

The Planning & Environment Committee

MILBORNE PORT PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Informal Planning & Environment Committee meeting

held via Zoom video conference on:

Tuesday May 18th 2021 @ 6:45pm

Present:

Councillors: Mr R. Tizzard, (Chairman), Mr T. Carty (Vice-Chairman), Ms L. MacArthur, Mr R. Lockey, Mrs. A Barr; Cllr. T Watts; Cllr. T Campbell.

In attendance:

Cllr. S Dyke (SSDC)

Mr S. Pritchard – Parish Clerk

Two members of the public

Public Question and Comment Time:

A member of the public asked about the possible installation of swift boxes/bricks on Parish Council property in Milborne Port in time for nesting in 2022; it was agreed that SSDC would be contacted to find out whether planning permission would be required to install one on the Town Hall. This question would be put on the agenda for June's meeting with clear proposals.

Agenda Number:	Agenda Item:
1	Declarations of Interest: 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 4</i> .
2	Adoption of Informal Minutes: The informal minutes of the meeting of April 20 th 2021 were unanimously adopted.
3	Planning, Tree and Licensing Applications made to South Somerset District Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>None to discuss</i>
4	Wheathill Way Development, west of cemetery Cllr Tizzard updated members on the informal and ongoing discussions that the Working Group has been having with the agent, Chesters Harcourt; MPPC are being consulted in these initial stages and giving feedback to questions put by the agent as part of this process and is not committing its support in any way and is without prejudice. Discussions included: the proposal that the carpark be reserved for users of the cemetery; vehicular access to the far end of the cemetery desirable; linking Wheathill Way/Springfield to possible footpath around any new development; demands on infrastructure; incorporating swift boxes. Further

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	<p>queries raised included traffic on and access from Wheathill Lane, the number/density of houses proposed and the requirements of the Local Plan/draft new Local Plan and the HELAA in relation to further development.</p> <p>Cllr. Carty proposed that a stance be taken in this meeting regarding the proposed number and density of houses; this was seconded by Cllr. MacArthur. The motion was not carried with 4:3 against. Cllr. Tizzard proposed that he draft a response to Chesters Harcourt based on members' discussions at this meeting and circulate it for comments/approval from members, waiting if necessary for the next meeting for final editing/approval, and that an agenda item be included for the June meeting in order to discuss this matter further, with a particular emphasis on the number/density of houses issue; this motion was carried by a majority of 5, with 2 abstentions.</p> <p>Action: Cllr. Tizzard to draft a response based on members' comments; Committee Officer to include appropriate agenda item for June's meeting.</p>
5	<p>Solar Farm Planting</p> <p>Cllr. Carty summarised site visit to monitor planting at site off Bowden Lane. There remain some questions over what wildflower planting might have taken place and the maintenance of the screening hedges which should be above 2.5m but appear to have been over-trimmed. It was proposed and agreed that Canadian Solar be approached directly by the Committee Officer to clarify their understanding of their responsibilities under the conditions of the planning permission and to seek information about their plans for further environmental management.</p> <p>Action: Committee Officer to contact Canadian Solar.</p>
6	<p>Works to finger post on B3145</p> <p>Cllr. Carty proposed that the Parish Council spend the £122 quoted by David Rose to straighten the finger post by digging around the signpost to form a base and concrete for support; seconded by Cllr. Lockey and carried unanimously.</p> <p>Action: Committee Officer to contact David Rose to instruct him to go ahead with the work.</p>
7	<p>'Wish List' of works to inform future grants requests from South Somerset District Council</p> <p>Cllr. Carty explained the advice given by the Market Towns Investment Group to create a regularly updated list of environmentally-based and other community needs projects that the Parish Council Planning & Environment and Management committees would like to carry out, in order to speed up the process of applying for funding from SSDC when the opportunities arise. Cllr Tizzard suggested alternative titles such Milborne Port Community Needs and Projects Funding or some such combination.</p> <p>Actions: Cllr. Carty to compile a list and circulate for further commentary and contributions.</p>

8	<p>Other Verbal Updates:</p> <p>a) Current housing development applications</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Redcliffe/Wheathill Lane (RT, TCar, TCam) – nothing to report, Cllr. Tizzard will follow up and liaise with the Working Group. II. Other recent news/information (All) – nothing to report <p>b) Neighbourhood Plan (TCar, TCam) – nothing to report, on hold</p> <p>c) Construction Management of Active Sites (TCam) – nothing to report</p> <p>d) Highway Issues (TCar, TCam, RL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crackmore crossing due to be started next month. <p style="text-align: center;">Committee Officer to contact Cllr. Wallace/SCC to confirm plans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Lockey reported a resident’s concern about the inconsiderate and sometimes dangerous parking on Kingsbury/Wick Road junction by Johnson’s laundry; number of parked cars in the area has increased significantly since employees have returned to work. It was agreed that the Committee Officer will draft a letter to the company to share these concerns and request a response, and to alert the PCSO. <p>Action: Committee Officer to draft a letter to share with Cllrs. Carty, Campbell and Lockey and to contact the PSCO.</p>
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Carty reported that as far as he is aware, there has been no notable opposition to SCC’s plans for the yellow lines to be painted on the A30, following the publication of the plans. <p>e) Infrastructure (S106) Projects: Sports & Recreation at Gainsborough & Springfield (RT, RL, LM)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Queen Thorne have invoiced the PC for a deposit of 20% to secure the contract to convert the rugby pitch; the Clerk will follow up with Queen Thorne re. timings. • The Clerk confirmed that the S106 funds for the Gainsborough play park developments have been applied for and reported that it seems that SSDC are processing that application quite swiftly. • Cllr. Tizzard requested that these two S106 projects come under separate agenda items in future under the Other Verbal Updates section. <p>f) Outdoor Recreation and Cycling Initiatives (All) – Cllrs. MacArthur and Campbell to meet to re-walk the possible safe cycling route to Sherborne and discuss the feasibility study. Cllr. Dyke reaffirmed that there are ring-fenced funds to support the cycle route, so once the feasibility study has been completed, those reserved funds for active travel can be applied for.</p>

Meeting ended at 7.50pm

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