**MAIDEN NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON**

 **THURSDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2018**

**IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM WEBBERS PIECE**

**CHAIR:** Cllr Alan Goff

**PRESENT:** Cllr Anne Clements, Cllr Sally Falkingham and Cllr Paul Valinski

There were 8 members of the public at the meeting.

The newly erected ‘no dog fouling’ signs had been welcomed and it was hoped that they would prove to be effective in combatting the problem.

Cllr Goff said that he had misread the signals from Frome Vauchurch Parish Meeting about producing a joint Neighbourhood Plan and that he now understood that they were possibly looking to prepare their own. Cllr Goff said that the Parish Council supported a Plan but a committee would need to be formed to help prepare it. Following an exploratory Neighbourhood Plan meeting, Mr Chris Slade and Mr Mark Butcher were asked, informally, by Cllr Goff to see what interest there was in the village for a Plan, before it would be taken forward.

Frome Vauchurch Parish Meeting had responded to Maiden Newton Parish Council’s invitation to join in the Housing Survey but they had not yet made a decision.

A letter from the Chair of the Maiden Newton Allotment Association was read out and it was agreed to discuss it in full at the October meeting.

**The Chair declared the meeting open at 7.31 p.m.**

001/0918 Apologies for absence

Cllr Cherri Dyke, Cllr Trena Fox, Cllr Dave Marsh,County and District Councillor Jill Haynes

002/0918 Declaration of interest

Cllr Goff declared an interest in item 7 Play Area fence, as his brother had submitted a quote for repairing the fence, and would not take part in the discussion or vote.

Cllr Goff declared an interest in item 10 Planning Applications, as he was friendly with the applicants and felt that his opinions would not be objective. He would not take part in the discussion or vote.

003/0918 The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th July 2018

Matters arising – Cllr Falkingham had received the report from the Clinical Commissioning Group and it had been circulated to Councillors. It was proposed that Cllr Falkingham would join the Health Involvement Network of the CCG Consultation Group, on behalf of the Parish Council. The Tollerford Practice has a surgery at Beaminster which meant that hospital services from Maiden Newton would be transferred to Bridport. There was no public transport links and Cllr Falkingham would fight for the hospital services to remain at Dorchester.

**AGREED:** Cllr Falkingham appointed Health Involvement Network of the CCG Consultation Group representative.

The road surface at Webbers Piece and a section by the War memorial had been repaired.

The Corner Stores had agreed to accept the completed housing surveys.

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

004/0918 Chairman’s report

A letter sent by some of the residents at Pound Piece had been received by the Council, which stated that  *‘… (along with one of the Parish Councillors who advised some of you verbally not that long ago), that this area is NOT private land, but common land so anyone can go onto it’* The Councillors said that this was not the view of the Parish Council and asked for the clerk to write to all of the resident of Pound Piece stating this and advising them to check the property deeds and the ownership of the land with the Land Registry.

Cllr Goff reported that he had attended a site meeting with Cllr Jill Haynes and Cllr Daryl Turner, Cabinet Member for the Natural & Built Environment Dorset County Council, about the build-up of silt under the bridges near the Mill and was awaiting the outcome.

005/0918 Meetings and Courses attended by Councillors on behalf of the Parish Council

Heart of Wessex Working Party – Cllr Falkingham (verbal) Cllr Falkingham reported that Maiden Newton Parish Council were congratulated on their successful application for lighting on Station Approach. It was hoped that the lighting budget of £30,000 might be sufficient for resurfacing the road also. Dan Okey had said he hoped to get the money to resurface Station Approach.  If not, he would try to get pot holes repaired before Christmas.

1. The structure of the footbridge was being examined for safety. GWR were refurbishing their boards and a grant for a new information poster was being sought. **AGREED:** To accept the grant money into the Parish Council bank account and forward it to the Station Gardeners.
2. Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Falkingham discussed her report in the public meeting

006/0918 MUGA Surface

Cllr Jill Haynes had inspected the surface of the MUGA and recommended that an independent surveyor was contacted for an opinion. **AGREED:** to await the report before any action was taken.

07/0918 Play Area Fence

A quote for £150.00 for tightening and repairing the lower straining wire, and digging away the earth to re-clip the fence by the path, was discussed. The clerk would write to the residents of the Coombe Flats and ask that the material attached to the chain link fence was removed.

**AGREED**: To accept the quote from Lawrie Goff to repair the fence.

08/0918 LGA green paper for adult and social care wellbeing

After discussion it was proposed that Cllr Clements assisted by Cllr Valinski would express the views of the Members

**AGREED:** For Cllrs Clements and Valinski to complete the consultation.

09/0918 Highways survey

After discussion, it was proposed that Cllr Goff would express the views of the members and that Cllr Falkingham would complete the Draft Waste Plan

**AGREED:** For Cllr Goff and Cllr Falkingham to complete the surveys on behalf of the members.

10/0918 Planning Applications

 WD/D/18/001422 HIGHER NORDEN FARM Erection of building (for use as farm shop) After discussion, it was agreed to SUPPORT the application and to submit the following comments:

The Council's concern is access onto the road as this is a dangerous place to enter or exit. There is also concerns re parking. If permission is granted the Council ask that the proposed development reverts to agricultural use if the farm shop becomes unviable.

There are errors in the supporting documents re access by public transport following the closure of the 212 service on 22 July 2017. There are now no public bus services from Maiden Newton, neither are there drop off/drop on bus services along the A37. There is no pavement on Norden Lane for walkers arriving at Maiden Newton Station wishing to access Upper Norden Farm. Customers are likely to travel by car or bicycle.

WD/D/18/001372 51A DORCHESTER ROAD, DT2 0BG Listed Building Consent internal alterations APPROVED

WD/D/18/000774 CROCKWAY FARMHOUSE, DT2 0BY Site 7 feed silo bins, erection of storage building & associated groundworks REFUSED

011/0918 Accounts for payment

A Holloway – Clerk’s salary £446.00 (100426) A Holloway – Annual payment use of home as office £100.00 (100427) J Carver – Grass cutting contract £341.66 (100428) L Baker Garden Care MUGA contract £99.16 (100429) D Holloway -BT Broadband/phone £312.35 (100430) L Goff- Play Area fence repair £120.00 (100431)

012/0918

Cllr Goff reported that a bollard near White Horse Mews had been broken and he had made a temporary repair with a traffic cone. Clerk to report.

The inspection checking sheets had been completed for each property risk and no action was required.

**Meeting closed at 8.11 pm. Date of next meeting October 4th 2018**