

The Planning & Environment Committee

MILBORNE PORT PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting

held via Zoom video conference on:

Tuesday 21st July 2020 @ 6:45pm

Present:

Councillors: Mr R. Tizzard (Chairman), Mr T. Carty (Vice-Chairman), Mr R. Lockey, Ms L. MacArthur, Mr T. Campbell

In attendance:

Miss N Hetherington – Deputy Parish Clerk

2 members of the public from 6.58-7.28pm

Public Question and Comment Time:

2 members of the public spoke in support of Walking & Cycling Manifesto for Somerset (agenda item 9) – from perspectives of health, climate, environment & equal opportunities.

| Agenda Number: | Agenda Item: |
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| 1 | Apologies for Absence: Cllr. A Fletcher. |
| 2 | Declarations of Interest: None. |
| 3 | Adoption of previous committee minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Tuesday 16th June 2020 Minutes from the meeting of 16 th June were adopted. |
| 4 | Planning & tree Applications made to South Somerset District Council: Planning application 1 Application Reference & deadline for response: 20/01925/TPO, no deadline given What is proposed? Tree surgery, (No 1 tree) Where is it proposed? 15 Redwing Road, Milborne Port, DT9 5DB No concerns or queries to report. |

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| | <p>Planning application 2</p> <p>Application Reference & deadline for response: 20/01928/TPO, no deadline given What is proposed? Tree surgery, (No 1 tree) Where is it proposed? 17 Redwing Road, Milborne Port, DT9 5DB</p> <p>No concerns or queries to report.</p> <p>Highways Consultation – Goathill Road Junction (document already circulated to members) Reference & Deadline for response: TI0004361, 24th July 2020 for comments or suggestions What is proposed? Works include construction of new areas of footway incorporating a traffic island to aid road crossing, some carriageway widening and additional pedestrian crossing points Where is it proposed? Across Goathill Road and Gainsborough.</p> <p>Cllr Tizzard proposed that members support in principle as a positive development/improvement, will slow down traffic; seconded by Cllr. Carty. Members thanked Cllr Campbell and ex-Cllr Laughton for their work on this, and County Cllr. Wallace for pursuing this positive improvement to the village. Action: Deputy Clerk to respond directly to Martyn Evans at SCC to Cllr. Wallace and to thank Mr Laughton.</p> |
| 5 | <p>Planning and Environment Committee Budget Update: The update was received; no questions or comments from members.</p> |
| 6 | <p>Redcliffe & Station Road Updates: Cllr. Carty reported that Redcliffe development was given Reserved Matters on 16th July. Members acknowledged that the Parish Council has worked very hard with some successes to try to achieve the best outcomes for the community. Cllr. Lockey encouraged members and the working group to follow up on SSDC’s Cllr. Dyke’s promise to provide information about funding sources for the development of the Community Hub, which will be provided only in ‘shell & core’ by Redcliffe as a result of SSDCs decision at the Outline Permission stage. Cllr Tizzard will enquire if Redcliffe will volunteer any additional funding to assist in fitting out The Hub. Action Cllr Tizzard to contact Redcliffe and move forward preparations with the Community Hub working group involving the library and museum.</p> <p>Cllr. Carty reported that there have been traffic counters on Station Road near the entrance to Kingsbury Farm. No information has come from SCC/County Highways about this or whether permission has been granted. Action: Deputy Clerk to investigate and copy in Cllr. William Wallace on correspondence.</p> |
| 7 | <p>New Infrastructure Projects (\$106 money) Updates: Cllr. Tizzard reported on the site meeting held at Springfield and Gainsborough with Rob Parr from SSDC; this was a positive meeting and Rob Parr was enthusiastic & helpful. Various options were discussed and explored for developing these play areas. Cllr. MacArthur would</p> |

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| | <p>prefer hedges rather than fencing at Gainsborough and added that bicycle parking at Springfield is also a possibility. Cllr. Lockey has started researching equipment. Equipment for toddlers desirable at Gainsborough, as well as more climbing equipment, improvement of access and bicycle parking. At Springfield, some equipment needs replacing and the area could be expanded.</p> <p>There are still relatively few houses at the Gainsborough Bovis Homes development; members will need to keep an eye on trigger events re. selling/occupation.</p> <p>Actions: Cllr. Lockey will produce a statement for other members, crystallizing the committee's initial visions in relation to the playpark development. Cllr. Campbell will enquire into sales/occupation via his site contact.</p> |
| 8 | <p>Resident complaint about parking on South Street:</p> <p>Cllr. Carty will add this to the list of issues to discuss with SCC Highways as a follow up to the meeting held in February. Members agreed that it is not advisable to attempt to mediate with individuals involved in this issue.</p> <p>Action: Cllr. Carty to arrange to discuss with SCC Highways.</p> |
| 9 | <p>Walking & Cycling Manifesto Consensus:</p> <p><i>Following on from contribution by 2 members of the public, this agenda item was dealt with at the start of the meeting.</i></p> <p>Members discussed what MPPC can do to encourage more people to cycle, e.g. safe bike storage, limited access to some roads, recharging facilities for e-bikes; support has already been secured from Sarah Dyke for a safe cycle route between Milborne Port & Sherborne. It was agreed that MPPC clarifying its position on walking & cycling through a statement within its emerging planning policy would be a good starting point. Cllr Carty will include in his work on Highways & Traffic etc. and Cllr Tizzard on S106 policy.</p> <p>Cllr. Carty believes that huge funding is not needed and that there seems to be a new wave of motivation to support cyclists, even in the Redcliffe development plans; minor improvements to some footpaths would make walking more viable; the environment was much richer during lockdown and there is a hope that we can hold on to these positive changes.</p> <p>Cllr. Tizzard thanked the 2 members of public who joined the start of the meeting. Members agreed to resolve to support the Walking & Cycling Manifesto in principle and refer this item on to the next Full Council meeting for further discussion/drilling down into details.</p> <p>Members identified 2 initial improvements to support: (1) Installation of cycle racks – central village, Springfield & Gainsborough. (2) Reinvigorate the moves to try to establish the safe cycling route between Milborne Port & Sherborne; the main barrier in the past has been the use of Digby land/tenant farmer; one via A30 avoiding Crackmore would be better than nothing. Members agreed that the mood has changed & that there is greater impetus now to develop sustainable transport options.</p> <p>Actions: Members to refer to walking and cycling improvements when drafting the new P&E policy statements (agreed in the meeting of 16th June). Deputy Clerk to (i) refer this agenda item on to the Clerk for Full Council agenda; (ii) research ownership of public unadopted road that runs parallel with part of A30 up to Crackmore &</p> |

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| | <p>investigate current thinking of Digby Estate.</p> <p>iii) Deputy Clerk/Cllr Macarthur to make contact with the Sherborne cycle group with a view to again approaching Digby Estates with a fresh impetus given the changing situation</p> |
| 10 | <p>Other Verbal Updates:</p> <p>a) Working Parties Updates: Cllr. Carty reported that there has been some surveying witnessed at the Court Lane site; MPPC is not automatically alerted to pre-application processes so we cannot know the details behind this.</p> <p>Action: Deputy Clerk to contact Cllr. Dyke to enquire after the reasons behind this and the possibility of pre-application information being shared, as it is for planning applications.</p> <p>b) Neighbourhood Plan Group: Cllr. Carty reported that there had been a site visit last week re. HEELA but no further updates on this but will report further</p> <p>c) Construction Management of Active Sites: Nothing to report.</p> <p>d) Highways Issues/Parking & Traffic: Cllr. Carty noted that no enforcement notifications have been received regarding the wall in Brook Street, the parking issue at Gauntlet Cottage nor the issue at Cannon Court Mews.</p> <p>Action: Deputy Clerk to check that SSDC have started their new process of informing parish councils of enforcement action.</p> |
| | <p><i>The Deputy Clerk informed members that she will be on holiday for the 2 weeks beginning 3rd August and to contact the Clerk if necessary regarding Planning & Environment business.</i></p> |

End of formal meeting 8.15pm

Signed: _____

Date: _____