The Planning & Environment Committee

MILBORNE PORT PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting
The Town Hall

Tuesday 16th January 2024 7:00pm

Present:

Councillors: Mr R Lockey (Chairman) Mr T Carty

Mr C Phillips Mr J Price Mr R Tizzard Mr T Watts

In Attendance:

The Deputy Parish Clerk/Committee Officer: Miss Nathalie Hetherington No members of the public attended.

Public Question and Comment Time:

Cllrs. Price and Tizzard reported back from the Zoom meeting attended with Gigaclear representatives Kristian Jenkins (Community Liaison) and Matthew Thorn (Operations Manager) on Monday 15th January: they covered communication over scheduling works, road works and road closures, subcontractors, signage, audits. The Gigaclear work in Milborne Port is largely done, although it should have been completed last October; they will be sending an information pack on how members of the public can contact Gigaclear with concerns or complaints; it was agreed that some of these details will be published through MPPC's usual channels.

Agenda	Agenda Item:
Number:	Agenda item.
67	Apologies for Absence: Received from Cllr. T Campbell & Cllr. M Capon
68	Declarations of Interest: Cllr. Tizzard requested for it to be noted that he is well acquainted with the applicant in Item 70(c).
69	Adoption of Minutes: It was proposed by Cllr. Phillips to adopt the minutes of the meeting held 19 th December 2023; seconded by Cllr. Price and resolved unanimously.
70	Planning, Tree & Licensing Applications made to Somerset Council – South Team:
	1. Proposal: Erection of a first floor extension to the side of the dwelling, erection of a single storey rear extension and installation of new windows on the front elevation of the dwelling house. Location: Waterside House, Bathwell Lane, Milborne Port, DT9 5AN
	Applicant: Mr and Mrs Joseph Hughes Application Type: Householder application

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Application Number: 23/02950/HOU

Deadline: 11th January 2024 (extension agreed)

Cllr. Carty proposed that MPPC support the application subject to the views of the Conservation Officer being sought regarding the aesthetics of the front elevation, considering the property being in a Conservation Area and its close proximity to St John's Church; seconded by Cllr. Price and resolved by 5 votes with one abstention.

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Proposal: Notification of intent to carry out Tree Surgery Works at No. 1 Tree within a Conservation Area.

Location: The Lodge, Southcombe Gardens, Milborne Port, DT9 5FB

Applicant: Mrs April Browell

Application Type: Tree in Conservation Area

Application Number: 24/00051/TCA

This notification was received.

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Proposal: Two storey side extension and alterations. Location: 6 The Meads, Milborne Port, DT9 5DS

Applicant: Mr Grant Mitchell

Application Type: **Householder application**Application Number: **23/03213/HOU**

Deadline: 30th January 2024

Cllr. Carty proposed that MPPC support the application; seconded by Cllr. Lockey and resolved unanimously.

4. (not on agenda)

Proposal: Notification of intent to carry out Tree Surgery Works at No. 1 Tree within a Conservation Area.

Location: Littleborne South Street, Milborne Port, DT9 5DH

Applicant: Mrs Jane Daggett

Application Type: Tree in Conservation Area

Application Number: 24/00102/TCA

This notification was received.

Action: Committee Officer to submit responses accordingly to Somerset Council.

71 Planning and Environment Committee Budget Update:

This was unavailable but there had been no spending since the last update.

72 Bench at The Meads/East Street:

A complaint had been received regarding this relatively newly installed bench attracting anti-social behaviour and councillors debated whether it should be moved. Whilst there was sympathy for the resident in question, it was felt that moving the bench would simply be moving the problem without addressing it; there have been no other complaints and few incidents of this behaviour witnessed. It was agreed that the resident be contacted and

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encouraged to report any incident to the police via the 101 or website. The resident will also be informed that the Committee Officer will alert the PCSO and that the new Youth Team will be asked to address this issue once they start their work in the village. The situation will be monitored and a bench move can be considered if the problem persists.

Action: Committee Officer to make contact with the resident in question and the PSCO.

73 Fingerpost at Seven Wells Farm junction on the B3145

Councillors considered the two quotations for the work to re-install the fingerpost that has been knocked over. Once re-installed, MPPC will contact the local group that refurbishes these old fingerposts in the hope that they will be willing to work on it; MPPC would offer to pay for materials.

Cllr. Carty proposed that the contractor who has quoted £420 for the work be chosen for this work; seconded by Cllr. Tizzard and resolved unanimously.

Action: Committee Officer to liaise with the chosen contractor, Lorenzo Ferrari.

Verbal Updates / Reports:

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(a) Update on Previous Planning Applications:

Widening of vehicular entrance at Littleborne, South Street – approved; Discharge of Conditions 3, 4, 6 & 7 for temporary Wessex Water compound approved.

- (b) Update on Current Live Housing Development Applications:
 - I. Messrs Parker, Davis and White, Wheathill Lane:Cllr. Tizzard will liaise and provide any updates at the February meeting.
 - II. Burrington, Court Lane: Regarding continuing concerns around surface water and drainage, Cllr. Carty will compile a summary of concerns and photographs to share with members before forwarding to Somerset Council.
 - III. Other recent news/information: None.
- (c) Update on Construction Management of Active Sites:

Cllrs. Carty, Tizzard and Grant are meeting (online) David Kenyon and Steve Hellard of Somerset Council 17th January regarding the Community Hub.

(d) Update on Highways Issues (incl. speeding):

It was agreed that Cllr. Lockey will liaise with the Committee Officer regarding research into buying a new SID. Cllr. Lockey also expressed a concern over the parking arrangements for a property on Sherborne Road; it was agreed that the Committee Officer would alert the PCSO and do some research into the history of planning permission at this property.

Meeting Ended at 8.15 pm

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