

# The Planning & Environment Committee

## MILBORNE PORT PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Informal Planning & Environment Committee meeting

held via Zoom video conference on:

**Tuesday April 20<sup>th</sup> 2021 @ 6:45pm**

### Present:

Councillors: Mr R. Tizzard, (Chairman), Mr T. Carty (Vice-Chairman), Ms L. MacArthur (from 7.10pm), Mr R. Lockey, Mrs. A Barr

### In attendance:

Miss N Hetherington – Deputy Parish Clerk/Committee Officer, Mr Nigel Jones from Chesters Harcourt, 4 members of the public.

### Public Question and Comment Time:

Two members of the *Milborne Port Climate and Nature Action Group* attended the meeting to share information about verge management and biodiversity and requested support from the Parish Council for **Let it Grow – No Mow May** and **Cut and Collect** and asking for information about land ownership and management. As no formal decision could be made due to the informality of the meeting, Cllr. Tizzard proposed that the committee supports in principle and if any of the 7 areas of land in question fall within the remit of MPPC, that it be referred on to the Management Committee for their next meeting, given the time frame involved. It was also noted by Cllr. Carty that the Solar Farm development might have come with conditions regarding wildflower meadows and grazing; the Committee Officer will look into this and feed back.

Agenda Number:	Agenda Item:
a	<p><b>Declarations of Interest:</b></p> <p>Cllr. Tizzard noted for the record that he knows Nigel Jones personally and professionally but that there is no direct bearing upon the site in question and the involvement of Chesters Harcourt - <i>Item d</i>.</p>
b	<p><b>Planning, Tree and Licensing Applications made to South Somerset District Council:</b></p> <p><b>1 - Application Reference:</b> 20/03536/FUL <b>What is proposed:</b> Erection of a single dwelling and formation of new access. <b>Where it is proposed:</b> Gainsborough Corner, Newtown, Milborne Port, DT9 5BH <b>Deadline for response:</b> 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021</p> <p>Members voted by a 4:1 majority to guide the Committee Office to advise SSDC of its objection to the application in its current form on the grounds of conservation, privacy and safety of access.</p> <p><b>2 - Application Reference:</b> 21/01316/TPO (<i>not on agenda</i>) <b>What is proposed:</b> Application to carry out tree surgery works <b>Where it is proposed:</b> Conkers, Station Road, Milborne Port, DT9 5EQ</p>

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	<p><b>Deadline for response:</b> none given</p> <p>No response required and none made.</p> <p><i>Note that two applications with a deadline before the meeting due to take place on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021 had been responded to as properly resolved decisions in line with the Parish Council's constitution:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On 6.4.21, 20/03582/COU, The Old Library, Milborne Port – support change of use</li> <li>• On 7.4.21, 21/0056/HOU, 2 Plover Road, Milborne Port – support first floor extension</li> </ul>
c	<p><b>Fly-tipping in Old Bowden Way</b></p> <p>The fly-tipping on private land either side of the footpath that goes through the woods is unsightly and poses a threat to health and well-being, especially for children playing along this footpath as some items are potentially dangerous with sharp/pointed edges. Members agreed that this problem would be reported by the Committee Officer and by as many other members as possible to Somerset County Council as a highways/footpath issue; if there is no positive outcome, this committee will return to the subject to discuss options.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action: Committee Officer to send reporting link to all members</b></p>
d	<p><b>Illustrative Layout – Chesters Harcourt/Development of land next to cemetery</b></p> <p>Nigel Jones of Chesters Harcourt expanded on the details already provided to members of the Illustrative Layout of possible development of land to the west of the cemetery. A site meeting took place earlier this year that gave members an opportunity to share with Nigel Jones ideas about how the community could benefit from such a development including cemetery parking and access. Further ideas/adaptions were discussed and Nigel Jones will return to this committee with an update. The initial planning application for this development is likely to be submitted in June/July. Members were appreciative of Nigel Jones' attendance and willingness to listen and respond to members' questions and concerns.</p>
e	<p><b>Other Verbal Updates:</b></p> <p>a) Current housing development applications</p> <p>I. Redcliffe/Wheathill Lane (RT, TCar, TCam) – nothing to report  II. Station Road (RT, TCar, TCam) – nothing to report  III. Other recent news/information (All) – nothing to report</p> <p>b) Community Hub (RT)  Cllr. Barr passed on a request that any developments be reported to the Village Hall for the information of the management committee.</p> <p>c) Neighbourhood Plan (TCar, TCam) – nothing to report</p> <p>d) Construction Management of Active Sites (TCam) – nothing to report</p>

8	<p>e) Highway Issues (TCar, TCam, RL) It has been reported that the builders/contractors working on Springfield Road might be parking on/driving over MPPC's land without permission.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Action: Committee Officer to pass on information to the Clerk in case any action required.</b></p> <p>f) Infrastructure (S106) Projects: Sports &amp; Recreation at Gainsborough &amp; Springfield (RT, RL, LM)</p> <p>MPPC has been informed that Bovis Homes has now been invoiced for the S106 money to fund the Gainsborough play area development, which is very welcome news. Cllrs. Lockey &amp; MacArthur have provided a document giving details of the quotations from 3 different outdoor play equipment providers; appreciation was shown for the hard work put into this task. Given the desire to have the work done before the start of the Summer holidays, Cllr. Tizzard proposed, and it was agreed, that the choice of provider now go to Full Council for discussion at the May meeting. Committee Officer to circulate the report and proposal to all Councillors ahead of the May meeting. There was a particular query over the cost of a bicycle rack but in general the principle of supporting an early decision of the PC so that the works can be instructed was unanimously approved.</p> <p>The project to convert the rugby pitch to a football pitch continues with contact with Queen Thorne to find out the position regarding their original quotation. Cllr.Tizzard proposed, and it was agreed, that if a revised Queen Thorne quotation comes back in line with inflation and as it has already been agreed by Full Council, to press ahead with urgency given the limitations to the times when this work can be carried out in line with the football season and with the seasons in general.</p> <p>g) Outdoor Recreation Initiatives (All) – ntr</p> <p>h) Cycling Initiatives (LM) – ntr</p>
	<i>Committee Officer – Nathalie Hetherington</i>

**Meeting ended at 8.25pm**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_