**MAIDEN NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON**

 **THURSDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2018**

**IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM WEBBERS PIECE**

**CHAIR:** Cllr Alan Goff

**PRESENT:** Cllr Anne Clements, Cllr Cherri Dyke, Cllr Sally Falkingham, Cllr Trena Fox, Cllr Paul Valinski and County and District Councillor Jill Haynes

There were 6 members of the public at the meeting.

The condition of the track at the allotments was discussed. Vehicles were being taken onto the site and causing damage. The soft verges and open spaces were becoming eroded and ruts were forming. Cllr Goff would discuss a solution with the Councillors during the meeting (agenda point 8).

The Drift road surface was deteriorating, notably between the railway bridge and the junction near the village hall. Cllr Haynes said that the road was actually a bridleway and not an adopted road. Cllr Goff said that the Parish Council would not be putting any more stone into the holes as they would be washed out in the next rainfall, which had happened in the past.

Cllr Haynes gave an update on the local government reorganisation. When asked about the litter and debris emanating from the caravan in the field near Frampton, she explained that action was being taken but it was a long drawn out process as it was on private land.

**The Chair declared the meeting open at 7.26 p.m.**

001/0118 Apologies for absence

Cllr Dave Marsh

002/0218 Declarations of interest were received

Cllr Goff declared an interest in item 7 – tenders, as a family member had submitted a bid, and he would exclude himself from the debate.

003/0218 The Minutes of the meeting held on 4 January 2018

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

004/0218 Chairman’s report

Cllr Goff reported that a copy of a letter sent to Mr Mark Hopwood, Managing Director of GWR, from Sir Oliver Letwin had been received. A new coin conversion kit had been fitted to the flood lights meter in the Youth and Community Centre, but problems had arisen. Cllr Valinski offered to meet with the electrician at the Youth Centre.

005/0218 Transport Report

1. WATAG – Cllr Falkingham reported that there were no representatives from Dorset County Council at the meeting. Bus service 40 was being looked into and there were buses running to Beaminster and to Yeovil. There was a problem with the Beaminster buses not connecting with each other. The chair of WATAG was in discussions with the First and talking to DCC regarding the buses.
2. Cllr Falkingham had confirmation from Cllr. Haynes and Dorset County Council that the buses from Maiden Newton to Dorchester would continue for as long as the service costs are covered. A minimum of 12 passengers from Cattistock, Maiden Newton, Frampton and Stratton were needed every week.
3. The Parish Council would support Chideock Parish Council in their request for a by-pass as, in the event of a road closure, the traffic often was directed through Maiden Newton. **RESOLVED: for Cllr Falkingham to write letter of support on behalf of the Council**
4. A copy of a letter to South West Trains from Sir Oliver Letwin would be given to the Clerk, by Cllr Falkingham, for circulation.

 006/0218 DAPTC Annual Conference

It was agreed that Cllr Clements would attend the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils Annual Conference and that Cllr Fox’s name would be placed on the waiting list for extra delegates.

007/0218 Multi Use Games Area

Cllr Fox had replaced the locks on the MUGA gates as the old ones were difficult to use. She reported that since locking the facility, she had noticed a decrease in the litter around the site. A proof of the new sign for the MUGA including charges and timings was approved. **RESOLVED:** to purchase 2 signs at a cost of £24

The tenders for the MUGA Annual Maintenance Contract was discussed and the lower quote approved. **RESOLVED:** To accept thetender and review after one year.

08/0218 Allotments

1. It was agreed that SC Marsh Ltd would be contacted for the annual hedge cutting at the allotments.
2. A sign would be fastened to the vehicle entrance gate asking for vehicles not to be driven onto the allotments during wet weather. If the problem persisted, the gate would be locked at certain times. **RESOLVED:** to purchase sign for gate
3. Cllr Goff reported that there were 2 half plots and 1 full plot vacant. Most of the rents had been received but half of the rent from plot 59 was still outstanding. Clerk would write to confirm that if full payment had not been received by 28th February 2018, a termination of the tenancy would be considered at the next meeting.
4. A discussion would take place at the next meeting regarding allowing persons outside the parish to rent the pony paddock.

09/0218 Planning Applications

WD/D/17/002611 GREENFORD FARM, GREENFORD LANE, MAIDEN NEWTON, DT2 0QL **APPROVED** WD/D/17/002657 MANOR FARM HOUSE, CHURCH ROAD, MAIDEN NEWTON, DT2 0AA **APPROVED**

 WD/D/17/002896 WAYSIDE, DORCHESTER ROAD, MAIDEN NEWTON, DT2 0BY

 **APPLICATION (Certificate of lawfulness)** No Objections would be submitted

10/0218 Accounts for Payment

A Holloway - SLCC membership £100.00 (100374)

SC Marsh Ltd – Paddock clearance £456.00 (100375)

A Holloway – Clerk’s salary £446.00 (100376)

Magna Housing Ltd – Room hire £12.00 (100377)

J Carver - Grass cutting contract £341.66 (100378)

A Holloway - Leisure Controls meter conversion £19.20 (100379)

MN Youth & Community Centre - water invoice £20.48 (100380)

T Fox - Garry Pilcher Locksmith £50.98 (100381)

Vision ICT- Domain name renewal 2yrs £66.00 (100382)

011/0218 Risk Assessment Monthly Condition

One of the posts at the war memorial had been damaged. 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 March 1st 2018**