



**Minutes of the Motcombe Parish Council held at the Pavilion, Motcombe Memorial Hall
On Tuesday 9th November 2021 at 7pm**

Present: Cllr L Stacey – Chairman, Cllr P Mouncey - Vice Chairman, Cllr Rogers, Cllr B Mauleverer, Cllr R Craigmile, Cllr J Hood, Cllr J Taylor and Cllr M Mason

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips (Parish Clerk), There were 39 members of the public Dorset Councillor Belinda Ridout

The Chairman asked if any persons are recording the meeting, Cllr Mauleverer set a recording on behalf of Keri from This is Alfred to record the meeting. There were no other recordings.

Public Consultation period.

It was reported that the defibrillator had been replaced under guarantee, but the heater does not seem to be working properly. It was agreed for the Clerk to instruct an electrician to look at the problem. Action – Clerk

The matter of speeding traffic along Shorts Green Lane was raised. Cllr Craigmile reported that the Parish Council have just received the results from Dorset Council of their road survey taken out on two areas along the street. The results confirm that a speed indicator device would be approved for the Village. It was also requested that some areas in the village could be a 20MPH zone. It was agreed for the Clerk to obtain more information from Dorset Council on requesting speed reduction and report back. In the meantime, perhaps producing 20 Plenty signs for some areas would help. This matter will be discussed in more detail at the next Parish Council meeting.

Action-Clerk

42/21. To receive and accept apologies of absence.

There were none.

43/21. Declarations of interest.

There were none.

44/21. Co-option for new members – There were no applications at this time.

45/21. Approve minutes from the meeting dated the 9th of October 2021.

Cllr Mauleverer proposed the minutes dated the 9th of October 2021; this was seconded by Cllr Mouncey all members in favour. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes dated the 9th of October 2021 (45/21 – no budgetary provision required)

Matters arising:

At this point the Chairman removed standing orders to allow the public to speak to agenda item 4

Action plan for flooding for the village: Due to the two recent occasions that properties in the village were flooded, meetings have taken place with the Parish Council, Dorset Council Flood prevention teams and the flood wardens, plus one this week with the Environment Agency, to try



and understand why the flood defences in the village appear to have failed. Members of the public reported their individual stories regarding the flooding and asked about accountability for what has happened, with concerns over insuring homes in the future being raised. The Chairman and Cllr Craigmile reported that after the meeting with the Environment Agency is held, it is hoped to have more information and actions to prevent this happening again. The Chairman underlined that the Parish Council are taking this very seriously and will work with the necessary agencies to try and understand the underlying issues as soon as possible. The Parish Council will, if necessary hold an extra ordinary meeting if detailed information has been obtained before the next Parish Council meeting in December. Cllr Craigmile stated that training for being a flood warden for the village, for Councillors and volunteer's will be looked into. In the meantime, the Parish Council will produce a list of helpful phone numbers for the residents of the village to use, if flooding or other matter utility matter arise and how the camera on the existing flood defences can be accessed online. There is no full record of affected properties, resident were also asked to report any flooding recently experienced to the Clerk and use Dorset for You to report incidents and blocked drains etc, to Dorset Council on their website, as well as reporting it to the Clerk, the more people reporting, will hopefully result in quicker action from Dorset Council. The website for Dorset Council is <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk>.

Update from the school safety working group - Mr Stuart Irwin confirmed that he has met with Cllr Mouncey and Cllr Craigmile has obtained information on suggestions that can be forwarded to the relevant authorities and parents to try and alleviate some of the issues that the school drop off and collection times causes. A meeting of the working group will be arranged in due course.

46/21. Report from Dorset Council Councillor Ridout.

The full report can be seen on the Parish Council's website, Facebook page and a copy can be obtained by the Clerk:

COVID update – Latest available update, 5th November 2021, the case rate for the Dorset Council area is 574.3 per 100,000 population (down from 605.9 the week before) and for BCP, 508.3 per 100,000 population (down from 525.2 the week before).

Funding to improve poorly insulated rented homes – DC has been awarded £98,000 of government funding to improve the most poorly insulated rented homes in Dorset.

Free Digital Advice –Dorset Council provides a volunteer digital champion service in most libraries, including Gillingham, which is every Saturday, 9.30am to 1pm.

Climate Change – as COP26 continues, Dorset Council has sent letters to key members of central government calling for further help in tackling the Climate and Ecological Emergency

Community and Culture Fund – the second round of this project fund has been launched

47/21. Finance.

The Clerk had circulated the payment schedule for October's invoices for the sum of £7482.87. Cllr Rogers proposed to pay the invoices on the payment schedule, this was seconded by Cllr Mouncey, all member in favour.

RESOLVED: to pay invoices on payment schedule for the sum of £7482.87 (47/21 current account)

The Clerk had tabled the bank reconciliation, Cllr Rogers approved the bank reconciliation.



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| Name | Category | Expense Amount | Cash Book Balance |
|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Chris Berwick Ltd | Grass cutting | £ 510.85 | 24,381.95 |
| BT annual phone Ap | phone and broadband | £ 187.04 | 24,194.91 |
| Hindon Fencing AP | Fencing for MM | £ 5,340.00 | 18,854.91 |
| N Phillips SO | Clerk wages Oct | £ 1,247.35 | 17,607.56 |
| N Phillips | Clerk expenses oct | £ 65.14 | 17,542.42 |
| HMR DD | payment | £ 54.04 | 17,488.38 |
| Nest DD | Clerk pension | £ 74.40 | 17,413.98 |
| Motcombe Village Hall | Rent play area 4 years | £ 4.00 | £ 17,409.98 |
| TOTAL | | £ 7,482.82 | |

The Clerk circulated the bank reconciliation for October, Cllr Rogers approved this.

The Clerk had worked with Cllr Rogers and had circulated a proposed budget and precept for 2022/2022. After debate, Cllr Rogers proposed that the precept for 2022-2023 be set at £27220.00, an increase of £1000.00, which will result in an increase of approximately £1.58 a year per household. This was seconded by Cllr Taylor, all in favour. Cllr Mouncey raised the need for adequate funding to update the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Mouncey will investigate the possibility of further grants from Locality.

Action: Cllr Mouncey

RESOLVED: to set the precept for Motcombe Parish Council for 2022-2023 at £27220.00 (47/21 – Budget)

48/21 Planning: Review of Working Group recommendations:

P/FUL/2021/04239 - Land South of Lake Mead Frog Lane – erect 2 no garages – No objection

P/HOU/2021/03540 - Thanos House Semley Road - Erect extensions & carry out alterations – No objection

P/FUL/2021/02046 - Land at Park Farm - Construct solar photovoltaic farm – requested extension in time for responding.

P/FUL/2021/00442 - Templars Copse Cherry Orchard - Erect steel framed barn for agricultural purposes – No objection

P/FUL/2021/02526 - Frog Lane Farm - Erect 1 No. dwelling and outbuilding – no objection but would like a condition added that the rights of ways will not be affected.

P/HOU/2021/03782 - Greenhayes Elm Hill - Erect extensions and raise roof – no objection

P/CLE/2021/02898 - Old Brickyard Farm - Certificate of Lawfulness

P/HOU/2021/03784 - Inglewood the Street - Erect First Floor and Single Storey Extensions – objection as the proposed extensions are within 150mm of the party boundary.

49/21 Chairman's report.

- Advice has been sort from Dorset Council highways officer regarding placing items on highways verges.
- The verges in the village have received their final cut for this year and the contractors have made a great job in keeping the village looking tidy.
- The Parish Council will ensure that the hedge along the front field and into Prideaux drive will have two cuts a year. Thank you to Ian Bristol for cutting the hedge back this year and



also a thank you to the resident that lives in Hunters Mead in providing tools to help clear the pavements.

- The firework display at the Coppleridge was very well attended.
- Remembrance Sunday is on the 14th of November with service at 10.30am and wreath laying at 11am.
- The warning sign for children crossing/playing has been ordered and should be in place outside the Memorial Halle very soon.

50/21 Officers reports.

Bullet points of reports that had been circulated; a hard copy can be obtained by the Clerk.

Cllr Taylor reported the following:

- Attended a meeting with the Transport Forum where it was reported Southwestern Railways are proposing a reduced from December. The rail users' group are requesting the timetable remains the same. The Bus Back services was discussed, and it was reported that Dorset Council are looking for funding form central government to increase the services provided to ½ hourly.

Cllr Mouncey reported the following:

- Met with Nadder Community Energy with Cllr Mason and Cllr Mauleverer with the Chair, Co Secretary and Project Manager on Oct 27th. Nadder Community Energy gave details on how they work in helping owners of suitable sites install solar panels, with potential sites within Motcombe identified for research. They also have a membership based electric car share scheme with 2 vehicles plus charging points, but this project has been badly affected by the covid pandemic. We will continue to liaise with them, and we will need to develop a 'green' strategy within the updated Neighbourhood Plan.
- The value of having the Neighbourhood Plan was underlined at Friday's meeting with Dorset Council's Flood Prevention team as they used the map and text from the Plan of the current flood prevention scheme in the village as the only version they could find.
- Rights of Way - The DWT funded stiles to gates project still requires approval from landowners. Is awaiting a new catch from the Rangers to fit on the gate behind the Mem Hall field. The owner of the field behind the Meadows is currently fencing off the bridleway towards Gillingham. At Cllr Mouncey' s request, Graham Stanley has discussed this with the owner to ensure a required width of 3 metres is maintained. As part of the White Hart Link project to create circular-spinoffs, Cllr Mouncey is writing up/mapping the first one, a 4-mile circular link. The Rangers were thanked for a new stile by Withies Farm.
- Meadows - The project to fit replacement field gates and additional pedestrian gates at the Meadows, plus the replacement fence in the front field, was successfully completed over two days at the end of October by Hindon Fencing. This required substantial clearance of overgrowth in the front field, by Cllr Mouncey, Cllrs Hood & Taylor. The debris was moved the week after to the rear of the Meadows to be burnt by the Rangers contractors along with the material cleared off the bridleway. The contractors have cleared the overgrowth from the rear of the Meadows using a large digger. This work was completed in one day & the digger removed before Sunday's downpour & surface damage is much less than anticipated. There is not as yet a set date(s) for stages 2/3: laying loose stone and erecting



the new fence. At a site meeting with Graham Stanley and the contractor the proposed additional fencing/gates across the site to Corner Lane was unnecessary, and Graham Stanley then proposed spending the saving on replacing the wooden bridge in the Meadows. This offer was welcomed. This will be funds allocated from 106 Dorset Council monies. The new whips from the Woodland Trust may arrive later this month instead of next March.

Cllr Mason reported the following:

- Reported that the electric car scheme in Tisbury was running successfully before the pandemic.
- The works to the phone box will begin in March 2022.

Cllr Craigmile reported the following:

- **Highways** – As agreed at the previous Parish Council meeting, Cllr Craigmile and the Clerk have received confirmation from Dorset Council Highways officer that they will not give permission for anything to be put on Dorset Council's verges. Anyone putting items on the verges are responsible for them and do at their own risk, as they are liable for items. Dorset Council are aware that people would like to protect the verges and a lot of residents maintain them. If anyone does no longer wish to maintain the verge outside their property, please inform Dorset Council, who will arrange for these areas to be cut on their work schedule. Cllr Mason reported that she had contact the Highways officer regarding this matter and will be speaking to personnel higher up to discuss this matter in more detail. The Clerk reported that the Dorset Council's Highways Officer is allowed to use his own discretion regarding items on verges and has not had to ask any to be removed, as he appreciates the effort in trying to keep the verges nice, but if he is instructed by his superiors, all of the items may be removed. It was agreed that using guidance from Dorset Council, a notice will be produced for public information.
- The speeding survey was discussed earlier in the meeting and a proposal will be forwarded to the Parish Council for their consideration in purchasing speed indicator devices.
- The speed watch team are looking for more volunteers to join the group. If you are interest in joining the group, please contact the Parish Clerk for Cllr Craigmile.

Cllr Hood reported the following:

- Please be aware that the surfaces in the play area may get a bit slippery due to the leaves falling.
- The Memorial Hall's AGM will be held on Wednesday the 24th of November at 7pm, followed by the Committee meeting and the Memorial Trustees meeting will be held on the 25th of November. All members of the public are welcome to attend.
- Everyone can help do their bit for reducing the CO₂ in the Village, but purchasing more sustainable material, rather than materials that are used the once and thrown away.

Cllr Mauleverer reported the following:

- It was agreed that Cllr Mauleverer and Cllr Mason have an increase their official title to Parish Events and Social Media.
- Future dates: Remembrance Sunday 14th November – 5th December – The Great Santa run; 19th December – Donkey Parade at 5pm,



- Have met with the charity organisers for Motcombe United Charity, who are there to support those residents that have fallen on hard times or support for mental health. The Clerk can forward contacts for the charity if required.
- The Face Book pages are being well used.
- Cllr Mason reported that an advent calendar event is being organised, houses will have numbers outside, and clues will be sent for where the Children can find the sweets.

51/21. Clerk Report – Correspondence – Matters of interest

Persimmon have confirmed that works on the hedges around the Limes and Willow Way will start on the 16th November. A date for works on the trees at Willow Way, will be agreed once the Parish Council have obtained permission from Dorset Council trees officers.

The Prideaux family have confirmed that works to cut back vegetation and lopping of branches off some of the trees overhanging the highways along Shorts Green Lane will start February 2022. An email from a resident expressing concerns of access to the Meadows, as the latches on the new gates are not suitable for everyone to use. Cllr Mouncey is already looking into alternative closure mechanisms.

**52/21. Items for next agenda and date of next meeting
Flooding – School safety – Speed Indicator devices**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **TUESDAY the 14th of December 2021 at 7pm at the Pavilion, Motcombe Village Hall.** There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.05

Signed by the Chairman.....

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