

The Planning & Environment Committee

MILBORNE PORT PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting
Tuesday 16th August 2022, 7pm in the Town Hall

Present:

Councillors: Mr T Campbell (Chairman), Mr R Lockey (Vice-Chairman), Mr T Carty, Mr C Phillips, Mr R Tizzard, Mr T Watts.

In attendance:

Cllr. Margaret Capon

Miss N Hetherington – Deputy Parish Clerk/Committee Officer

Public Question and Comment Time:

In the absence of any other members of the public, The Chairman brought forward Item 33 in order that four members of the public could contribute at this time. (See Item 33 below).

Two other members of the public who are new to the village shared their concerns about the speed and volume of traffic going through the village compounded by poor speed limit signage, especially coming into the village from Sherborne and up to the junction with Bathwell Lane, and asked about any plans in place to address the issue, in particular a possible 20mph limit in this area. Cllr. Watts was able to give an historical perspective regarding previous moves to address this which were rejected by a majority of parishioners who chose to involve themselves in the voting process. Other members were able to provide information about the SID and other traffic calming/parking control measures that have been introduced in the past and more recently. These residents will summarise their points and forward them to the Clerk or Committee Officer. (See Item 34 below.)

Agenda Number:	Agenda Item:
27	Apologies for Absence: Cllr. Anna Wagner – on holiday
28	Declarations of Interest: Cllr. Watts is connected to the owners of the land involved in the Brook Street issue (Item 35b/iv).
29	Adoption of Minutes: Cllr. Lockey's proposal to adopt the minutes of the meeting of 19 th July 2022 was seconded by Cllr. Watts and the minutes were adopted unanimously.

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30	<p>Planning, Tree and Licensing Applications made to South Somerset District Council: There were none to consider.</p>
31	<p>Planning and Environment Committee Budget Update The latest budget spending to date was received with no comments.</p>
32	<p>Action List Update This was reviewed; no amendments to be made.</p>
33	<p>Parking & Traffic Issues at Higher Kingsbury/Clark House/Johnson's Stalbridge Linen site Concerns were expressed by some local residents regarding the often inconsiderate and sometimes illegal parking at the junction of Wick Road and Higher Kingsbury and in the general area of Clark House (Johnson's Stalbridge Linens and Harmony Fire); some photographs and other materials demonstrating the extent of the problem were displayed and discussed. The management of the companies are aware, as is the landlord; the Committee Officer has communicated with all parties. It was agreed that, given the possibility that Harmony Fire might not be relocating their office until Spring next year, MPPC will try to broker a meeting between the interested parties in order to try to bring about an improvement for all.</p> <p>Action: Committee Officer to liaise with Cllr. Campbell and interested parties to organise a date for a meeting. Cllr. Carty will communicate with Somerset Highways and the PSCO about this and other Highways matters; it will be suggested that between 8 and 9 am would be an opportune time to visit the village to witness the problems first hand.</p>
34	<p>New Parking Bay on the High Street opposite the Tippling Philosopher The problems created by the new parking/loading bay which is next to a dropped curb/tactile paving were discussed; there is also no sign to indicate its use. The oversight with the Disabled parking space at the top of South Street was also discussed.</p> <p>Action: Cllr. Carty will draft a communication with Somerset Highways regarding this and other Highways issues discussed in this meeting.</p>

Other Verbal Updates

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- a) Update on Previous Planning Applications: No movement since the last meeting: the following applications are still 'awaiting decision': Court Lane development; Coombe Hill reserved matters; Prankerds Road extension; Orchard Road extension; change of use for old Co-op in Coldharbour (for information only as MPPC not a consultee)
- b) Update on Current Live Housing Development Applications
 - I. Redcliffe, Wheathill Lane: SSDC website shows that there is activity where some 'Discharge of Conditions' are concerned.
 - II. Messrs Parker, David and White, Wheathill Lane: nothing to report.
 - III. Court Lane – Cllr. Carty reported that Somerset Highways would not support calls for a continuous footpath on Court Lane were the development to go ahead. There was some discussion about areas of very narrow footpaths in the village which are permitted by Somerset Highways. Cllr. Carty will draft a response on behalf of MPPC to Somerset Highways on this issue and on the other Highways issues raised in tonight's meetings.
 - IV. Other recent news/information: Cllr. Tizzard had received a letter from a number of concerned residents regarding the enforcement action and court action relating to the removal of a wall and creation of an access in Brook Street in 2017; the issue remains unresolved as the owners have not responded to the 2021 court instruction to reinstate the land and entrance within 3 months. It was agreed that Cllr. Tizzard will respond in the first instance to say that the Committee Officer will be looking into the matter and will contact SSDC/Cllrs. Sarah Dyke and Nic Clark.
- c) Update on Neighbourhood Plan: On hold given uncertainty caused by local democratisation plans.
- d) Update on Construction Management of Active Sites: Cllr. Carty will liaise with the Clerk about contacting the Bovis/Vistry re. the entrance to the new Gainsborough housing estate.
- e) Update on Highways Issues (incl. speeding): Cllr. Lockey will be moving the SID move to outside Crackmore imminently. Cllr. Campbell will contact Somerset Highways to question the decision to cancel this project due to issues with the service infrastructure under the road, reiterating concerns over speeding in this area.
- f) Update on S106 Projects: Cllr Carty reported that Cllr. Wagner has produced a detailed breakdown of the quotations provided for the development of the play area at Springfield; these will be shared at the Next Full Council meeting

on 6th September.

- g) Update on Multi-use/Access Trail to Sherborne: Cllr. Carty to raise again with Cllr Dyke.

At the end of the meeting, concerns regarding insurance arrangements at the Memorial Playing Field were raised by Cllr. Watts and discussed. It was suggested that Office was asked to procure quotations to cover the entire area (not just the play area) as a matter of urgency and to check that all MPPC assets are insured; funding sources would be considered at a Full Council meeting.

Meeting ended at 8.38 pm