect the Parish:

1. the proposal to increase the size of the Maiden Newton Sewage Treatment Works. The site of existing sewage treatment plant will double size of the site. The extended ground would allow for hedge and tree screening. Cllr Goff was concerned that the traffic to the site, both day and night by heavy lorries would increase and asked that these concerns be included in the response. 2. that for the Dorchester area the Household Recycling Centre would continue to be at Louds Mill with an extended and improved facility being made available. A separate waste transfer facility and depot will be built at the Old Radio Station site on Bridport Road.

**RESOLVED:** For Cllr Falkingham to submit comments on the plan on behalf of the council

006/0118 Budget and Precept Request

The Clerk read out the draft budget for 2018/19 and explained that the increase needed to cover the future projects would be £2000. This would make the precept request £26000. The bank reconciliation, for the year to date, was presented. The current spending was on target against the budget. Cllr Goff thanked Cllrs Falkingham and Fox for their input and helping compile the draft budget.

**RESOLVED:** To accept the budget and increase the precept request to £26000 for 2018/19.

007/0118 Planning Applications

WD/D/17/002657 MANOR FARM HOUSE CHURCH ROAD DT2 0AA – no objections would be submitted

08/0118 Accounts for Payment

Magna Housing Ltd - Room hire £12.00 (100368) A Holloway - Clerk’s salary £446.00 ( 100369) J Carver - Grass cutting contract £341.66 (100370) D Holloway (Screwfix) – MUGA lockbox £24.99 (100371) A Holloway (Cartridgesave) – Printer toner £71.56 (100372) Amber Hardware – MUGA mat £15.99

011/1217 Risk Assessment Monthly Condition The inspection checking sheets had been completed for each property risk and no action was required.

**Meeting closed at 8.05 pm. Date of next meeting February 1st 2018**