

MILBORNE PORT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 1st March 2016 at 7pm at the Town Hall

Present: Mrs P Alexander (Chair), Mr M Ritchie, Mr R Biss, Mr C Laughton, Mrs M Lock, Mr T Watts, Mr J Edmonds, Mrs R Birch, Mrs A Flynn and Mr J Oldham

Also Present: Emma Curtis – Clerk

Public Question Time

There was one member of the public in attendance. No questions were asked.

Receive reports from County Councillor William Wallace, District Councillor Sarah Dyke-Bracher and PCSO Thelma Mead

District Councillor Sarah Dyke-Bracher – Councillor Dyke-Bracher had given her apologies for the meeting so in her absence the Clerk read her report which detailed South Somerset District Council and Sedgemoor District Council Strategic Alliance, Council Tax setting for 2016/7, information on the date of the planning appeal in regard to the Gainsborough Development and dates of Councillor Dyke-Bracher's Surgeries. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

PCSO Thelma Mead – PCSO Mead read a report of statistics for crime during February 2016. The meeting was informed that crime in the area had risen by 23.3% on last year. PCSO Mead felt the reason for the increase in crime was that more members of the public were reporting crime. PCSO Mead confirmed that she was staying with the force on reduced hours for the next two years and that John Wingfield was the full time member of staff covering the Milborne Port area. Mr Oldham asked PCSO Mead if she felt that security lighting would be advantageous in helping the issue of antisocial behaviour at the Village Hall car park as some people had said it may be counterproductive. PCSO Mead commented that she felt security lighting would help deter antisocial behaviour, but would not stop it completely. PCSO Mead confirmed that the local police force were keeping an eye on the area.

At this point in the meeting Mr Edmonds mentioned that there were a large number of pot holes along Gainsborough and around Three Arch Bridge. Mr Oldham suggested that Mr Edmonds report these to Highways. Mr Biss commented that a drain had collapsed at Gainsborough and asked when it was going to be fixed. Mr Laughton commented that he was continually chasing Tony, John and Colin from Highways in order to try and speed works on the Highways up. Mrs Alexander stated that the roads along Goldings Lane and Goathill were a disgrace due to mud from farm vehicles. The Clerk stated she would again report all these issues to Highways.

At this point in the meeting County Councillor William Wallace arrived so Mrs Alexander invited him to give his report.

County Councillor William Wallace – County Councillor Wallace informed the Council that despite Council Tax being frozen for the past six years it is due to rise in 2016/17 at a rate of around £50 for a Band D property. This increase includes a rise in money for Adult Social Care and the Rivers Authority. In regard to the upcoming appeal hearing for planning at Gainsborough Councillor Wallace advised that residents of Milborne Port should try to avoid opening up themselves to the appeal being overturned under "Non Determination". Councillor Wallace concluded his report by stating that the £650 grant from the Health and

Wellbeing Fund had come through and been paid in to the Parish Council's bank account and that Mrs Birch would undertake the spending of this money soon. Mrs Alexander thanked Mrs Birch for her work put in to receiving this grant.

Mr Watts commented that the Parish Council should meet up privately for a proper discussion with the developer involved in the land at Goldings Lane prior to any planning application being submitted. This was agreed by all and Mr Oldham stated that although this meeting would be in private, it should be well documented and minuted accurately. It was agreed to arrange an extra meeting and invite Mr Crosby from Consensus Communications Ltd which the Clerk would arrange.

Mrs Alexander mentioned that there had been some confusion as to which Parish Councillors should have attended the initial Parish Plan Steering Group Meeting and confirmed that the next meeting would hopefully be on Monday 21st March 2016. Mrs Alexander also informed the meeting that the next Village Litter Pick would be on Saturday 19th March 2016 to meet outside the Gainsborough Arms at 10.00am.

Finally, Councillor Wallace mentioned that he had received communication from Ms Wilton regarding the bus shelter asking for assistance in getting the shelter moved. Councillor Wallace confirmed that he had responded saying that he was unable to assist.

1. Apologies for Absence: Received from Mr I Stephenson, Mr R Lockey, Mr P Lock and District Councillor Sarah Dyke-Bracher

2. Declarations of Interest: Received from Mr Laughton, agenda item 10.3 and 10.4, *school governor and resident*, Mr Oldham, agenda item 10.3, *school governor*, Mrs Birch, agenda item 10.3, *school governor* and Mrs Flynn, agenda item 12, *relation of Mr Flynn*.

3. Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd February 2016 were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

At this point in the meeting, due to sickness, the Clerk left and Mr Ritchie commenced taking minutes.

4. Actions from the last meeting: The Action List was reviewed and it was agreed to update and distribute after the meeting.

5. Talk from Chris Cooper regarding Parish Environmental Warden: Mr Cooper and his colleagues were unable to attend the meeting so this agenda item was postponed to be held at a meeting at a later date.

6. Report from Mr Oldham on the Digital Community Training Event: Mr Oldham gave a report on the Connecting Devon and Somerset Digital Training Course he attended in January and shared information he had received at the course which included items such as digital communication, involving the public, connectivity within villages,

7. Email communications for Parish Councillors: Mr Oldham referred Councillors to the proposal distributed with the agenda which detailed the Council having generic functional Parish Councillor emails instead of using private email addresses. This proposal was approved and it was agreed to ask Milborne Port Computers to implement the new email

addresses as soon as possible. Mr Oldham was asked to liaise with Milborne Port Computers.

Action – Mr Oldham to contact Milborne Port Computers and ask them to set up the new email addresses.

8. **Cemetery Improvements:** Prior to the meeting the Clerk circulated a proposal written by Mr Lock regarding improvements at the Cemetery including adding an electricity supply to the Cemetery Chapel and driveway and pathway improvements. Councillors had all considered this proposal and it was agreed and approved to install electricity at the Cemetery Chapel and accept the quotation from RK Bell for the works on the driveway and pathway at a total cost of £8055.82. This would be funded by the £10,000 bequest left for use at the Cemetery.

Action – Mr Lock to seek commencement of these works.

9. **Antisocial behaviour at the Village Hall Car Park:**

The ongoing issue of antisocial behaviour taking place at the Village Hall Car Park in the evenings was discussed as it had recently been highlighted again by a letter received from Mr James Flynn who lives behind the car park in Henning Way. It was agreed that the Village Hall Management Committee would work closely with the Parish Council and make proposals to increase security in the area, noting that any costs should be shared by the PC, Village Hall and Playing Fields. The letter from Mr Flynn had been responded to by Mr House and members of the public were urged to report any antisocial behaviour straight away to the police on 101.

10. **Planning**

10.1 The following **Advice of Appeal Receipt** was noted:

APPEAL IN RESPECT OF APPLICATION DECISION REFERENCE:

15/02187/FUL

PLANNING INSPECTORATE APPEAL REFERENCE: APP/R3325/W/16/3142550

APPEAL BY: Big60MillionLtd

PROPOSAL: Proposed development of Solar Photovoltaic Modules including an access track leading from Station Road; Temporary Construction Compound; Double Inverter Platforms; Transfer Station; Collection Station; Security Fencing; CCTV cameras and poles; landscaping; and associated works and infrastructure including underground cable along Old Bowden Way and related equipment to allow construction to the electricity distribution network.

LAND O22269, OLD BOWDEN WAY

10.2 The following **Advice of Forthcoming Informal Hearing** was noted:

APPEAL IN RESPECT OF APPLICATION DECISION REFERENCE:

14/03377/OUT

PLANNING INSPECTORATE APPEAL REFERENCE: APP/R3325/W/15/3133660

APPEAL BY: Waddeton Park Ltd

LOCATION: LAND AT GAINSBOROUGH

DATE AND LOCATION OF HEARING: 8TH March 2016, 10.00am at Milborne Port Village Hall

10.3 The following **Observation on Regulation 3 County Matter Application** was noted:

16/00353/R3C Erection of an enclosure over Milborne Port Swimming Pool
Milborne Port Primary School

10.4 The following **Planning Refusal** was noted:

15/05449/OUT Outline application for residential development consisting of 3 dwellings, with all matters reserved, except for means of access
Land of Higher Kingsbury

11. Finance

11.1 The following **Payments** were approved:

Pet Waste Solutions – Dog bin emptying	£182.00
SSE – Town Hall Electricity	£102.90
SSE – Cricket Pavilion Electricity	£29.02
N Dungey – Toilet Cleaning	£130.00
A Parker – Hedge trimming	£120.00
Midwest Office Supplies – Toners	£112.90
KM Dike Nurseries – Grounds maintenance	£987.08
Amberol – Planters	£634.20
HMRC – Tax and NI	£189.88

11.2 The following **Income** was noted:

SSE Wayleaves	£11.72
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12. The following **Correspondence** was noted:

- Email from Mr Flynn regarding anti-social behaviour at the Village Hall Car Park
- Email from Sal Phipps regarding Solar Park planning appeal

13. Parish Council newsletter and communications

It was agreed that Mr. Oldham would publicise in the Milborne Port magazine and on the website, the following; the issue of antisocial behaviour, the changes to council tax, the improvements to the cemetery pathways and entrance and the updated contact details of the Parish Council.

14. The date of the next Full Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as **Tuesday 5th April 2016 at the Town Hall.**

At the close of the meeting Mrs Flynn gave some information on research she had carried out into potential support/funding opportunities to save The Queens Head and possibly the Post Office. Mrs Flynn discovered that local communities in the West had been supported by the Plunkett Foundation. Their remit is to provide guidance not financial support but can point local committees in the right direction to find grants and funding. If a local community can prove secure support from its residents then the Plunkett Foundation are willing to give

advice and guidance for funding opportunities, financial and legal support and links to successful similar projects. It was agreed that Mrs Flynn and Mr Oldham would contact the owner of The Queens Head and arrange a meeting.