

Full Council

MILBORNE PORT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council meeting
held in The Council Chamber, Milborne Port Town Hall
Tuesday 4th October 2022 @ 7:00pm

Present:

Parish Councillors: Mr Tim Carty (Chairman), Mr Tom Campbell, Mrs M Capon, Mr D Grant, Mrs Lyn Harrison

In Attendance:

Cllr. Sarah Dyke

Deputy Parish Clerk: Nathalie Hetherington

4 members of the public (1 from the start, 2 from 7.13pm, 1 from 8pm*)

❖ **Public Questions and Comments:**

- Martin Lancaster reported on some Village Hall matters:
 - The Village Hall Committee is liaising with the Trustees of the Memorial Playing Fields and MPPC regarding the reversion back to MPPC of the lease on the car-park and other land next to the Village Hall.
 - The recent dog agility show was successful and the organisers are likely to use the venue again for their semi-finals next year.
 - Dan Smith of Toomer Tree Services has offered to recycle Christmas Trees in the Village Hall Car Park on 7.1.23 if MPPC and the MPF Committee are happy with this arrangement.
 - Issues with parking on pavements and with potentially hazardous overgrowth outside Plot 3 on Springfield Road have been reported as affecting clients' business as access along the road can be affected. Cllr Carty explained that the parking issue should be mitigated by action outlined in the upcoming Item 59. (MPPC will be writing to the developer of the new build to decline the purchase offer on the strip of land in front of the new house on the grounds that the land is worth much more than is being offered.) Cllr. Carty suggested that the Deputy Clerk could ask the PSCO to monitor this parking issue when in the village; members asked Martin Lancaster to pass on their advice to pedestrians that they report the pavement parking to the police by calling 101 or via the Somerset and Avon Police website; take photographs of the cars so that owners can be traced. Where the overgrowth is concerned, this is on private land and not on a pavement so whilst the overgrowth might be inconvenient, it is not hindering public access.

❖ **Reports from Somerset County Council:**

- Cllr. Dyke passed on thanks to all in their response to the death of The Queen and to the mourning period.
- Somerset's Children and Young People's Services judged Good by Ofsted.
- SCC is under serious financial pressures; 5-20% savings across most services needed (Adult and Children's services protected but spending is up), current expenditure will negate any perceived savings resulting from becoming a unitary authority.
- Recent meeting with SCC Highways at Henstridge/Templecombe also involved discussion re. Crackmore crossing progress (Construction Industry Team involved now,

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design completed, in consultation process) and new parking bay created next to a dropped kerb (should be actioned before Christmas 2022).

❖ **Reports from South Somerset District Council:**

- Local Community Network Conference was held today, there will probably be area committees similar to the SSDC model in local government reorganisation, consultation finishes within the next few weeks.

❖ **Local Government Reorganisation in Somerset:**

- See above.

❖ **Reports from Somerset Constabulary:**

- No report provided.

| Agenda Number: | Agenda Item: |
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| 53 | <u>Apologies for Absence:</u> Robert Tizzard (holiday), Chris Phillips (holiday), Anna Wagner (unavailable), Rob Lockey (unwell), Ted Watts, Richard Warren, Simon Pritchard (holiday). |
| 54 | <u>Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensations to Participate:</u> None. |
| 55 | <u>Adoption of Full Council Minutes:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Tuesday 6th September Cllr. Harrison proposed that the minutes of the Full Council meeting of 6th September be adopted; seconded by Cllr. Campbell and resolved unanimously. |
| 56 | <u>Relocation of Milborne Port Library: Update</u> A planning meeting is due to take place at 11am on Friday 7 th October at the Village Hall. Andy Perks of The Friends of Milborne Library visited the Town Hall today with a representative of the National Lottery to discuss a future possible grant funding application to support the relocation to the Town Hall and then to the Community Hub; evidence of fundraising and of the MPPC putting money aside will certainly support the application process. |
| | <u>SoMP Christmas Projects Approvals:</u> A. Cost of Christmas Tree for area outside Town Hall Cllr. Carty proposed that £385 be approved to pay for the SoMP's purchase of a Christmas tree for outside the Town Hall; Cllr. Campbell seconded and the proposal was resolved unanimously. |

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| 57 | <p>B. Wrapping of lights around beech tree on the Clump</p> <p>Cllr Harrison reported that new lights are being purchased for the occasion and the power will be sourced by Church House through an arrangement with SoMP. There were no further considerations as it was felt that the wrapping of the tree would be a very positive event for the village; there had been feedback from a local resident about how much the lights had been enjoyed in the past.</p> <p>Cllr. Carty proposed that permission be given to the SoMP to wrap the lights around the beech tree on the Clump; Cllr. Campbell seconded and the proposal was resolved unanimously.</p> |
| 58 | <p>Grant Application – Milborne Port Memorial Playing Fields Charity:</p> <p>Cllr. Carty explained that the increase in the usual sum requested is due to the recent insurance issue.</p> <p>Cllr. Carty proposed that the sum of £6860.00 be granted to the Milborne Port Memorial Playing Fields Charity; this was seconded by Cllr. Harrison and resolved unanimously.</p> |
| 59 | <p>Public Land at Springfield – Fencing of the Boundary:</p> <p>Cllr. Carty proposed that the office goes ahead with obtaining quotations from contractors to erect a post and rail wooden fence (3 bars) across the gap in the wall that is currently providing access to the front of the new build; 1.8 metres in width and sufficiently robust, sunk in concrete. Plus, a knee rail that extends along the boundary with the road but that does not block off access either end for pedestrians. Cllrs. Campbell, Harrison and Carty offered to assist with a site visit if required. Cllr. Grant seconded the proposal and it was resolved unanimously.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Action: Clerk to procure quotations from contractors for the work.</p> |
| 60 | <p>Appointment to Parish Council Committee</p> <p>Cllr. Grant expressed a wish to be appointed to the Management Committee.</p> <p>Cllr. Harrison proposed that this appointment be made, was seconded by Cllr. Campbell and the proposal was resolved by 4 votes with one abstention.</p> |
| 61 | <p>Review of Current Full Council Projects Including all S106 Projects:</p> <p>The projects were reviewed. The Deputy Clerk reported that the new play equipment for Springfield has been ordered and that there had been some problems with the delivery of the ball stop nets equipment, some of which was missing, and that Cllr. Lockey is following up. Cllr. Lockey is also continuing to research youth shelter options.</p> <p>The topic of S106 provided an opportunity to discuss the S106 implications of the planning application - 22/02455/DPO, Redcliffe Homes - sent to the Deputy Clerk on 30th September after the agenda for this meeting had been published, and which required a</p> |

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| | <p>Full Council response at this stage. Cllr. Carty gave his interpretation of the proposal which is that, if approved, would allow the developers to sell the 'affordable housing' on the open market if not bought within 3 months of completion.</p> <p>*(A member of the public arrived at this point, 8pm.)</p> <p>Members shared concerns that those who might be able to purchase the affordable housing might not be eligible if not on the Affordable Housing Scheme register. Cllr. Carty suggested that this information be publicised in the next Parish Magazine/website/social media so that as many people as possible are aware of it. It was agreed that MPPC declare itself opposed in principle to this application and that it be discussed further and a further response resolved upon at the next Planning and Environment meeting on 18th October (the deadline for responses being 19th October).</p> |
| 62 | <p><u>Policy Review: Parish Council Publication Scheme:</u></p> <p>Cllr. Harrison proposed that the draft PC Publication Scheme be adopted in principle, but that the documents available in hard copy only in Class 2 be published on the website unless there is a valid legal reason why they cannot be. This was seconded by Cllr. Campbell and resolved unanimously.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to check Class 2 requirements and amend as required if appropriate.</p> |
| 63 | <p><u>PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS:</u></p> <p>A. Monthly Payments</p> <p>The payments list for October had been circulated.</p> <p>Cllr. Carty proposed that the payments for October be approved; seconded by Cllr. Capon and resolved unanimously.</p> <p>B. Full Council Accounts and Balances</p> <p>The accounts had been circulated, there were no questions.</p> <p>C. Parish Council Charge Card:</p> <p>Cllr. Campbell proposed that the Clerk be issued with a Barclaycard charge card at the cost of £42 per year, in line with the Auditor's recommendation. This was seconded by Cllr. Grant and resolved unanimously.</p> <p>Action: The Clerk to proceed with the application.</p> |
| 64 | <p><u>Verbal Reports:</u></p> <p>a) Council Chairman's report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr. Carty reported that the Market Towns Investment Group will have its final meeting next month; it is being disbanded. It has recently provided grant funding for the Queen Elizabeth II's memorial bench and other street furniture. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr. Carty will be writing to SCC regarding the traffic control issues that have arisen over the last few months.• Cllr. Carty will be writing to Mr Falbo to decline the offer on the land at Springfield. |
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b) Parish Clerk's report

No report as the Clerk was not in attendance.

c) Members' Reports from outside organisations

None.

d) Chairmen's Reports from the Parish Council Committees

None.

End of formal meeting – 8.25pm

Cllr. Carty invited the member of the public who arrived at 8pm whether there was something that she would like to say/ask. This was Claire Andrews of the SoMP group who informed members that the Christmas tree (Item 57a) would cost approximately £700, not £385 as reported to the Clerk.

Cllr. Carty proposed an amendment to the resolution of Item 57a to state that up to £1000 would be the budget for the tree. This was seconded by Cllr. Campbell and resolved unanimously.

Claire Andrews reported that information regarding the specification of the new lights has been sent to the Clerk. Dan Smith of Toomer Tree Services has offered to assist with the installation of the lights.