**MAIDEN NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON**

 **THURSDAY 5th APRIL 2018**

**IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM WEBBERS PIECE**

**CHAIR:** Cllr Alan Goff

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

There were 3 members of the public at the meeting.

A member of the public asked for an update about the defibrillator. Cllr Marsh said that it had been sited at the Service Station but was not yet functional. He would be arranging an awareness session and would continue fundraising to support the defibrillator.

**The Chair declared the meeting open at 7.43 p.m.**

001/0418 Apologies for absence

Cllr Anne Clements

002/0418 Declarations of interest were received

Cllr Valinski declared an interest in item 10 – Pony Paddock, as a family member had enquired about the tenancy, and he would exclude himself from the debate.

003/0218 The Minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2018

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

004/0218 Chairman’s report

Cllr Goff reported that the repairs to the Drift Road would be undertaken by the Rights of Way department. He expressed grateful thanks, on behalf of the council, to Mr Stephen Goodman, who voluntarily cleared the overgrown vegetation and bushes from the Rock Pit Farm car park.

The Village Spring Clean would take place on Sunday 15th April. Cllr Falkingham would collect the equipment and Cllr Fox and the clerk would assist her with the administration. The councillors accepted the quote from Mr J Carver for the grass cutting contract. The Council had received a request from Maiden Newton Runners to use the HHM Playing Field as a car park for their event in August. It was agreed to allow, with a proviso on the surface condition. A small donation of £20 would be requested if the field was used. Concerns were raised over safety from the iron frame, of a smashed piano, left near the MUGA. Cllr Valinski said that it was the responsibility of the Youth Club.

005/0418 Meetings and Courses attended by Councillors on behalf of the Parish Council

1. Introduction to the New External Auditor meeting - Cllr Falkingham and Clerk appendix(i)
2. DAPTC CENTRAL Meeting – Cllrs Clements, Goff and Falkingham Cllr Falkingham reported that the secretary had resigned and a new one would be appointed. Discussions were held about the Cabinet Committee decisions and changes to the Councils. There were concerns about the role of the parish councils in the new authority.
3. GDPR Update – Cllr Fox and Clerk appendix (ii)
4. DAPTC Annual Conference - Cllr Fox (appendix (iii)

 006/0418 Transport report

Cllr Falkingham had attended the Transport Conference and the presentation would be circulated to the councillors. She reported that a parishioner had fallen on the Station Approach due to the condition of the surface. Letters had been written to Cllr Haynes and Sir Oliver Letwin asking for pressure to be put on Network Rail for the repair of the Approach.

007/0418 Devolution of Assets & Services survey

The survey and the responses were discussed.

**AGREED:** to respond to the survey.

08/0418 Housing Survey

Cllr Falkingham proposed conducting a new housing survey as the last one was completed in 2009.

**AGREED:** For Cllr Falkingham to contact the Housing Enabler and take the lead for a housing survey.

09/0418 Allotments

The current rents are £25 for a full allotment and £12.50 for half per annum.

**AGREED:** for the rents to remain the same for the foreseeable future.

10/0418 Pony Paddock

An enquiry had been received for the tenancy of the pony paddock. The condition of the ground and fences were discussed. The fencing by the road would cost approximately £1200.

**AGREED:** To keep the field fallow until sufficient funds could be allocated for the fencing.

011/0418 Request for contribution for Dorset Youth Club Association

A request for financial donation had been received. **AGREED:** Not to contribute to theDorset Youth Club Association

012/0418 Planning Applications

Application Withdrawn WD/D/18/000446 CROCKWAY, DT2 0BY

After discussion it was **AGREED:** WD/D/18/000591 DORCHESTER ROAD (A356) DT2 0BY No Objections would be submitted

WD/D/18/000427 1 KINGSLEY PADDOCK DT2 0DR No Objections would be submitted

013/0418 Accounts for payment

A Holloway – Clerk’s salary £446.00 (100383) MN Village Hall Committee – Play Area refuse bags £75.00 (100384) J Carver – Grass cutting contract £341.66 (100385) L Baker Garden Care Allotments £40.00 (100386) Vision ICT – Website hosting £150.00 (100387) A Holloway (Tool Station) Dog bin bags £10.08 (100388) A Holloway – Clerk’s salary £446.00 (100389) Colin Smith ta Property Services – Signs £84.00 (100390) J Carver - Grass cutting contract £341.66 (100391) Magna Housing LTD - Room hire £12.00 (100392) A Holloway (McAfee) - PC renewal £59.99 (100393) S C Marsh – Hedge cutting £504.00 (100394) L Goff - Flood Warden annual payment £100 (100395) DAPTC – Training course £30 (100396)

014/0418 Risk Assessments monthly condition report

Cllr Fox’s husband had offered to paint the stakes around the war memorial. This offer was gratefully accepted. The inspection checking sheets had been completed for each property risk and no action was required.

**Meeting closed at 8.45 pm. Date of next meeting May 3rd 2018**