

MILBORNE PORT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5th July 2016 at 7pm at the Town Hall

In the absence of the clerk it was agreed that Mrs Alexander would keep notes of proceedings with the assistance of the Vice-Chair, Mr M Ritchie..

Present: Mrs P Alexander (Chair), Mr M Ritchie, Mr P Lock, Mrs M Lock, Mr R Biss, Mr C Laughton, Mr M Lancaster, Mr R Lockey, Mr J Edmonds, Mr I Stephenson and Mr T Watts

Public Question Time

One member was present for observation only. No questions received.

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

County Councillor William Wallace was not in attendance, Sarah Dyke-Bracher and PCSO Thelma Mead both sent apologies. No written reports were received.

Reports from Parish Councillors

Mrs Alexander reported that whilst the clerk, Mrs Curtis, was on sick leave, a temporary, agency secretary would assist in keeping the office open for access by members of the community and take messages etc. These arrangements were in place until the end of July.

Mr Lancaster asked what arrangements were in place for organising the volunteer speed-watch group. Mrs Alexander explained that there had been correspondence between the clerk and one of the group concerning this. The Parish Council had responded to a call from members of the community by providing a training session and had assumed that the group would then do their own organising of activity. Mr Lancaster agreed to liaise with the group to clarify the situation.

Mr Watts asked what financial arrangements had been made with the Heritage and Historical group regarding use of the Cemetery Chapel. Mrs Alexander reminded the council that we were still waiting for services to be put into the Chapel. The group had made a splendid job of cleaning the building after its years of neglect and use as a 'junk room'. The work the group was doing was providing a valuable community asset.

Mr Lock reported that judges for South West in bloom would be visiting the village this coming Thursday 7th July) and we had received much support from SSDC who provided road sweeping, bin emptying, and extra use of our regular Ranger. Mr Lock reported that he had also contacted the new owners of Ven House who were very keen to assist in improving the village entrance in their vicinity.

Mr Lock had also taken the Council chamber old clock to a local repairer. Apparently the mechanism is American and the clock is of no great value. However it was agreed that Mr Lock could obtain a free estimate for repair. Mr Watts suggested that this should include the possibility of conversion to a battery-operated system.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Received from Mr J Oldham and Mrs A Flynn.
- 2. Declarations of Interest :** Received from Mr M Lancaster (Item 7) and Mrs P Alexander, Mrs M Lock (Item 11.1)
- 3. Minutes of the last Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7th June 2016** were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
- 4. Actions from the last meeting :** The Action List was reviewed and updated accordingly for circulation.
- 5. The Proposal to dispose of the old Council chamber table in a public auction** was discussed at length. Some longer-serving councillors suggested that the table was a valuable piece given by the Medlycott family on conveyance of the Town Hall into Parish ownership. Mrs Alexander said that she could not recall this item listed as a valuable asset but would check this. It was agreed that the table was in poor repair and the possibility of restoration to regain some value was discussed. At present the table is valued for auction at £100 - £300. The proposal was carried at voting by five votes to three. Mr Watts insisted that voting councillors be named. Those in favour were Mr Lock, Mr Lockey, Mr Ritchie, Mrs Lock, and Mr Lancaster. Those against were Mr Watts, Mr Edmonds and Mr Biss. Other councillors present abstained. There was further discussion regarding placing a reserve value of £1000 at auction which was rejected by a majority as above.

Action: Table to be disposed of at auction at some later date (see Item 14 below)

- 6. Parish Plan Update:** Mrs Alexander reported that she had attempted to organise a meeting and had given possible dates – having received only two replies, other than from involved councillors, she assumed that people were generally unavailable and would re-visit this in August when she would have more time.
- 7. Receipt of Annual Accounts from the Village Hall Committee:** was noted
- 8. Item withdrawn**
- 9. Somerset County Council Agreement for erection of Village Name Stone:**
The agreement for the erection of the stone, sponsored by Spirit of Milborne Port had been signed by the Vice Chairman, Mr Ritchie, on behalf of the Parish Council and was tabled for inspection . The concreted base for the stone was in place and the stone was to be positioned on the base on Wednesday evening (July 6th) before the SW in Bloom judges inspection on Thursday (July 7th).

10. Planning:

10.1 The following Planning Applications were considered.

16/01953/FUL The mounting of a flagpole to the roof of the main house to allow for the flying of a flag bearing the owner's coat of arms. Erection of donkey stables in the south end of the grounds.

Ven House, London Road, Milborne Port DT9 5RA

Councillors decision: No objection

16/02425/REM Erection of a dwelling (reserved matters following outline approval **16/00907/OUT**) appearance, landscaping, layout and scale.

Eastlands Furlong, Furlong Lane, Milborne Port DT9 5HH

Councillors decision: No objection

10.2 The following Planning Approvals were noted.

16/01805/FUL – Erection of a single-storey front extension to dwellinghouse

7 South View Road, Milborne Port DT9 5BS

15/05323/FUL – Erection of a BBQ Lodge in the rear garden (GR:367429/118848)

14 Orchard Walk, Milborne Port DT9 5DE

This was a retrospective application

11. Finance

Mr Watts commented that more information as to the purpose of payments should be given. Mrs Alexander apologised as in the present absence of the clerk she had drawn up the Agenda rather than cancel the meeting. She added that any assistance that any councillor could give in preparing future agendas due to clerk absences would be appreciated. All invoices were tabled for inspection if required and that information is included with each item below.

11.1 The following Payments were approved

N Dungey – Toilet Cleaning May 2016	£130.00
SSDC – Ranger Labour	£301.92
Bell Projects Ltd – Surfacing Works at Milborne Port Cemetery	£9666.98
Plusnet/Oriel	£14.36

Townsend Timber (repair to High Street bus shelter)	£270.00
Mrs Maureen Lock (Engraving on Plaque for Ball Court Seat)	£33.00
John Oldham (4 x Identibadge Name Holders)	£25.01
Emma Curtis (Dog Poo Fairy Poster)	£5.00
Pam Alexander (Petty Cash)	£30.00

It was agreed that the following payments could also be approved

Glasdon – new village waste bin	£232.90
Milborne Port Computers – adjustment to computer	£42.00

11.2 The following payment received was noted.

Harold F Miles – Funeral Director Re: Mr Kenneth Hannam	£110.00
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12. The following Correspondence was considered.

- Letter from Clyde and Co. Claims informing the council that the accident claim to our Insurers dated 5 February 2014 has now been settled.

No further action required

- Letter from The Revd Frank Wright regarding vehicular access from the East Street Car Park into No.55 London Road.

Mr Laughton and Mr Lock would inspect the area in the car park and report back.

13. The date of the next Full Parish Council Meeting as Tuesday 2nd August 2016 at 7pm was confirmed.

14. Parish Council Newsletter and Communications: As Mr Oldham is on holiday it was agreed that Mr Lockey would place on our website details of proposed disposal of the table (Item 5 above) offering it to any community group who might make use of it.

15. A further Closed item for Councillors only was considered and the meeting closed at 9.20pm.