

Full Council

MILBORNE PORT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council meeting
held via Zoom (Videoconferencing) on:
Tuesday 27th April 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

In attendance:

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

Public comment time:

Former Phones Boxes:

- A Member of the Public asked who owns the two former phones boxes in the Village (One opposite the Town Hall, one at the Co-op)?
The Chaman replied that to the best of his knowledge they are owned by a Community Interest Company (CIC) set up by a Mr G. Crudgington.

Cllr Tizzard asked what the Annual Council meeting was about? The Chairman replied that it is the meeting where the Council elect a Chairman, make appointments to all the committee, and look at all the end of year accounts and audit reports.

Cllr Tizzard asked if the appointment of a contractor for the new equipment in the Gainsborough play area was going to be on the Annual Council meeting agenda. The Clerk responded that he needed more time to gather in information by talking to people that can advise on the process that the Council should follow in awarding such a contract. Cllr Tizzard stated that he felt this was a very important project and that it should have the highest priority of all of the Clerk's tasks.

Agenda Number:	Agenda Item:
1	<u>Apologies for Absence:</u> Councillor Ms Deborah Barsby -Work commitments
2	<u>Declarations of Interest & Dispensations to Participate:</u> None.
3	<u>Adoption of Minutes:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Full Council Meeting – Tuesday 2nd March 2021

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	<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 2nd March were adopted, seconded by Cllr Carty and resolved unanimously.</p> <p>19:12 – Cllr Watts left the meeting</p>
4	<p>A. <u>Reports from County Councillor William Wallace & District Councillor Sarah Dyke:</u></p> <p>South Somerset District Council (SSDC) - Councillor Dyke:</p> <p>Covid Business Support Grants: There are currently available via the District Council and the being publicised. More information on the South Somerset District Council website.</p> <p>Leisure Centers: The leisure centers in Wincanton and Yeovil re-opened on the 12th of April and are now operated by a new company.</p> <p>Wincanton Public Realm Improvement: SSDC is carrying out a consultation on potential investment in Wincanton. Please participate in the consultation that can be found on the SSDC website.</p> <p>Recycle More: This is coming to South Somerset at the end of June. Recycling will change, more things will be collated from the roadside. The black landfill bin will be used less as a consequent and so will be collected less often. Events have already been held publishing the change, further information will be delivered.</p> <p>Somerset County Council (SCC) - Councillor Wallace: No report received.</p> <p>B. <u>Unitary Somerset:</u></p> <p>Cllr Carty had attended a webinar debate organized by SALC with representatives of the two competing models of unitary. The models have many similarities including the idea that that local area grouping of Town / Parish Councils will be formed with them possible picking up more services.</p> <p>The Council should consider what a local group in the area would look like and if there is any other serves that the council would want to be involved with. It is also possible that services could be lost if no formal grouping is made.</p> <p>How planning decisions will be made has not really been addressed by either of the opposing models. One Somerset model look like it will remove local control, Stronger Somerset hasn't said how it will handle planning control.</p> <p>DCllr Dyke informed that meeting that the district Council were looking to hold a referendum (public vote) on the two choices in the next few months.</p>

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	<p>The Clerk commented that many Town / Parish Councils had started talking to each other and informal groupings were starting to emerge. The Council needed to think if it was going to approach smaller close to Parish Councils, or large Town Councils further afield.</p>
5	<p><u>Parish Council Accounts:</u></p> <p>A. <u>Monthly Payments:</u> Members had been sent the payments list for May 2021, this is also posted on the website. It was proposed by the Chairman to approve all the payments listed, seconded by Cllr Stewart and resolved unanimously.</p> <p>B. <u>End of Year Accounts & Bank Reconciliation:</u> The Chairman confirmed that he had checked and signed the bank reconciliation for March. Members had been sent a copy of the end of year budgets.</p>
6	<p><u>Village Defibrillators:</u> The Clerk had issued a report to the Council outlining the background and making three recommendations. Members extended their thanks to Lyn Harrison for all of her work on the project.</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That the Parish Council resolve to allow a defibrillator to be installed onto the Town Hall (subject to Listed Building consent being granted).2. That the Parish Council resolve to buy the defibrillator to be installed around the Town Hall area at a cost of £2,500 (actual cost to the Council £1,000).3. That the Parish Council offer to adopt the defibrillator being purchased by the W.I and installed in the Springfield Recreation area (preferably onto the Village Hall). <p>It was proposed by Cllr Lockey to approve all three of the Clerk's recommendations, seconded by Cllr Carty and resolved unanimously.</p> <p>The Clerk reported to the Council that an enquiry had been made as to if it was possible for the Council to adopt the first defibrillator that is to be installed around the co-op area. The Clerk will check with the insurance company and bring the matter back to the Council if there is a decision to be made.</p>
7	<p><u>In-Person Council Meetings:</u> The ability to hold formal remote meetings comes to an end on 7th of May. The Clerk had made a report to the Council laying out two options, either a return to in-person meetings at the Village Hall under strict Covid guidelines or continuing with</p>

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	<p>informal remote meetings. Any decision should be kept under constant review as the situation continues to change.</p> <p>It was agreed to continue to meet remotely, informally thus doing as much as possible under delegated authority. Any unbudgeted spending would still have to be approved at a formal in-person meetings that would be arranged, as necessary.</p> <p>The Covid guidelines for meetings will be kept under constant review and this way of working for the Council will only last to August at the latest.</p>
8	<p><u>Verbal Reports:</u></p> <p>A. Chairman's report:</p> <p>The Chairman reported that it had been a pleasure to serve as the Council's Chairman, but that this had been his last meeting as Chairman and that he would be stepping down as a Member of the Council after the Annual Meeting.</p> <p>B. Clerk's report:</p> <p>The Somerset Waste Partnership is offering two Members of the Council a chance to test-drive the new 'Bright Blue Bags' that will form part of the new 'Recycle More' service. Cllr MacArthur requested a bag.</p> <p>C. Reports from Outside Organizations:</p> <p>Market Town Investment Group:</p> <p>Cllr Carty reported that this group has grant funding available but that the Parish Council resources in comparison with the other Market towns involved means that the Parish Council could be missing out on investment. This is something the HR Committee should be looking at.</p> <p>D. Reports from Parish Council Committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Cllr Tizzard thanked the Chairman for his time in Office, acknowledging that he had been Chairman at a particularly tricky time.▪ Cllr Tizzard reported that the last meeting of the P&E Committee had debated the Gainsborough play park report and had requested it be put onto the Full Council agenda for May, if this was not going to happen the P&E committee would like an explanation from the Clerk as to why it wasn't on the agenda.

End of formal meeting 20:05

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