

MILBORNE PORT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18th November 2014 at 7.30pm at the Town Hall

Present: Mr J Farley (Chairman), Mr M Ritchie, Mr E Davis, Mrs R Douglas, Mr R Duckwoth, Mrs M Lock, Mrs P Alexander, Mr C Laughton, Mr R Biss, Mrs W House, Mr J Edmonds and Mr S Shingleton

Also Present: Emma Curtis - Clerk

Public Question Time

There were 8 members of the public in attendance.

A resident of Higher Kingsbury Close expressed his opposition to the revised planning application to land off Higher Kingsbury Close stating that there appears to be no change from the previous plans, which were refused, and that the traffic and access issues still stand. He commented he had passed the Clerk a number of letters from residents voicing their opposition. A second gentleman backed up these comments and said that the current road was only viable for the number of houses already built.

A lady informed the Parish Council that once again, for the second year running, East Street had been flooded all week and that the flooding was just as bad as last year so it appeared the drains had not been correctly cleared. A man commented that it may be the drainage in the adjacent field which is causing the problem and Mr Laughton mentioned the issues with Gainsborough and the gully's. The Clerk confirmed she would report this again to Highways.

Andy Maidment, on the behalf of the Spirit of Milborne Port reminded those present about the Christmas Lights Switch On taking place on Friday 28th November 2014 and that there would be a road closure down South Street. Mr Maidment also commented on the issue of the watering of the hanging baskets throughout the summer not being adequate and Mr Farley suggested that the watering may be taken on by the Parish Council next year, with the grant for the hanging baskets still paid to the Spirit of Milborne Port to purchase the baskets, to which Mr Maidment was in agreement with.

Mr Edmonds voiced his concerns about lorries delivering to the Coop stating that he had that evening had a conversation with a lorry driver delivering to the shop who said due to difficulties in delivering, he could see drivers refusing to deliver to the shop, which in turn meant the shop may be threatened with closing. Mr Edmonds also reported the breaking up of the road near Crackmore Rocks and also the bottom of Gainsborough, which the Clerk said she would raise with Highways.

Mrs Douglas informed the Clerk that a chair had been dumped down Goldings Lane, near Goathill, and asked the Clerk to report it to SSDC.

Mr Laughton made a request that a bus stop be placed outside the Fish and Chip Shop on the tarmac. The Clerk confirmed she would look in to this.

Mr Duckworth asked that the Parish Council thank Mr Cadisch for the work he has completed at The Old Pump House, to which all agreed. He also commented that the piece of grass at Crackmore be cut, to which Mr Farley replied the Council would ask Kim Dike to complete. Mr Duckworth also informed the Council that the Commonalty Trust would be officially opening the public toilets on Friday 28th November 2014 at 5.30pm and all were welcome.

Mr Biss mentioned that the hedge at Newton Corner, Gainsborough, was once again very overgrown and obstructing views on the highway. The Clerk confirmed she would again write to the owners asking them to cut the hedge back. Mr Laughton also asked the Clerk to again chase up the cutting of the hedges at The Old Vicarage.

To conclude Public Question Time the condition of The Queens Head was raised as since it had been boarded up, a number of complaints had been received about the atrocious state it looks when entering the village. Mr Farley commented that what had been done was lawful but that the Clerk would try and contact the owners of the pub to ask if they could make it more aesthetically pleasing in any way. Mr Ritchie mentioned that he had spoken to a workman while boarding up the pub who had stated that new contractors would be entering the pub in the New Year. Mr Ritchie also suggested it may look better if the name signs could be taken down. The Clerk confirmed she would try and trace the owner of the pub, believed to be Enterprise Inn's, and voice the Parish Council's concerns.

Receive reports from County Councillor William Wallace, District Councillor Lucy Wallace and PCSO Thelma Mead

County Councillor William Wallace – No report received

District Councillor Lucy Wallace - No report received

PCSO Thelma Mead – PCSO Mead gave a brief report and statistics for October for Milborne Port. There were 3 recorded crimes, 1 violence against a person and 2 criminal damage. PCSO Mead said this was good statistics for Milborne Port and all appeared quiet and settled. PCSO Mead mentioned she had recently been to the school and pre-school on a few occasions to give talks on "Stranger Danger" and Road Safety. Mr Farley asked PCSO Mead if there could be a police presence at the Christmas Lights Switch on, PCSO Mead replied that due to rotas and staff shortages this may not be possible, but she would try her hardest to get someone on duty to stop by and would help in other ways if she could.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Received from Mr R Lockey
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** Received from Mr C Laughton, agenda item 8.1, *resident of Higher Kingsbury Close* and Mr R Duckworth, agenda item 8.1, *resident of Bauntons Orchard*.
- 3. Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21st October 2014** were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
- 4. Storage facilities in the Town Hall**

Mrs Lock informed the Council that herself and Mrs Alexander had measured up areas in the Town Hall for new storage facilities and looked at various options and prices. Mrs Lock and Mrs Alexander visited an office equipment company in Blandford and received a quotation of £1068 + VAT for good quality cupboards which would be delivered and put in place included in the price. A discussion took place regarding the use of the cupboards, storage of the Friends of Milborne Port Library jigsaws which are currently stored in the Town Hall and the barber who hires the small room in the Town Hall as Mr Davis was concerned that the barber provides a service to Milborne Port and his rent provides an income, so it was important to keep him happy. Mr Farley felt that as the cupboards were movable that they could be placed anywhere in the Town Hall. To conclude, Mrs Douglas proposed the cupboards were purchased, Mrs Lock seconded and the motion was carried to purchase the new storage.

Action – Clerk to order cupboards for delivery after the Christmas Lights Switch On.
- 5. Consider letter from Savills regarding a pre-consultation for a proposed upgrade to an existing mobile phone mast at Coombe Hill Farm, Furlong Lane**

Mr Farley read a letter to the Council from Savills regarding the proposed upgrade to an existing mobile phone mast in Milborne Port to provide Vodafone and upgraded coverage in the area. No objection was expressed and the Clerk was asked to reply to state this providing that the changes to the mast did not mean it would be any higher than the existing mast.

Action – Clerk to reply to Savills
- 6. Consider quotations for the contract for Public Areas in Milborne Port**

The Clerk confirmed that she had received two quotations from KM Dike Nurseries and SSDC stating that a further company had failed to submit a quote despite the closing date having passed. Mrs Alexander mentioned she had met with another company who had said the scope of work was too large for them to carry out, so would not be interested in tendering. The quote received from KM Dike Nurseries was £5100 + VAT per annum and from SSDC £4340.10 + VAT per annum which also included the watering of the hanging baskets. Both quotations were considered but following comments that SSDC had supported the Parish Council throughout the year

in their bid for South West in Bloom and had treated the Parish Council very well, coupled with their lower quotation, Mr Davis proposed, Mrs Alexander seconded that the SSDC quotation was accepted. The Council agreed this unanimously and asked the Clerk to award the contract for 2015/16 and add the maintenance of Gainsborough Play Area to the contract.

Action – Clerk to award the contract to SSDC and ask them to add on the Gainsborough Play Area

7. Discuss draft budget and precept for 2015/16

The Clerk distributed copies of the draft budget agreed at the Finance Committee Meeting on Tuesday 4th November 2014. This budget was agreed, with no changes being made, but Mr Farley asked the Council to bear in mind there would be extra costs for the elections being held in the new financial year and if an extra £3000 Precept was requested, this would be an increase of around 5.5% -6% which is higher than inflation. With all this in mind, the budget was agreed and accepted and Mrs Douglas proposed and Mr Laughton seconded that a Precept of £58,000 be requested for 2015/16. The Clerk was asked to submit the Precept request form.

Action – Clerk to finalise budget and request Precept for 2015/16.

8. Planning

8.1 The following **Planning Applications** were considered:

14/04840/FUL Erection of a single storey front extension to dwellinghouse and formation of additional windows to the west elevation at first floor level
82 Bauntons Orchard

No Objection

14/04848/FUL Demolition of existing garage and shed and erection of a single storey detached annexe to form ancillary accommodation for dependent relative

82 Bauntons Orchard

No Objection but request that the new dwelling is not sold off separately from the existing house

14/049/27/OUT Revised Outline Planning Application for 10 dwellings with all matters reserved, Except for means of access, layout and scale

Land Off Higher Kingsbury

The Parish Council objects to this application and previous comments on former applications still apply as no improvements have been made.

8.2 The following **Planning Approval** was noted:

14/04193/FUL Demolition of existing entrance porch and erection of single storey extension to front of property to enlarge kitchen and create new porch. Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of single storey extension to rear of property for form study, including replacement of flat roof with pitched roof
53 Prankerds Road

Mrs Douglas commented that a building which was refused planning approval in Milborne Wick which should have been demolished was still there and asked the Clerk to inform the Planning Department at SSDC.

9. Finance

9.1The following **Payments** were approved:

SSDC Premises Licence	£70.00
DW Rose – Cemetery Chapel	£3438.96
Southern Electric – Town Hall	£71.05
John Oldham – Reimbursement for website work	17.00
Boningale – Plants for Gainsborough Play Area	£1307.10
Southern Electric – Cricket Pavilion & Toilets	£22.74
N Dungey – Toilet Cleaning	£130.00
Emma Curtis – Back pay from July 2014	£63.60
Lifestyle Landscapes	£176.40
KM Dike Nurseries	£967.73
Steve Davis	£409.00

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

Plusnet Broadband	£9.99
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9.3 The following **Income** was noted:

HMRC VAT Return	£17,226.05
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9.4 A letter was approved and signed to Barclays Bank amending the Clerks pay from £745.04 per month to £760.94 due to increment rise from November 2014.

10. The date of the next Full Council Meeting was confirmed as **Tuesday 16th December 2014.**

At the close of the meeting Mrs Alexander introduced the new Tree Warden, Kevin Jones to the Parish Council.