

Full Council

MILBORNE PORT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Full Council Meeting
held via Zoom (Videoconferencing) on:
Thursday 6th May 2021 @ 7:00pm

Present:

Parish Councillors: Mr Tim Carty (Vice-Chairman), Mr Tom Campbell, Mr Robert Tizzard, Mr Rob Lockey, Mr Philip Lock, Ms Anne Barr

In attendance:

Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer: Simon Pritchard
Deputy Parish Clerk: Nathalie Hetherington
Members of the Public: One

Public comment time:

Cllr. Lock stated that the Women's Institute and South West in Bloom plan to replace the broken bench at Crackmore, Cllr. Lock will liaise with the Deputy Clerk and South Somerset District Council.

As the Parish Council does not have an appointed Full Council Chairman, Vice-Chairman Tim Carty proposed that he chair the meeting, this was seconded by Cllr. Lockey and agreed upon unanimously.

Agenda Number:	Agenda Item:
1	Apologies for Absence Councillor Ms Deborah Barsby - Work commitments; Mrs Elaine Stewart; Ms Lucy MacArthur
2	Declarations of Interest & Dispensations to Participate None.
3	Awarding of Community Grants: Playdays This event is planned for Sunday 22 nd August, 10am-1pm and is a South Somerset District Council (SSDC) initiative. It would be held on the training pitch, Springfield. There is a cricket match due to start at 2pm the same day. Cllr. Carty asked if the Clerk could investigate whether the Parish Council's contribution could be match-funded by SSDC's new fund for promoting recovery from the pandemic. If the event is cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions, there will be no cost to the Parish Council. It was proposed by Cllr. Carty that the Parish Council contribute a grant of £450; this was seconded by Cllr. Campbell and the motion carried by a majority of 5:1

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<p>4</p>	<p>Additional Play Equipment at Gainsborough – Appointment of Manufacturer:</p> <p>Members had been circulated with a report by Cllr. Lockey & the Clerk. Cllr. Lockey summarized the process that has led to the presentation of the report and what is being offered by 3 companies specializing in providing play equipment. Cllrs. Lockey & MacArthur have been researching this project, in liaison with South Somerset District Council (SSDC). The focus has been on choosing more equipment for the site for younger children and toddlers.</p> <p>Cllr. Lockey proposed that the Parish Council appoint Playdale as the provider, but that the cost of the bicycle rack be excluded and be sourced separately, at a cost of £30, 526.51; the proposal was seconded by Cllr. Tizzard and the motion was carried unanimously.</p> <p>The Clerk will now apply to SSDC for the S106 funds; in the meantime, the Clerk will contact Playdale to communicate intention to proceed in order that the company can make a start with their plans; Playdale are likely to be able to make a start within 14 weeks from formal acceptance of the contract and a deposit of half the amount. Close liaison between the Clerk, members, and Cllr. Sarah Dyke/SSDC will continue.</p> <p>Cllr. Carty thanked the Clerk for responding to the desire of the Planning and Environment Committee to expedite this issue.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Churchyard Footpaths Additional Cost:</p> <p>The Clerk summarized the progress with the footpath improvements that are currently being undertaken. On 21st February, the Management Committee voted to accept a quotation from Kingsmere for £6,470 (+VAT) for the work; the PCC are to contribute £2,000 and the Clerk has obtained a grant from SSDC for £2,000 leaving the Parish Council with £2,470 to pay – underspending the original budget of £4,000 by £1,530.</p> <p>However, the PCC would like to change the specification in order that there is an area of tarmac/gravel mixed surface near the Church entrance to allow for wheelchair access, at an additional cost of £2,686 (+ VAT), which the PCC would meet themselves but would welcome a contribution from the Parish Council. Cllr. Lock noted that such a surface would be easier for undertakers to use, as well as churchgoers.</p> <p>Cllr. Carty proposed that the underspend of £1,530 be contributed; this was seconded by Cllr. Lockey and the motion was passed unanimously.</p> <p>On the topic of the Church’s activities, Cllr. Carty questioned the erection of a large white Easter cross on The Clump; no permission had been sought from the Parish Council. It was suggested that the Church’s use of The Clump be a point of discussion with the PPC in the future.</p>

End of formal meeting 20:12

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