

Full Council

MILBORNE PORT PARISH COUNCIL

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

Tuesday 2nd March 2021 @ 7:00pm

Present:

Parish Councillors; Mr Austin Fletcher (Charman), Mr Tim Carty, Mrs Elaine Stewart, Mr Tom Campbell, Mr Robert Tizzard, Mr Rob Lockey, Mr Philip Lock, Ms Anne Barr, Mr Ted Watts, Ms Lucy MacArthur & Ms Deborah Barsby

In attendance:

South Somerset District Councillor: Sarah Dyke
Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer: Simon Pritchard
Deputy Parish Clerk: Nathalie Hetherington
Members of the Public: Six

Public comment time:

Solar Streets:

- A Member of the Public made a presentation to the Council with regards to the benefits of the Solar Streets scheme. The scheme has now been run in thirteenth communities including Somerton and Swanage.
- A Member of the Public spoke in support of the Solar Streets scheme stating the Bruton Town Council had gone out to tender and had found that no one was able to match Solar Street prices. Have spoken to other communities and Solar Streets is always the cheapest and it is formally supported by South Somerset District Council.
- Cllr Dyke reported that Frome & Castle Cary Town Councils are also a partner, as are South Somerset District Council. Confident that all due diligence had been carried out. Hope the Parish Council will support the scheme.

Defibrillator:

- A Member of the Public reported that the W.I. have started a project to have two defibrillators installed in the Village one in the area of the Town Hall, one at Springfield recreation ground. Would like an agenda item to gain Parish Council support for the project.

Action – Clerk to contact Member of the Public

Solar Streets:

- A Member of the Public spoke in support of the scheme.
- A Councillor from Sherborne Town Council spoke in support of the scheme. It is hoped that Sherborne Town Council will also be formally endorsing the scheme.
- A Member of Public spoke in support of Solar Streets.

Defibrillator:

- Cllr Dyke reported that South Somerset District Council may have some grant funding available for funding the defibrillator. Happy to work with the W.I. and the Clerk in drawing up an application.
- Cllr Lock reminded Members that the council had looked at defibrillators a few years ago and found little support from residents to undertake the training.

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- Cllr Lock reported that the former phones boxes that are in a terrible condition on the High Street and near to the Co-op had been adopted by a Resident with the purpose that they would be used for a defibrillator, this person should be approached.
- A Member of the Public reported that the defibrillators being looked at require no formal training, as the 999 service talk you through how to use it.

Agenda Number:	Agenda Item:
1	<p><u>Apologies for Absence:</u> None</p>
2	<p><u>Declarations of Interest & Dispensations to Participate:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cllr Lockey declared a Other Interest in agenda item 6 - as Trustee to the Charity and requested a dispensation to participate in agenda item 6, but not vote. ○ Cllr Watts declared a Other Interest in agenda item 6 – as Trustee to the Charity and requested a dispensation to participate in agenda item 6, but not vote. <p>The Clerk advised that anyone who was a Trustee to the Milborne Port Memorial Playing Fields Charity clearly has a controlling stake in the charity and so would have an interest. Members of the wider Playing Fields Committee not so. Cllr Tizzard confirmed that he was not a Trustee.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Carty that councilors Watts & Lockey be granted a dispensation to participate in agenda item six but not vote, seconded by Cllr Campbell and resolved. For: 9 Abstentions: 2</p>
3	<p><u>Adoption of Minutes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Full Council Meeting – Tuesday 5th January 2021 <p>The Minutes had been previously circulated to Members by email and had already been posted onto the Council’s website.</p> <p>The Chairman proposed that the minutes of 5th January were adopted, seconded by Cllr Lockey and resolved unanimously.</p>
4	<p><u>Reports from County Councillor William Wallace & District Councillor Sarah Dyke:</u></p> <p>South Somerset District Council (SSDC): Councillor Dyke:</p> <p>Phosphate levels in the Somerset:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ High phosphate levels in the Somerset Levels have delayed many planning applications across the County, but SSDC Full Council has now approved a

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phosphate budget calculator for use by all the Somerset council and should see some of the backlog of planning applications cleared. Will send the Clerk a link to more details.

- SSDC have also appointed an Ecologist to give specialist support.
- SSDC have also unanimously backed a motion that will shine a light on the culprits that are responsible for the discharge of raw sewage into the rivers and streams, this being the cause of the high phosphate levels.

National Covid Restrictions:

- Please that we now have a roadmap out of restrictions, there is full information on the SSDC website.

County Council Elections:

- Elections were due to take place in May this year but have now been delayed until May 2022 due to the unitary process taking place. Do take a look at the website if you want to be part of the process.

Yeovil Parking Arrangements:

- Some parking changes have taken place in the center of Yeovil. Middle Street, Union Street & Peter Street have all changed. Also changed to blue badge holder bays. See SSDC website for full details.

Community Electric Car Club:

- SSDC is leading on a survey to see what interest there is in an affordable community electric car share scheme. Will send link to the Clerk.

Cllr Lockey thanked Cllr Dyke for the support she has given to the school in gaining extra funding for laptop, during what has been a very difficult time.

Laptops for Learners:

- This scheme is running in South Somerset. Asking people to donate unwanted bits if IT, laptops, phones, iPad etc. They are sent to a recycling company; some items will be repurposed, and some broken down and the component parts sold to raise funds for the scheme. Would be pleased for any donations and also if anyone knew anyone who would benefit from the scheme please get in touch.

Somerset County Council (SCC): Councillor Wallace:

No report received.

5 Parish Council Accounts:

A. Monthly Payments:

Members had been sent the payments list for March 2021, this was also posted on the noticeboard and the website.

It was proposed by the Chairman to approve all the payments listed, seconded by Cllr Stewart and resolved unanimously.

19:47 – Cllr Wallace joined the meeting.

B. Full Council Accounts & Bank Reconciliation:

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	<p>The Chairman confirmed that he had checked and signed the bank reconciliation for January. Members had been sent a copy of the latest accounts. There were no comments.</p> <p>C. <u>Interim Internal Audit Result 2020/21:</u> Members had been issued with the interim internal audit report. There were no issues of concern to note.</p> <p>D. <u>Village Hall Ground Rent Payment:</u> The Chairman confirmed that the Council has received payment £6.35 from the Village Hall Committee covering the entire period of their lease until 2109.</p>
6	<p><u>Awarding of Community Grants:</u> Milborne Port Memorial Playing Fields Charity The application form and usage survey had been circulated to Members ahead of the meeting. The application is for £2,775.00. A Term of Reference had recently been approved by the Management Committee setting out who held what responsibilities. It was proposed by Cllr Carty that a grant of £2,775.00 be paid to the Milborne Port Memorial Playing Fields Charity, seconded by Cllr local and resolved unanimously. NB: Councillors Watts & Lockey did not take part in the vote.</p>
7	<p><u>Solar Streets:</u> The Clerk had emailed Members a link to the Solar Streets website. Much debate and questioning had already taken place about this item in the public session before the start of the meeting, there were no further questions. The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council support the Solar Streets scheme, seconded by Cllr MacArthur and resolved unanimously. Cllr Carty felt the Parish Council should try and move toward carbon neutrality by looking at having solar panels installed on buildings it owns.</p>
4	<p><u>Reports from County Councillor William Wallace & District Councillor Sarah Dyke:</u></p> <p><i>Cllr Wallace had joined the meeting late and had missed the point where he would have been invited to make a report, the Chairman invited him to make a report at this point instead.</i></p> <p>Somerset County Council (SCC): Councillor Wallace:</p> <p>Crackmore Garage Pedestrian Crossing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">As already reported to the P&E Committee, the scheme is progressing and hope the safety audit will be done by March. Possible start date of early June subject to Covid restrictions.

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	<p>Somerset County Council 2021/22 Budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ SCC has set its annual budget as is investing extra money into Adult Social Care and Children’s Services. As well as Climate projects and major infrastructure.
8	<p><u>Council Magazine:</u></p> <p>The Clerk explained that it would be a lot of work to look at printing cost, staff time and distribution around the Village, so he was looking for a clear steer from the Council that it wanted to explore having its own magazine before carrying out any work on it. A majority of the Council indicated that they were content with the communication channels currently open to the Council. It was suggested that a digital newsletter should be explored, rather than a paper copy.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action – The Clerk</p>
9	<p><u>Verbal Reports:</u></p> <p>A. Chairman’s report: No report.</p> <p>B. Clerk’s report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The Clerk reported that he will be on holiday for two weeks in March.▪ The Clerk reminded Members about the training opportunities he had emailed out from SALC. <p>C. Reports from Outside Organizations: No reports.</p> <p>D. Reports from Parish Council Committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Cllr Barsby reported that she was looking at Fingerpost restoration and getting together a volunteer group to carry it out under the official SCC scheme.
10	<p><u>Confidential Session:</u></p> <p>Due to the confidential nature of the matter to be debated it was necessary to ask the Press and Public to leave the meeting.</p> <p>It was proposed by the Chairman that the Council pass a resolution to exclude the press and public from agenda item 10, seconded by Cllr Campbell and resolved unanimously.</p>
11	<p><u>Legal Matter:</u></p> <p>Members had received legal advice from the Council’s solicitor.</p> <p>The Council voted unanimously to deny any liability or costs whatsoever and to reject mediation with regard to these costs.</p>

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