

MILTON ABBAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th May 2024 in the READING ROOM, MILTON ABBAS, following the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

PRESENT

Mr I. Baker (Vice Chair)
Mr P. Ford
Mrs J. Jordan
Mr S. Martin

Mr S. Driver (Chairman)
Mr T. Ives
Mr T. Khandwala
Ms D. Wyatt

IN ATTENDANCE Mrs E. Sellen (Clerk) Mrs E. Parker and 5 members of the general public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Mr S. Gould (Ill health).

2. DISPENSATIONS None

3. CO-OPTION

Three Councillors (PF, TK and DW) had been co-opted during the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. A newly adopted co-option policy will now apply to future vacancies as they arise.

4. OPEN FORUM

The following points were raised:

Mr R. Golledge reported that the pavements and roads in Catherine's Well have still not been satisfactorily repaired. The Clerk will continue to liaise with Dorset Council Highways team. DW reported that the pavement is almost non-passable on the way down the street, PF and TI reported potholes and erosion of the edges of the carriageway on the road to Winterborne Whitechurch and IB advised that the road to Milborne St Andrew is still bad. Mr N. Hodder advised residents that they should report issues as they arise using the link on the Dorset Council and Parish Council website. This link will be re-circulated by Ellie-gram.

The Clerk will invite Highways Officer Phil Goodland to walk the village in September, when he returns to our area.

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2024 had been circulated. With reference to the Officers Reports - BT Kiosk, SD clarified that he and Mrs Driver were planning to paint the kiosk so it was ready for boarding out, during the Easter refurb session (weather permitting), not to carry out the boarding out. SD agreed that the previous minutes did not need to be altered to reflect this clarification. It was proposed by TI, seconded by JJ, and agreed by those who had attended the previous meeting, that they should be accepted as a true record.

6. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk confirmed she had attended the Reading Room AGM on behalf of the Parish Council.

Sovereign have accepted their responsibility to replace the Zip Wire post under warranty and that a further site visit prior to works is scheduled for week ending 31st May.

Highways have confirmed that the road to the sports field does not meet DfT criteria or DC policy to be reduced to 30mph, there is no reports of collision related injuries reported in the last 5 years and a new pavement scheme would cost in the region of £3-400k excluding legal fees and land purchase. Dorset Council requested evidence of danger and high numbers of beneficiaries to consider a feasibility study and asked whether the Parish Council would be prepared to contribute towards funding the project. IB pointed out that there is access to the sports field via a bridlepath and suggested that it would be better to address improvements to existing footpath access.

MP Simon Hoare had forwarded concerns regarding the DMMO appeal for Catherine's Well bridleway to Vanessa Penny at Dorset Council and received the same response as the Parish Council had received, but he suggested that the Parish Council should follow it up again in September 2024 since this is when Dorset Council had originally suggested that the next stage may occur. The Clerk was requested to copy SM into the response from SH and SM would continue to correspond with SH.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence had been circulated by email or was available on the table.

The clerk drew attention to the following:

The Macmillan Charity cycling event will pass through Milton Abbas on 7th July. The map and details have been circulated by Ellie-gram, email and on Facebook.

Dorset CPRE Planning presentation "Dorset's Affordable Housing Crisis" is online on 20th June 13.30-16.30hr.

A letter had been received from a resident regarding tree works in Jane's Wood. The Clerk had responded to advise that quotes have been sought, but permission to exercise access via the easement will be required.

8. REPORT FROM DORSET COUNCILLOR None

9. REPORTS

HOMEWATCH

Mrs E. Payne continues to circulate various emails as required.

MATCH/JANE'S WOOD

EP reported that Mr Brian Isherwood advised there is no update for MATCH.

PLAYPARK

The Captain Mannering repair is booked with Dorset Council for September, the zip wire repair is as reported above.

TRANSPORT None

WELCOME PACK

TK has received various updates by email and has updated the WP accordingly. He will also update the new councillor information and include new businesses such as Smiths,

The View etc and asked for input on additional businesses for inclusion. It was suggested that it should be circulated quarterly for updates to be identified.

CSW

JJ has had a handover session with Mrs F. Robinson and is awaiting contact information for liaison with Dorset Police.

MILLENNIUM GREEN TRUST

RG advised that Wessex Internet have left two large reels of cable in the hedge which will make strimming more difficult. The Clerk will contact Wessex Internet and ask them to remove them.

TELEPHONE KIOSK

SD advised that bad weather prevented progress during the bank holiday session. SD suggested that the blank rear wall could potentially be used as an additional Parish Council noticeboard, subject to a safety review.

JUBILEE BENCH None

MILTON ABBAS SPORTS CLUB

RG confirmed that Mr C. Henderson had taken delivery of the Doc M toilet pack and an electric hand dryer.

D-DAY 80 6TH JUNE 2024

SM confirmed that a timetable has been established and requested posters to advertise the event as soon as possible. A pdf of the poster will be circulated by Elliegram. Additional Volunteer helpers would be appreciated. TK suggested that it is advertised on Facebook to extend the invitation to neighbouring villages.

REPORTS FROM OTHER PC OFFICERS

TK confirmed that the defibrillator outside the church is now working but not showing on the SWAST app. TK will make further enquiries to ensure that it is back online asap.

10. PLANNING

Decisions

P/FUL/2023/00950 Luccombe Farm - Removal of garage, construction of two storey side extension, construction of first floor extension, construction of a porch, subdivision of dwelling to create two dwellings - Refused

P/FUL/2023/03192 Hewish Farm – Retention of holiday cabin - Granted

P/FUL/2023/05324 Luccombe Farm & Holiday Cottages – Erect ground mounted solar PV panels - Granted

P/HOU/2023/06724 & P/LBC/2023/06725 53a Milton Abbas – Install oil fired central heating, including new boiler, pipework and radiators. Site external boiler & oil tank to serve new central heating system with associated yew hedge screening – granted

P/CLP/2024/00420 Land At E 378950 N 100170 Bagber Farm Access To Bagber Farm Cottages Milborne St Andrew - Construct water reservoir for agricultural irrigation – Granted

Applications

P/VOC/2024/01703 & P/VOL/2024/01704 46-47 St James Cottage - Erect replacement extension, (demolish existing lean-to), with internal & external alterations and associated landscaping, (with variation of condition no. 2 of planning permission no.

P/HOU/2023/07131 to amend the approved plans). It was noted that the proposed extension has now reduced in size and the proposal will not harm the view from the

street. Mrs E. Payne advised that the owner has been in contact with the church warden regarding the wall and satisfied their concerns relating to the wall. It was proposed and unanimously agreed that there are no comments on this application. **P/HOU/2024/02228** 26 Milton Abbas - Erection of single storey side extension & rear extension. Demolition of existing rear extension & remodel of existing garage. Proposed new external brickwork stair & patio area. Proposed removal of rear elevation door & installation of window to match adjacent. Extension & repointing of 2no. existing chimneys. TI noted that although the proposed extension is now reduced, the garage will still protrude to the front and therefore parking is still reduced and there are still French windows visible from the street. TI proposed that the Parish Council object to the French windows and suggest that the application should be granted on the condition that the applicant creates additional parking on the other side of the property to mitigate on road parking issues. SM suggested that the Parish Council could refer to parking in their comments. SD proposed that the Parish Council should not object to the application but suggest that Dorset Council include a condition for additional parking to be created as part of the application there were seven votes in favour and one against. **P/VOC/2024/02373 & P/VOL/2024/02375** 11-12 Cob Cottage Milton Abbas - Demolish the existing garage and outbuildings to the rear of the cottage and erect a single storey extension. (Variation of Condition No. 3 against appeal decision number APP/N1215/W/19/3240775 and Listed Building Consent Number 2/2019/0246/LBC to make amendments to approved drawings). (Variation of Condition No. 2 against appeal decision number APP/N1215/W/19/3240771 and Planning Application Number 2/2019/0245/HOUSE to make amendments to approved drawings). It was noted that this is a retrospective planning application, and the councillors had no comments.

11. PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCE RENEWAL

The Clear Councils Insurance (formerly BHIB) have offered a renewal price of £680.43 which is a £90 increase on last year and under the existing budget provision of £700. It was unanimously agreed that if no further quotes are forthcoming prior to renewal (two have been sought but not received) the Clerk can accept the renewal quote from Clear Councils.

12. AUDIT

It was unanimously agreed that there is no known conflict with BDO LLP as external auditor.

The financial reports had been circulated by email. It was unanimously agreed that with gross expenditure of £13,100 and income of £17,492 the Parish Council should claim exemption from an external audit review.

An extraordinary meeting will be arranged in June to sign off the Annual Return following the internal audit review.

13. JANES WOOD & SEYMOUR WOODLAND QUOTES

Quotes have been reviewed by email however no further research has been done into the discrepancies between works quoted for.

14. “.gov.uk” DOMAIN

TK advised that the Parish Council email addresses are still not functioning as they should. Residents pointed out that the Parish Council website does not reflect the change in Councillors since the election, and the latest minutes are missing from the website. The Dorset Council website also has an out of date list of Councillors. SD thanked the residents for drawing these omissions to the attention of the Parish Council and the Clerk confirmed that updates will be carried out over the next three months.

15. ZOOM ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

The Clerk confirmed that unless the History Group are keen to continue using the Zoom account, the subscription will be paused until required. SM confirmed that the History Group are researching the viability of their own subscription.

16. RSN SUBSCRIPTION

The clerk had circulated an invitation from the Rural Services Network (RSN) for a £50+VAT annual subscription service to include weekly bulletins with grant opportunities and newsletters every other month with articles relating to rural communities. It was unanimously agreed not to take up the offer.

17. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Clerk confirmed arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting on 29th May at 7.00pm in the Reading Room to include a presentation on community and personal resilience, a display by Firewise, drinks and snacks to be provided. The invitation will be resent by Ellie-gram.

18. CONTRIBUTION TO MILTON ABBAS SPORTS CLUB

The sports club had supplied details of a Doc M toilet pack and hand dryer that would be required to use the facility for public hire and events. This information had been circulated to councillors by email as a local resident was willing to fit the materials without charge. Three quotes for each of the Doc M pack and hand dryer had been circulated by email. The hand dryer was £500 from Dyson, but similar models could be supplied by Toolstation or Screwfix for £137.98 and £114.98 (exclusive of VAT). It had been unanimously agreed to source from Toolstation as it could be returned to store in event of a warranty claim, was advertised as designed for commercial use and appeared more sturdy.

The Doc M pack ranged from £272.39 from Plumbworld, £349.96 from Victorian Plumbing to £1,000 from Ironmongery Direct (exclusive of VAT). Following a consideration of online reviews and delivery times, it was unanimously agreed to order from Bathcentre. Materials were delivered direct to a Sports Club Committee member.

19. FINANCE

The receipts and payments spreadsheet, latest bank statements and list of cheques for payment had been circulated by email and was available at the meeting.

Balances:

Current A/c	£43,746.13
Playpark A/c	£23,901.91

The following cheques were authorised:

Current Account

Mrs E. Sellen Clerk's Salary March 2024	1428	£376.47
Mrs E. Sellen Clerk's Expenses March 2024	1429	£55.09
Hugo Fox Website Hosting	DD	£11.99
St James' Church Rent South Aisle	1430	£12.50
Reading Room Committee Rent Reading Room	1431	£90.00
DAPTC Annual Subscription & Email Storage	1432	£241.54
Mrs E. Sellen Clerk's Salary April 2024	1433	£383.05
Mrs E. Sellen Clerk's Expenses April 2024	1434	£51.19
Hugo Fox Website Hosting	DD	£11.99
Community Transport Group PlusBus service contribution	1435	£500.00
Mrs E. Sellen Clerk's Expenses Sports Club Equipment	1436	£481.93

Playpark Account

Mr C. Lovell Grounds Maintenance to March 2024	0158	£1,555.00
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20. CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS None

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Councillors were reminded that the next meeting would take place on 10th July 2024 and, there being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed:

(Presiding Chairman)

Date: