

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at Maiden Newton Village Hall.****Present:**

Trena Fox (TF) (Chair)  
Jeremy Edwards (JE) (Vice Chair)  
Sally Falkingham (SF)  
Paul Valinski (PV)  
Lawrie Goff (LG)

In attendance: Clerk- Mrs M Harding and 7 members of the Public

The Chair welcomed everyone after the Annual Parish Meeting for the final Maiden Newton Parish Council meeting, the next will be the new group Council meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> May.

**24/04-1. To receive apologies for absence-** Diana Padfield, Tony Alford and Bekkie Webb

**24/04-2. To receive declarations of interest or grants of dispensation-** JE regarding the plaques for the Coronation Trees, LG regarding a reimbursement for the Trees under finance.

**24/04-3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and sign.** The minutes of the meeting were proposed for approval by PV and seconded by SF. All attendees agreed.

**24/04-4. To receive any matters arising from the minutes for information only.** None

**24/04-5. Democratic Forum**

A resident enquired about the repair to the Openreach wall on Bull Lane. It was noted that the wall is still awaiting repair. Additionally, a report of a pothole on Bull Lane was discussed. It was mentioned that DC have filled in some potholes on Pounds Piece but not all. LG had reported a blocked drain online. Concerns were raised regarding a drop kerb installed near the station. Councillors agreed to inspect the area.

LG reported the damage and vandalism at the MUGA. Items in a skip had been thrown around the MUGA. Everyone was asked to be vigilant. The PCSO was informed of the damage.

The issue of the closure of the Youth Club was discussed, highlighting the lack of activities available for young people in the area.

**24/04-6. To consider all planning applications in circulation any other planning matters**

None in circulation.

The appeal was dismissed on 3<sup>rd</sup> April for P/FUL/2021/01920 to Install ground-mounted solar panel photovoltaic solar arrays, substations, inverter stations, security fencing, access tracks, landscaping and other ancillary infrastructure.

**24/04-7. Finance:**

**i. To receive the bank reconciliation and finance reports**

Bank Balances as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 - £ 50,809.21

## ii. To consider all payments and receipts due or paid since the last meeting.

Payee	Detail	Amount
SSE	MUGA Electricity	11.43
Admin	Salary/Office costs Mar	1800.76
J Carver	Nov Grass cutting	406.66
BWP Creative Ltd	Website	898.86
Vision ICT	Website	78.00
A Goff	Flood Warden Honorarium	100.00
L Goff	Flood Warden Honorarium	100.00
DAPTC	Annual Subs	507.37
<b>Receipts</b>		
Allotment		32.50
Lloyds	Interest	50.12
Fire House rent		15.00

Motion to approve the payments and receipts: Proposed by PV, Seconded by SF all agreed.

**24/04-8. Council property:**

## i. To receive the monthly property risk assessment reports.

A site meeting is to take place of all assets prior to the next PC meeting.

The quotes for the plaques for the Coronation Trees, the quote of £170 for 2 plaques was agreed. Proposed SF, seconded by PV.

**24/04-9. Highways/Transport** -The transport report was circulated and displayed on noticeboards, website and Facebook.**24/04-10. To consider items of correspondence received and for noting.**

Reminder of the litter pick on 28<sup>th</sup> April, JE will collect litter pick equipment, the routes, risk assessments will be provided TF will meet all those volunteering at the war memorial.

**24/04-11. To confirm the Annual Parish Council and first meeting of the new grouped council on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024.**

This will be the business of the meeting, acceptance of office, electing the Chair and Vice, reaffirming policies, Cllrs roles and responsibilities and reps.

It was suggested that the new Council visits all the assets after the annual meeting.

SF offered to continue as transport rep if the new group council continue with this role.

*There being no further business TF closed the meeting at 7.52pm*