

MILBORNE PORT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16th December 2014 at 7.30pm at the Town Hall

Present: Mr M Ritchie (Chair), Mr E Davis, Mrs R Douglas, Mr R Duckwoth, Mrs M Lock, Mrs P Alexander, Mr C Laughton, Mr R Biss, and Mr J Edmonds

Also Present: County Councillor William Wallace
District Councillor Lucy Wallace
Emma Curtis - Clerk

Public Question Time

There was one member of the public present, but no questions or comments were raised. However, the following comments were made by Parish Councillors.

Mrs Alexander asked that the Parish Council revisit the possibility of getting a covering such as a canopy or perspex or bus stop, for the bench near the bus stop outside the toilets. It was agreed to gain some ideas and quotations and add to the January 2015 agenda.

Mr Edmonds commented that he had recently been to the cemetery and the pathways were in a bad condition with overgrown weeds.

Mrs Lock confirmed that the new tree purchased by the WI had been planted and that the official dedication would take place on Friday 19th December 2014 at 11am. Mrs Lock confirmed that the large pot had been moved the week before by herself, her husband and Mrs Alexander. Mrs Lock also stated that a plaque had been produced for the tree.

Mr Edmonds asked that the Clerk chase up the issues with the roads mentioned at the last meeting. The Clerk confirmed that as stated on the agenda, an update was being given at the end of the meeting. Mr Laughton also mentioned that he had raised his concerns once again with County Councillor William Wallace as he was not happy with the responses from Highways. Councillor Wallace confirmed that he thought the response from Highways was unacceptable as the road appeared dangerous and he was going to be taking the issue up at a higher level. Mrs Douglas mentioned that she had seen motorcyclist's come off at the junction and that she had been told previously that the heaviness of traffic on the road could have caused electricity issues.

Receive any updates from District Councillor Lucy Wallace, County Councillor William Wallace and PCSO Thelma Mead

District Councillor Lucy Wallace – No report received

County Councillor William Wallace – Councillor Wallace confirmed that although he had overspent the current year's Health and Wellbeing grant he had been able to gain some extra funding so the £450 for the football wall should be coming through shortly. Councillor Wallace also mentioned that he would look at the possibility of a pelican crossing down Gainsborough after the next election.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Received from Mrs W House, Mrs S Shingleton and Mr J Farley
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** None received.
- 3. Minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 18th November 2014** were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
- 4. Policy on the recording of Parish Council Meetings**
Mr Ritchie informed the Council that a new policy had been introduced which allowed the recording of Parish Council meetings. Mr Lockey questioned whether permission and approval was needed prior to the commencement of a meeting and the Clerk confirmed that the Chairman needed to be informed if anyone was planning on recording the meeting.
- 5. Environmental survey for Gainsborough Allotments**
Mr Ritchie gave information that it had been suggested at a previous meeting by a member of the public that there was a possibility that the Gainsborough Allotments may be contaminated with arsenic and that the Parish Council should investigate this matter.

The Clerk confirmed that she had been in contact with SSDC and read out a response from the Environmental Protection Department stating that there was no evidence or reason to think that any land at Gainsborough would be contaminated in any way but to confirm this, if required, an Environmental Survey would need to be conducted. The Clerk confirmed that she had received quotations from four Environmental Experts who stated that a Phase 1 stage, which was equivalent to the information SSDC held, would start at around £1000. This would then need to be followed up by a Phase 2 stage which would range from between £4000 - £10,000. Councillors asked why this query had been raised in the first place by the member of the public and if there was any basis for this suggestion. Mr Duckworth commented that he had previously conducted an investigation of the village for possible contaminated sites, and that Gainsborough was not highlighted. Mrs Lock and Mrs Alexander both felt that the surveys, without any firm evidence, would be a waste of time and money and Mrs Alexander commented that

allotments had been there for many years with people gardening there and this issue had never been raised. Mrs Lock proposed that this issue was not pursued; this was seconded by Mrs Alexander the Council voted unanimously against pursuing this issue.

6. War Memorial

The Clerk read out information from Mr Farley which stated that the issue of the War Memorial had been raised by Mr Oldham who had mentioned he felt it was dilapidated. It was confirmed that a Appleby and Childs had surveyed the War Memorial a couple of years ago and said that it had suffered normal weathering and to clean it would cost in the region of £2000 and that this process would need repeating every ten years and at the time, the Parish Council did not vote in favour for this work to be completed. It was confirmed that the names on the Memorial had been re-blackened recently and all agreed once again that no work should take place at present.

7. SID Installation dates 2015

The Clerk read out, for information, the Speed Indicator Device dates for 2015.

8. Consider moving hut in the cemetery to the Playing Fields

Mr Davis gave the Council a request from the Football Club about an unused hut in the cemetery and asked whether the Football Club could have it to store things in and that the Club would be responsible for moving it. This was agreed by all.

Mr Davis took the opportunity to also raise the issue of a higher water bill recently received by the Playing Fields Management Committee. Reasons for this increase were highlighted; however, it was felt that any future high bills, and the wasting of water, may be avoided by installing a valve and sensor in the new toilets. Mr Biss felt the price for this valve and sensor would be around £250 and agreed he would gain a correct quotation. All agreed that if the quotation was under £300 to go ahead and get the valve and sensor fitted.

Action – Mr Biss to gain quotation and arrange the fitting if under £300.

9. Planning

9.1 The following Planning Applications were considered:

14/05115/FUL Single storey extension
26 Manor Road
No Objection

9.2 The following **Planning Approvals** were noted:

14/03494/S73 Section 73 application for the variation of condition 1 of planning approval 13/05199/REM to allow amendments to site layout and house types

Land And Buildings, Wheathill Lane

14/04447/FUL Creation of a new agricultural access

The Old Cider House, Wick Road

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

14/02843/FUL Erection of a detached garage

Roofview, Station Road

9.4 The following **Refusal for Certificate of Lawfulness** was noted:

14/04257/COL Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing mixed use of a library (Use Class D1) at ground floor and residential use (Use Class C3) at upper floors

Cross Cottage, North Street

10. Finance

10.1 The following **Payments** were approved:

Wessex Water	£58.75
Blandford Office Furniture Ltd	£1281.00
N Dungey – Toilet Cleaning	£130.00
Emma Curtis – Burial Fees	£16.00
Kim Dike – Grounds maintenance	£967.73
Kim Dike – Gainsborough Play Area Planting	£432.00
Wessex Water	£252.86
Lifestyle Landscapes	£176.40

10.2 The following **Approved Payment** was noted:

Mr Montgomery – Christmas Tree	£260.00
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10.3 The following **Direct Debit** was noted:

Plusnet Broadband	£9.99
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11. The following **Correspondence** was received and noted:

- M Boddington – Email congratulating the Spirit of Milborne Port for Christmas Light Switch On
- John Nicholson, County Roads, Email regarding road conditions – **The Clerk confirmed she would forward this email to County Councillor William Wallace to follow up**
- John Nicholson, County Roads, Email regarding Drains and Gulleys – **The Clerk confirmed she would forward this email to County Councillor William Wallace to follow up**
- Letter from Sue Morse regarding complaint about the organising of the Spirit of Milborne Port Christmas Light Switch On – **The Clerk was asked to write to Mrs Morse on behalf of the Parish Council stating that they felt the Spirit of Milborne Port did a wonderful job for the village. The Clerk was also asked to write to the Spirit of Milborne Port congratulating and thanking them for organising the event.**

12. The date of the next Full Council Meeting was confirmed as **Tuesday 20th January 2015.**