**MAIDEN NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON**

**THURSDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2020**

**IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM WEBBERS PIECE**

**CHAIR:** Cllr Alan Goff

**PRESENT:** Cllr Cherri Dyke,Cllr Jeremy Edwards, Cllr Sally Falkingham, Cllr Trena Fox, Cllr Paul Valinski and County Cllr Anthony Alford.

There were 7 members of the public at the February meeting.

The allotment gate had now been repaired. Maiden Newton Allotment Association reported that some items had been stolen from the site.

An enquiry had been received from the Womens’ Institute regarding planting trees in Maiden Newton. Cllr Alan Goff said that this would be forwarded to Cllr Russell Goff for his attention.

Cllr Alford read out a synopsis of his written report and answered questions from the Councillors on recognition from Dorset Council regarding the new lighting on Station Approach, Country Cars, disability access at Dorchester West Station and plug in points for electric cars.

Cllr Edwards raised the subject of antisocial behaviour on Friday evenings and had found a litter bin thrown in the field, cars covered in flour and eggs, and vandalised signs. Cllr Valinski would speak to the PCSO and ask if there could be an officer visible in the village on Friday evenings. There had been complaints from residents regarding skateboarding outside their properties.

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

001/0220 Apologies for absence

Cllr Russell Goff

002/0220 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

003/0220 The Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd January 2020

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

004/0120 Chairman’s report

Cllr Alan Goff said that it had been reported that dogs had been fouling the Playing Field. The use of larger signs emphasising children’s health was discussed. The Clerk would circulate ideas for wording.

005/0220 Meetings and courses attended by Councillors on behalf of the Council

1. Planning Peer Review – Town and Parish Councils Focus Group. Cllrs Alan and Russell Goff. Cllr Alan Goff reported that, in his opinion, the Planning Department was chaotic and that planners need to listen to local knowledge when making decisions.
2. MUGA storage tendering with Steve Bevis. Report Appendix 1

06/0220 Allotment/paddock hedges

The hedges are trimmed annually before the birds nest.

**AGREED:** for Contractors to trim the hedges.

07/0220 Transport report

Report Appendix 2

08/0220 Play Area report

Cllr Dyke summarised the recent inspection and said that she would give a list of the repairs necessary, to the Clerk for quotes. The tunnel was filled with debris and leaves and she said that, in the past, the Fire Service had washed it through.

AGREED: to contact the Fire Service to ask if they would clean the tunnel.

09/0220 MUGA Floodlights

One of the floodlights had been causing the switch to trip. After inspection it was noted that two parts had failed.

**AGREED:** to authorise the electrician to carry out the necessary repairs.

10/0220 Annual litter pick

**AGREED:** To hold the litter pick on 15th March 2020

11/0220 Dorset council’s review of all grant funding

AGREED: to appoint Cllr Valinski to complete on behalf of the Council

12/0220 Planning applications

It was agreed to support the following applications:

WD/D/19/002947 LAND ADJACENT TO RAILWAY STATION, OFF STATION ROAD, MAIDEN NEWTON

WD/D/19/002836 LAND WEST OF CATTISTOCK ROAD, MAIDEN NEWTON

The following application had been approved:

WD/D/19/001342 51 DORCHESTER ROAD, MAIDEN NEWTON, DT2 0BD

13/0220 Accounts for payment

Magna Housing – room hire £12.00 (10564) J Carver – grass cutting - (Jan) £341.66 (10565) L Baker MUGA maintenance - (Jan) £100.00 (10566) Play Inspection Co – annual inspection £99.00 (10567) Vision ICT - biennial domain name fee £66.00 (10568) Vision ICT – email hosting to Jan 2021 £21.60 (10569) A&R Services – repairs allotment gate £65.00 (10570) G Free - RFO salary (Jan) (10571) A Holloway – Clerk salary (Feb) £430.40 (10572) HMRC – tax on salaries £20.00 (10573)

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012/0220 Risk assessment monthly condition reports

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 5th 2020**

**Appendix 1**

Meeting to discuss tendering for MUGA storage shed project

10 January 2020 at the Fire Station Maiden Newton Present: Cllr Alan Goff, Cllr Russell Goff, Mr Steve Bevis and Clerk.

Steve Bevis said that he was taking a ‘value for money’ approach to the project and that the costs for installing the water services would be approximately £1300 and the electricity supply approximately £3000. As a very rough estimate he thought that the works would cost around £19,000 with a 5% contingency fund.

Steve took the Councillors through the plans, which he had drawn, and answered the questions arising. He explained the contracts and the tendering process. Russell had a list of contractors which he would give to Steve for possible tenders, of which three would be contacted.

The tender documents would be sent out by email and a set of plans sent by post. The tenders would be opened at a meeting on 7th February and Steve said that he would attend to guide the process.

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**Appendix 2**

**TRANSPORT NEWS FEBRUARY 2020**

Half Term for Dorset Schools is Monday 17 – Friday 21 February. No school bus services.

**The Maiden Newton Ring and Ride service (01305 228965), run by Dorset Council's passenger services, to Dorchester on Tuesdays and Thursdays** leaves Maiden Newton Old School at 1030 and returns from Trinity Street at 1330. Ring before 15.00 on Monday or Wednesday to book. These buses will start from **Cattistock Square** by request at booking. Fares £2.50 single £5 return.

**Dorset Community Transport (**01258 287980), a private company, offer 2 services from Maiden Newton each week and a third on the first Thursday. To use any of these services you must be registered with the Company and then book your seat, and arrange your pick up point, before 1430 on the day before you want to travel. Each adult return fare is £6 on all 3 services but **DCT is now able to accept the national concessionary bus pass on these services.** All you need to do is to show your valid bus pass to the driver.

**Every Wednesday to Dorchester** The bus, from Broadwindsor to Dorchester, passes through Maiden Newton about 10.00. The return service leaves Trinity Street at 13.20. Ring by 14.30 on Tuesdays to book your seat and confirm your pick up point. The service will NOT operate on Wednesday 25 December or on Wednesday 1 January.

**Thursday 6 February to Yeovil** The bus leaves the Dorchester Road stop at 09.32 and the War Memorial at 09.34. The drop off point is close to M&S and the return service leaves from the same place at 12.30. Book by 14.30 on Wednesday to confirm your pick up point.

**Every Friday to Bridport** The bus leaves the War Memorial at 09.15 and the return service leaves Bridport about 12.30. Book by 14.30 on Thursdays and confirm your pick up point.

Bus time tables are available at the Maiden Newton and Cattistock Stores.

**USE YOUR BUSES IF YOU WANT TO KEEP THEM**

**TRAINS from Maiden Newton to Dorchester and Weymouth   
Monday to Friday**0756 1038 1138 1336 1642 1837 1943 2238  
**Saturday** (times in bold from Waterloo and Salisbury via Yeovil Junction)0753 ***1008*** 1034 1134 1335 ***1444*** 1636 1842 1935 2242

**Sunday**1017 1130 1525 1937 2243

**To Yeovil, Westbury. Bath and Bristol**

**Monday to Friday**

0553 0709 0914 1140 1338 1526 1748 2040

**Saturday** (times in bold to Waterloo and Salisbury via Yeovil Junction)

07050913 1136 ***1234*** 1336 1521 ***1718*** 1754 2046

**Sunday**

1127 1433 1635 1821 2034

Check timetable B1 pages 26-30, now available from No 64, the news agents and Coffee Shop.

**Saturday 1 February** Engineering works Buses between Weymouth and Yeovil Pen Mill

**Sunday 2 February**  Engineering works Buses between Weymouth and Castle Cary

**Saturday15 - Friday 21 February for replacement of the river bridge near Yetminster, for repairs to the Frampton Tunnel and other works** Buses between Weymouth and Yeovil Pen Mill

Time tables for replacement bus services will be displayed at the station and are available on line.

**COUNTRY CAR SERVICE** Rachel Clark (01300 320065) continues to take the bookings requesting help with transport to the surgery, hospital appointments, dentists or opticians or to visit close relatives or friends in hospital. **Please try to give at least 48 hours notice.** Sally Falkingham Maiden Newton and Frome Valley Parish Councils Transport Representative