

Full Council

MILBORNE PORT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council meeting
held via Zoom (Videoconferencing) on:

Tuesday 6th October 2020 @ 7:00pm

Present:

Parish Councillors; Mr Austin Fletcher (Charman), Mr Tim Carty, Ms Lucy MacArthur, Mrs Elaine Stewart, Mr Tom Campbell, Mr Robert Tizzard, Mr Rob Lockey, Ms Deborah Barsby.

In attendance:

South Somerset District Councillor: Sarah Dyke

Somerset County Councillor: William Wallace

Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer: Simon Pritchard

2 Members of the public.

Public comment time:

- A comment was made that the minutes of the last Full Council meeting were not published on the website. The Chairman responded that they will be once the Council has adopted them after tonight's meeting.

| Agenda Number: | Agenda Item: |
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| 1 | <u>Apologies for Absence:</u> Mr Philip Lock - Broadband Issues. |
| 2 | <u>Declarations of Interest:</u> Councillors Lockey & Carty both noted that they own property in the vicinity of Station Road should the planning appeal come up. |
| 3 | <u>Adoption of Minutes:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Full Council Meeting – Tuesday 1st September 2020 The Minutes had been previously circulated to Members by email. The minutes of Tuesday 1st September were agreed as a true record of the meeting and adopted. |
| 4 | <u>Reports from County Councillor William Wallace & District Councillor Sarah Dyke:</u> South Somerset District Council (SSDC): Councillor Dyke: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ New cycle routes: Pleased to support efforts to create new links. Cllr MacArthur should contact the Wincanton group doing the same as they are further along the process.▪ SSDC Community Grants: Now available for environmental projects. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Station Road Planning Appeal: The district Council is committed to defend its decision to refuse the planning permission, at the appeal. ▪ Gauntlet Cottage: Further SSDC enforcement action likely to be taken. ▪ Wall in Brook Street: SSDC Enforcement now taking the matter to court. <p>Cllr Tizzard thanked Cllr Dyke for her recent support with a S106 matter relating to the new Redcliffe housing estate.</p> <p>Cllr MacArthur commented that the Sherborne Castle Estate had not been very receptive to the idea of a cycleway from the Village to Sherborne.</p> <p>Cllr Carty commented that he was pleased to hear that SSDC would be strongly defending their decision to refuse the Station Road planning application, but was worried that the later communication from SCC Highways could be interpreted that they no longer had an objection, this is certainly not the case and it many useful for Highways to confirm their position.</p> <p>Somerset County Council (SCC): Councillor Wallace:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Global Pandemic: Covid is not as prolific in the South as in other areas of the country, but positive tests are continuing to rise. For every 100,000 people 10.4 are infected. The R value is 1.1 to 1.4 ▪ SCC Finance: This has greatly improved in the last 2 years and has been positively commented on by the independent inspector. ▪ Unitary Debate: One Somerset continues to hold (remote) briefing meetings that all councilors can attend. ▪ Crackmore Pedestrian Crossing: No update on the progress with this, will chase. Cllr Campbell commented that he will also chase for an update. |
| 5 | <p><u>Parish Council Payments:</u></p> <p>A. Payments:</p> <p>The Payments schedule had been circulated to Members ahead of the meeting and was displayed on the noticeboard and website.</p> <p>The 20 payments listed at a total of £9,251.10 were approved.</p> <p>B. Bank Reconciliation:</p> <p>The Chairman will check and sign the back reconciliation for August 2020 when he next meets the Clerk in-person.</p> |
| 6 | <p><u>Recommendations from Committees:</u></p> <p>(None)</p> |
| 7 | <p><u>Planning Applications:</u></p> <p>(None)</p> |
| 8 | <p><u>Co-option of New Member:</u></p> <p>The Council had advertised the vacant seats in the local magazine, on the website and on the Parish Council’s Facebook page. By the deadline of September 30th there was one application from Anne Barr. Members had been circulated with the application. Ms Barr introduced herself and laid out her reasons for wanting to become a Member of the Council.</p> <p>It was proposed by the Chairman to co-opt Anne Barr onto the Parish Council, seconded by Cllr Barsby and resolved unanimously.</p> |

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| | <p>As it was not possible for Ms Barr to sign her Declaration of Office it was agreed that she would leave the meeting and sort out all the paperwork with the Clerk the next day.</p> |
| 9 | <p><u>Town Hall Repairs:</u></p> <p>The Management Committee holds the budget for the Town Hall maintenance and the repainting of the external doors and windows is its second priority project. Three quotes for both the painting and the scaffolding had now been obtained and the Clerk was seeking the final authorization to push on with the project not least as the timelines are as such that it will probably be spring before any works starts.</p> <p>Cllr Carty questioned if it was possible to obtain a grant for the project, further if the council should look to extend the project to include improvements to the surrounding area of the Town Hall.</p> <p>It was proposed by the Chairman to authorise the spending of (up to) £1,500 on scaffolding to surround the Town Hall and (up to) £1,500 on the painting of the Town Halls windows and doors (White), in consultation with the Chairman of the Management Committee, seconded by Cllr Campbell and resolved unanimously.</p> |
| 10 | <p><u>Cemetery Lime Trees / Hedge:</u></p> <p>The Management Committee holds a budget for the maintenance of the Cemetery, and the works are part of the budgeted for scheduled of works.</p> <p>The overall cost of the works was commented on as seeming to be high. Two quotes had been obtained by the Clerk that were different. Members requested that the Clerk obtain a third quote before commissioning the work.</p> <p>It was proposed by the Chairman to authorise the spending of (up to) £1,700 on a arboriculturist to pollard 7 limes (northern side) and reduce the hedge (lime trees and hedging) back to previously reduced points (east side), in consultation with the Chairman of the Management Committee, seconded by Cllr Campbell and resolved unanimously.</p> |
| 11 | <p><u>Community Website – To resolve on future of (www.milborneport.org.uk):</u></p> <p>The Chairman reported that the website had come about as part of the parish plan ten years ago and was originally designed to be to central repository of all information. Over the year’s websites have become easier to develop and some of the larger organizations in the Village had or were moving away from using it.</p> <p>There is probably still a preference from some organizations that do not have their own website to have the ability to post information onto a community one, this website could also carry news reports.</p> <p>It was agreed to set up a working group to write the spec for a new simpler website. Membership: Councilors; Fletcher, Lockey and Stewart</p> |
| 12 | <p><u>Verbal Reports:</u></p> <p>A. Chairman’s report: (No report)</p> <p>B. Clerk’s report:</p> |

- The Clerk reminded members about the invitation that had been emailed out for two Members to attend a climate change event hosted by Frome Town Council. Cllr MacArthur has said she can attend.
- The Clerk reminded members about the email he had sent out advertising the training being offered by SALC in October.

C. Reports from Outside Organizations:

(None)

D. Reports from Parish Council Committees:

- Planning & Environment: Cllrs Carty and Tizzard have been working together on the Station Road appeal and will be doing their level best to object.
- Planning & Environment: Redcliffe will support giving a 99-year lease on the new Hub at a peppercorn rent. Cllr Tizzard and the Hub Working Group are currently drawing up a business plan as required by the S106 agreement. Also applying for grants.
- The Chairman extended his and the Council's thanks to Councillors Carty and Tizzard for all their work over the many issues they are engaged in.

End of formal meeting 20:00

Signed: _____ Date: _____