

MILBORNE PORT PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2014 AT 7.30PM IN
THE TOWN HALL**

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

Also Present: Emma Curtis – Clerk
District Councillor Lucy Wallace

Public Question Time

There were four members of the public in attendance.

A lady read out a letter she had written with regard to a follow up of a letter written by Westley Gullen, from Yarlinton Housing Association in October 2013 about speeding along Wheathill Lane. This letter questioned why there had been no response since the Clerk's reply back to the letter. The Clerk explained that the issue was related to Highways and that the letter had been passed on to SSDC Highways for their response. The Clerk informed the lady that she would chase this matter up and the letter was passed to the Clerk.

A second lady questioned the clarification of what the planning discharge meant for Wheathill Garden Centre. Mr Farley explained that when the original house was built at Wheathill Nurseries planning consent tied it to the land and the application for discharge had been made so that the house is no longer tied to the Garden Centre.

Receive reports from District Councillor Lucy Wallace, County Councillor William Wallace and PCSO Callum Davis

No report from County Councillor William Wallace

District Councillor Lucy Wallace – No report received but Councillor Wallace did ask Councillors for their feedback on planning issues and clarifications of some of their views expressed on certain planning applications. In particular she asked for clarification about the planned housing on Wheathill Lane and wanted to check that the Councillors agreed with the principle but not the planned access. This was confirmed.

PCSO Callum Davis – PCSO Davis informed the meeting that there was not much crime happening within Milborne Port at the present time. Offences over the past month were 1 x ASB, 1 x Criminal Damage, 3 x Transportation and 4 x others. It was also reported that there had been a burglary over the past few weeks which was still being investigated. PCSO Davis stressed the importance of passing on any suspicious information to him to investigate. A couple of Councillors asked questions about the fallen tree last week which prevented entry and exit to the village and also about antisocial behaviour issues at the village hall car park which the PCSO confirmed had fallen over recent months. District Councillor Lucy Wallace asked if the PCSO had any new powers, and it was confirmed that they could now stop and search to some degree. The issue of speeding tractors in the village was again raised, and PCSO Davis confirmed that over the next few days he would visit all local farmers and talk to them about this issue.

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mrs W House, Mrs S Shingleton and County Councillor William Wallace
2. **Declarations of Interested** were received from Mr J Farley, agenda item 12.1, *cheque payment for £820.00*
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21st January 2014** were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
4. **Location of new dog waste bins at Springfield Recreation Ground and emptying arrangements** – It was agreed by all to leave the location, fitting and emptying of the four new dog waste bins to the Handyman who had already evaluated the area and decided where they should go. Mr Lockey did ask that one bin be placed near the entrance from Wheathill Way. Mrs Lock commented that the situation with dog fouling, which is a health hazard, had been going on for years and nothing had ever improved. The Clerk confirmed that she had chased up every angle, and with new legislation coming in and the future of dog control orders uncertain, there was little that could be done at present. The Clerk was asked to contact Environmental Health.
Action – Handyman to fit new dog waste bins and the Clerk to contact Environmental Health
5. **Consider quotations received from Lifestyle Landscapes and Kim Dike for the allotment, cemetery and Gainsborough hedges and contract renewal**
The Clerk read out quotations received from Lifestyle Landscapes and Kim Dike for the cutting of the hedges at the allotments, cemetery and Gainsborough corner. Some Councillors felt that these prices were too high and that it would be cheaper for someone with a tractor to complete the hedge cutting. The Clerk asked for someone to clarify who with a tractor would complete the cutting and it was confirmed that Mr Davis would let the Clerk know who to contact.

The Clerk read out the quotation for the new contract renewal for Lifestyle Landscapes and this was agreed as a reasonable increase and all voted in favour of renewing their contract for the year 2014/15.
Action – Mr Davis to give the Clerk contact details of those with a tractor to cut the hedges and the Clerk to renew Lifestyle Landscapes contract.
6. **Disabled Parking Bays**
Following a previous Parish Council meeting the Clerk updated the Council that she had heard back from SSDC Highways who said they would look at the disabled parking bay in South Street and if they deemed it necessary, would repaint the bay. At the present time, the bay had not been repainted. SSDC Highways also mentioned that they couldn't add a new disabled parking bay in the Weighbridge Car Park but that a sign could be added if wished on the Commanalty garage. The Council felt that this had been followed up and there was no further point in pursuing the matter.
7. **Gainsborough Play Area Multi Pondo Unit**
The Clerk informed the Council that since 2008 SSDC had flagged up on their inspection reports that the rubber pivots on the Multi Pondo Unit needed replacing, and as yet, this had not been done. Mr Lockey felt that it was not a high priority and not a danger to children using the unit. After considering the cost of new parts being £195 + VAT, the Clerk

was asked to find out the cost of the new parts being fitted before the Council voted on whether to replace the parts or not.

Action – Clerk to investigate cost for parts and repair and report back at the next meeting.

8. Parish Council Meeting Times

Mr Ritchie questioned why Parish Council meeting times were different with some Committee meetings commencing at 6.45pm and 7pm and Full Council Meetings commencing at 7.30pm. He queried why there was not one fixed time and whether this should be implemented. The Council held a vote and voted in favour of keeping meeting times as they are.

9. Consider quotation for replanting Gainsborough Play Area

Prior to this agenda item being discussed, the Chairman informed the Council that he had been asked by the owner of Wheathill Garden Centre, who planted the original plants at the Gainsborough Play Area, to inform Council that they (Wheathill Garden Centre) had planted what was asked for and requested by PCOS Mandy Forsey with the money that was available at the time, and that the plants planted befitted the money available and nothing less.

The Clerk informed the Council that the quotation received from SSDC for replanting the bedding areas would be £1014.25 + VAT and that the Council would have the choice of completing the planting themselves or to get a contractor to complete it. As there was another £2000 of grant money available to the Parish Council from SSDC, the Clerk was asked to find out how much it would cost to get a professional to complete the replanting, and if it was under the £2000 available, this was proposed by Mrs Alexander and all voted in favour to go ahead with the replanting if under the £2000 grant limit.

Mr Duckworth mentioned that it was unfortunate this replanting was occurring as local school children were involved in the planting of the bedding areas and that it was not their fault the original plans were not adhered to.

Action – Clerk to find out from SSDC how much it would cost to get a professional contractor to carry out the planting.

10. South West in Bloom 2014 Entry

The Clerk confirmed that she had completed the entry form for the 2014 South West in Bloom competition and that Mr Philip Lock would be attending a seminar on Thursday February 20th to find out further information. Mrs Lock confirmed that a committee had been put together to lead the competition and that sunflowers had been ordered for the village.

11. Planning

11.1The following **Withdrawn Application** was noted:

13/04830/OUT Outline planning permission for 10 dwellings with all matters reserved for means of access, layout and scale
Land off Higher Kingsbury, Milborne Port

12. Finance

Prior to payments being confirmed, Mr Farley asked that three more cheques be added to the agenda, this was approved.

Mr Farley went on to say that Parish Council finances can sometimes become complicated as cheques are the only way of paying invoices and that sometimes this was difficult in between meetings. He also mentioned that on a few occasions recently this had resulted in him paying invoices from his personal bank account, which isn't ideal and shouldn't happen. Mr Farley mentioned that the system should be changing in the near future, but asked that in the interim, if a cheque for up to £15,000 to the Cricket Pavilion contractor needed to be written between meetings, that the Council give approval for this. The Council agreed.

Mr Farley went on to ask the Council if they gave permission to pay the majority of the bill for toilets for the Cricket Pavilion contractors and that KBW Builders, would be paying for half of one of the toilets. The Council gave approval for this.

12.1 The following **Payments** were confirmed:

HMRC – PAYE & NI	£165.36
CMV Charity	£31.00
Southern Electric	£45.45
KM Dike – Grounds maintenance contract	£944.12
KM Dike – Village Hall hedge cut	£510.00
Mr J Farley – Reimbursement for West Hill Materials	£820.00
Lifestyle Landscapes	£143.93
SSDC – B Regs Site Inspection Fee	£400.00
South West in Bloom	£20.00
Milborne Port Computers – Domain Hosting	£30.00
KBW Building Contractor	£14,250.00
Fisher-Pearson Garden Design	£906.80
Mid West Office Supplies	£101.51

12.2 The following **Direct Debit** was noted:

Plusnet Broadband	£9.99
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13. The following **Correspondence** was noted:

- Mr Lock – Hazardous Road Traffic Rosemary Street
- Colin Fletcher – Response to letter from Mr Lock regarding Hazardous Road Traffic Rosemary Street – the Clerk was requested to follow up this response.
- Miss Sally Phipps – Gauntlet Cottage, Sherborne Road – the Clerk was asked to follow up this letter with SSDC.

14. The date of the next Full Council meeting was confirmed as **Tuesday 18th March 2014** at 7.30pm.