

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 6th June 2024 at Maiden Newton Village Hall.**Present:**

Trena Fox (TF) (Chair)

Jeremy Edwards (JE) (Vice Chair)

Alan Goff (AG)

Anne Clements (AC)

Bekkie Webb (BW)

Emma Moore (EM)

Lawrie Goff (LG)

2 x Vacancies

In attendance: Cllr Neil Eysenck (Ward Cllr) Clerk- Mrs M Harding and 10 members of the Public

24/06-1. Welcome and opening remarks from the Chair.

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, noting emergency exits, and toilet facilities. TF reported that the MUGA hut has been painted, also the seat has been repainted. The PC's archived papers have now been placed in the filing cabinet at the Village Hall.

The council held one minute silence to commemorate D-Day.

24/06-2. To receive and approve apologies for absence. none**24/06-3. To receive declarations of interest or grants of dispensation- LG on a financial item.****24/06-4. To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the 16th May 2024 and sign.** These minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

Proposed EM Seconded AG All agreed.

24/06-5. To receive any matters arising from the minutes for information only-

It was reported that the Whale Springer has now been repaired. The company that installed the Equipment are dealing with the manufacturers, regarding the surfacing issues for future maintenance.

24/06-6. To receive a report from the Eggardon Ward Councillor for Dorset Council

Neil Eysenck addressed the meeting he explained that given the impending elections and the training required for all the new Dorset Councillors there is not a great deal to report at present. He provided some background information on where he has come from, he has lived in Litton Cheney for 20 years. His professional background is in commerce, political economy, finance, and audit. Neil will be serving on the Audit Committee and the Place Scrutiny Committee. He hopes to support the village and parish council with any issues they may have moving forward.

24/06-7. Democratic Forum (15 minutes)

A request was made to follow up on the Transport issues raised at the last meeting, the PC are still following up on issues raised and have had a site meeting with the SID team at DC as surveys will be required to consider any traffic calming measures.

24/06-8. Finance:**i. To consider all payments and receipts due or paid since the last meeting.**

Payee	Detail	Receipt	Payment
FV funds	FV parish funds transferred	3.85	
Lloyds Bank	Interest	30.04	
Hawks Contracts	Coronation Plaques		165.00
L Goff	Lock for VH		22.99
SSE	Electricity at the MUGA hut		12.84
Admin costs			1036.31
MN Village Hall	Hall hire May/June		32.00
J Carver	Grass contract		406.66

Proposed JE, seconded AC Bank balances as at 31st May 2024 £72563.09

ii. To consider a grant towards grass cutting at the FV Churchyard

The PC had not received an application from the PCC at this stage defer until an application is forthcoming.

iii. To arrange a meeting of the Finance group to discuss the budget for 2024-25 previously agreed. 27th June 6.30pm at the Fire station, this will be a closed working group meeting, no decisions will be made as they need to be agreed at a Full Council meeting. JE will be unable to attend this meeting.**24/06-9. Council property:****i. To receive the monthly property risk assessment reports (ALL)**

Play Area- all ok, MUGA and Playing field- all ok, quotes for surfacing are to be gathered, Allotments- 2 allotment holders have received letters for non cultivation, some of the vacant plots are overgrown and LG has repaired the water trough in the grazing field. Car parks and monuments- ok, Bus shelters- ok, Old Fire Station- this is work in progress. The fence at Harvey's green needs replacing, quotes will be added to the July agenda for consideration.

ii. To consider draft service level agreements for all groups associated with the Parish Council assets.

The Clerk had prepared a draft SLA agreement, this was agreed, so all the user groups will receive one in the Autumn. The Clerk was thanked for preparing the document which is hoped to make the communications between the PC and user groups more effective in the future.

24/06-10. To consider all planning applications in circulation any other planning matters.

- P/FUL/2024/02103 Proposal: Retention of a 4.2m x 4.4m (16 m.sq) extension to existing farm shop to provide ancillary storage space- Location: Higher Norden Farm And Shop Norden Lane- *Cllrs noted that the current Farm Shop is not in operation at present and therefore not required, also concerns were raised that the caravan on site is occupied and needs further investigation.*

- P/TRC/2024/02923 Proposal: Cherry (T1) – Fell Location: Flat 3, 52 Dorchester Road- *no objections*

24/06-11. To receive any Highways reports-**i. To discuss the runoff into Frome Lane and into the river**

BW reported the issues of water runoff following rain overnight on May 2nd. There was also an issue of pollution from farmyard manure entering the river, as the farmer did not have time to plough it back in due to the inclement weather. It was advised that this is an Environment Agency (EA) issue and should be reported to the Flood Team at Dorset Council, who have the authority to take action.

ii. To consider the sites and costs for a SID for survey

BW reported on her meeting with Rob and Joe from the SID team. It was noted that a Speed Indicator Device (SID) could be installed at the top of the village, but the one at the bottom end is in the wrong place. This device is a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) installed by Dorset Council prior to the Neils View development. Additionally, the possibility of implementing 20mph speed limits in the village. Back Lane and Tollerford Bridge areas were also discussed being the national speed limit and issues of speeding. To consider these options further, surveys will need to be conducted to check the sites and determine if the recorded speeds meet the necessary criteria. Since there are costs involved, this will be considered at the July meeting once the costs have been provided.

iii. To consider a Transport plan for the village

This will be investigated and how to prepare a Transport Plan.

iv. To consider the use of the area of land by Black Bridge for passing places and seating area.

The PC had gathered ownership details from land registry, but highways will be contacted to consider pull in places also to clarify where their responsibilities begin and end. Concerns were raised that any changes to the area does not disrupt the flood channels that are in place.

24/06-12. To receive any Rights of way reports- Chris Slade has walked all the footpaths in FV and any findings will be reported.**24/06-13. To consider items of correspondence received or for noting.**

A request was received from the Friends of the Greenford School (FOGS) committee to use the car park at the Village Hall (VH) as an extension to the family disco in the hall for a BBQ and additional parking. This was agreed upon with the proviso that risk assessments and insurance are provided, and all rubbish is removed following the event.

A request to use the playing field for the annual running event was also agreed upon with the same provisos: risk assessments and insurance must be provided, and all rubbish must be removed following the event. AC is attending the DTAG meeting. TF, BW and RC will attend the meeting arranged by Toller Porcorum PC to discuss the Trailway from Toller Porcorum to Maiden Newton.

24/06-14. To confirm items for the next Parish Council meeting to be held on 11th July, deferred due to the election. Harvey's Green fence quotes, Traffic calming costs, report from the Finance meeting.

24/06-15. Democratic forum 15 minutes- members of the public to raise any other items that may form future agenda items.

BW reported on the Ammonite meeting, noting that internal refurbishment to move the dispensary is ongoing. This will create more space in the reception area. Additionally, there will be two new receptionists, a new GP, and some trainee GPs joining the surgery. Fundraising is yet to commence for a BP monitor in the surgery, with Ammonite putting up 50% of the cost.

A resident commented on the phone system at the surgery and the waiting times.

Concerns were raised that any changes to the area at Black Bridge will not disrupt the flood channels that are in place.

Issues on Frome Lane were reported, where a structure has been created at the road edge. This issue has been reported by a resident and will also be reported by the Parish Council.

It was confirmed that the plaques have now arrived for the coronation trees planted on Harvey's Green and by the school.

Everyone was asked to stay seated after the meeting closed for photos to be taken of the hall while the meeting was in progress for the new website. All agreed

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20.03