



Minutes of the Motcombe Parish Council Held at The Pavilion, Motcombe Memorial Hall On Tuesday 12th April 2022 at 7pm

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

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips (Parish Clerk), Dorset Councillor Belinda Ridout. There were 6 members of the public and a recording device sent from Kerri from This Is Alfred

The Chairman asked if any persons are recording the meeting, This Is Alfred will be recording this meeting. There were no other recordings.

Public Consultation period.

A member of the public thanked the Village Hall for allowing her to use the car park at peppercorn rent, whilst her house was being repaired after the flooding.

Mr Stuart Twiss asked for an update regarding his proposal for Sweet Chestnut Trees be planted to recognise the volunteers that helped the uprooted families of Syria and other refugees to find a new home in the UK in 2016 when the Syrian Civil War took place. Cllr Mouncey confirmed that the Parish Council are happy to have trees planted to recognise the volunteers but would like to plant cheery and rowan trees. Cllr Mouncey will contact Mr Twiss in the Autumn when the trees will be planted.

86/21. To receive and accept apologies of absence.

Cllr S Rogers and Cllr J Taylor sent their apologies.

87/21. Declarations of interest.

There were none.

88/21. Co-option for new members

Mrs Vanessa Moore introduced herself and expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council. Cllr Mason proposed that Mrs Vanessa Moore be co-opted on to Motcombe Parish Council, this was seconded by Cllr Mauleverer, all in favour.

RESOLVED for Mrs Vanessa Moore to be co-opted on to Motcombe Parish Council (88/21 – no budgetary requirements).

89/21. Approve minutes from the meeting dated the 8th of March 2022.

Cllr Stacey proposed the minutes dated the 8th of March 2022, this was seconded by Cllr Mouncey, all members in favour that the minutes were a true and accurate account of the meeting. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes dated the 8th of March 2022 (89/21 – no budgetary provision required)

Matters arising:

Update on actions for flooding - Cllr Craigmile reported that the Parish Council are waiting for a report from Dorset Council due in the summer, which will include the recommendations from the Environment Agency.

Tree for the Queens Jubilee celebrations - Cllr Hood reported that the Village Hall Committee are not objecting to having a Oak tree planted in the recreation area for the Queens Canopy project to commemorate the Jubilee. Confirmation of where the tree can be planted will be obtained.

School Safety and signs – There is nothing further to report on School Safety. Cllr Mason is leading the competition for children in the village to produce a design for the replacement Welcome to Motcombe Signs. The closing date is the 30th of April. It was also confirmed that his competition is only open to children that live in the village, due to the funds coming from the precept of the resident in the Parish.

Notice Boards – Cllr Hood will send the Clerk ideas for the replacement of the notice board at the Village Hall and the Willows.

Action – Cllr Hood

Date for litter pick – After debate, it was agreed to arrange a litter pick in the village for the 22nd of May 2022, Sunday morning. The Clerk will look into road closure for the Hollow for a three-hour period.

Action – Clerk



90/21. 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:

Dorset's NHS Services - Residents and visitors to Dorset this Easter are asked to use Dorset's NHS services wisely and to think about the most appropriate service for them before they seek help. Our hospital emergency departments continue to be under extreme pressure, with increasing Covid-19 cases continuing to have an impact on staffing levels.

Dorset Council Car Park Changes - as from Monday, 28th March, new car parking charges came into force in council-owned car parks across the county. This is to make car parking charges consistent across the Dorset Council area and included a review of on-street car parking charges, council car park prices and car park permits.

Planning Website - As part of the ongoing planning convergence and transformation project, the Dorset planning website will be unavailable from 5pm Monday, 25th April to the end of Wednesday, 27th April.

Electric Vehicle EV Charging Infrastructure Update – Phase 2 & 3 – orders have been placed for Phase 2 of the EV charge-point installation programme and should be up and running by summer 2022. This is for up to 44 more fast chargers (sockets) and 7 more rapid chargers (some being 150kW ultra-rapid chargers, capable of providing 200 miles of driving range).

Road Closures for Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2-5th June 2022 – Dorset Council is welcoming applications to close roads for street parties. If you wish to close a road or pavement, there is a process you need to follow. Everything about closing a street can be found online and applications should be in by Thursday, 21st April.

Renewable Energy Generation – Dorset Council is in the top 15% of over 400 local authority areas in the UK for renewable electricity generation. Approved renewable energy schemes has aided an increase of 250% in renewable energy generation between 2014 and 2020.

South Walks House, Dorchester – Dorset Council and Dorset County Hospital have agreed a 20-year lease for use of the ex-Council Offices (South Walks House) for a combination of clinical and office purposes, providing a central and easily accessible location, enabling the hospital to maximise the use of clinical space on its main site.

Support for local charities and community organisations – Dorset Council has distributed more than £143k to 52 organisations from the Dorset Council Community Impact Fund and the Dorset Council Coronavirus Recovery Funds.

Tour of Britain – West Bay and Ferndown are to host the Tour of Britain's first-ever Dorset stage. The Dorset stage (stage 7) takes place on Saturday, 10th September and will start at West Bay and finish at Ferndown.

Bus Back Better – Dorset Council applied for funding from the government for this national strategy, putting forward a very robust Bus Service Improvement Plan, which took many hours of officer time and consultation with transport partners. Unfortunately, DC was not included in the first release of this funding, which is very disappointing. However, we have been notified that further funding will become available.

New Household Recycling Centre HRC for Blandford. At the Strategic Planning Meeting held on Monday, 4th April, a new Household Recycling Centre and Waste Management Centre was approved on land south of the Sunrise Business Park, Blandford (accessed off the A350).

Wishing everyone a very enjoyable Easter Holidays.

Cllr. Belinda Ridout, Cllrbelinda.ridout@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk 07496413114

90/21. Finance.

The Clerk circulated the payment schedule for March invoices for the sum of £5233.12 Cllr Stacey 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 £4218.45 (90/21 current account)



Name	Category	Expense Amount
Mandy Mason re-emburse	Phone Box renovation	£ 578.43
N Phillips	Back date wage increase	£ 280.80
N Phillips	Holiday in lieu pay	£ 621.73
Assocaiotn	Grants	£ 200.00
St Mary Church	Grants	£ 200.00
Motcombe Village Fate	Grants	£ 300.00
Ambulance	Grants	£ 350.00
Home Start	Grants	£ 200.00
Dorset Citizens Advice Bureau	Grants	£ 150.00
N Phillips	Clerk expsnses March	£ 65.14
N Phillips	Clerk wages March	£ 1,247.35
Motcombe Memorial Hall	Hall Hire	£ 25.00
Dorset Council SLA	Service level agreement	£ 459.65
Enerveo - southern electric	Repairs to street lights	£ 211.24
Southern Electric DD	Supply	£ 123.35
Motcombe WI	Grants	£ 150.00
HMRC	employers NI payment	£ 70.43
Total		£ 5,233.12

91/21 Planning: Review of Working Group recommendations:

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P/PABA/2022/01821 Application to erect a barn on Culverhouse Farm, North End. As this is an agricultural building this is sent for information as there would not have been time to allow us to make comments. It was received on 22/03/2022 and comments were required by 23/03/2022. The site is well isolated from any other property so it is probable we would not have objected anyway.

P/LBC/2022/02103 21 Bittles Green. This is an application to carry out repairs to the listed building which is currently unoccupied. The roof is to be stripped, insulated and re-laid, the garage roof replaced together with the garage doors and 3 windows replaced. Cllr Mouncey has already consulted the neighbour who has permission to repair their roof and is therefore happy for this to go ahead. It would be good to have this end of the building lived in.

Recommendation – No objection

2/2019/1603/OUT Land south of Motcombe Road, Bittles Green. Development of up to 12 dwellings. The outline planning permission has been granted on 01/03/2022 subject to 16 conditions. The most significant of which are that before development commences a detailed surface water management scheme must be in place and details of maintenance and management of the surface water sustainable drainage scheme and any receiving system shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall be implemented and thereafter managed and maintained in accordance with the approved details. These should include a plan for the lifetime of the development, the arrangements for adoption by any public body or statutory undertaker, or any other arrangements to secure the operation of the surface water drainage scheme throughout its lifetime.

The full list of conditions can be seen on the Dorset Planning System.

P/ FUL/ 2021/ 04883 The Old Post Cottage. Our objection to this development was not upheld by the Planning Officer. There were some conditions attached. No flood lighting or external lighting shall be installed at the proposed development site unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

The interior of the swimming pool shall be of a neutral colour to not include any mosaic pattern, luminous or fluorescent colour or any underwater lighting unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

As previously indicated application **P/OUT/2021/04802** Land West of Little Elms was rejected by the Planning Committee on the basis that it did not comply with the Motcombe Neighbourhood Plan

92/21 Chairman's report.

Attended a Read Easy scheme, which are raising funds to provide teaching adults with difficulties to read and write. The fund raising was successful.

93/21 Officers reports.

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

Cllr Rogers sent the following report.

- Raised concerns over estate agents' signs being put up on verges, rather than on the curtilage of the house being sold. The Clerk will speak to the estate agents to ensure they have permission to put their signs on the verges.

Action – Clerk

Cllr Hood reported the following:



- The village hall has had the wires installed ready for the broadband to be installed.
- **The village hall management committee are looking for volunteers to join to help with projects for the village hall. If you are able to give a few hours of your time, please come along to a meeting, they are held the last Wednesday of each month at the Village Hall at 7.30pm**
- The tree planting day at the Meadows went very well with nearly all of the trees planted by volunteers.

Cllr Mason reported the following:

- Is looking at options to educate people of why they should not leave their vehicles running whilst waiting for their children to come out of school. The police have informed Cllr Mason that they cannot police this, as it is not against the law, but Dorset Council environment team could help with ways to educate the parents. Cllr Mason will look into ideas to give the information for parents to encourage them to turn their engines off.
- A resident has asked if the Parish Council could arrange a referendum for wind turbines in the village. After debate, Cllr Mouncey stated that this could be incorporated in the review and update of the Parish Neighbourhood Plan.
- The Ghost Hedgehogs signs will be placed around the village, to promote the awareness of the hedgehogs.

Cllr Mouncey reported the following:

- **Rights of Way** -All the paths in Kingsettle Wood are now clear of fallen trees, and the continuation up to Littledown is also now clear. However, the Woodland Trust manager covering Duncliffe Wood left at the end of March, and the most recent visit, last week, the trees across the two bridleways were still there. The Rangers are aware of all this.
Work on the bridleway to Gillingham is still suspended, Graham Stanley has stated that it is a priority once they have completed their workload, so hopefully it will be completed in the spring.
- **Meadows - As** Cllr Hood will no doubt agree, the community event to plant the whips provided by the Woodland Trust was a success back on March 19th. Over 15 people helped, and the bulk of the 'treelets' were planted that morning. Most of the whips planted last year have survived, but gaps have now been filled with new ones, and the final batch from this year will be planted as soon as possible. The orchard is starting to come into flower, and we'll see how successful this winter's pruning has been. As with the bridleway, it is difficult to get a date from the contractor to undertake the path work in the Meadows. This will be pursued. The Parish Council will hire a cherry picker to erect the Owl Boxes ready for next season.
- The holes in the hedge at the front field will be covered with mesh temporarily. Cllr Mouncey and Cllr Hood will look into having the hedge laid in the Autumn.

Cllr Craigmile reported the following:

- There is not further progress regarding the continued issues regarding the safety of the children attending the Village School. The school needs to be encouraged to talk with the Village Hall Trustees regarding increasing the car parking area and also looking at providing the children a safer route through the Church Yard to the rear of the School.

Cllr Mauleverer reported the following:

- The Village fete will take place on the 4th of June, the theme is anything Royal, including Scarecrows.
- St Mary Church are still raising funds to obtain the last stones required for the new floor, the project cost is in the region of £64000.00.
- The Queen's birthday is the 21st of April 2022.
- Reported that sad deaths of Bridget Shaw, Mike Russell and Rowand Stellig
- Announced that Cllr Mauleverer has resigned from the Council due to increase in private workload. Cllr Mauleverer will still be available to support the Parish Council and village in projects. The Chairman thanked Cllr Mauleverer for his hard work whilst serving on the Council.

94/21. Clerk Report – Correspondence

The Clerk tabled thank you letters for grants received from the WI, Air Ambulance, Citizens Advice.

The Clerk tabled an update from Enrico from Dorset Highway regarding resurfacing the road along North End, that the road will not be resurfaced until further investigations are completed by Dorset Council to ensure no more sink holes could appear.

The Parish Council have received a donation from the late Robert Arthur De Weldon towards the projects at the Motcombe Meadows. The Parish Council thanked the family for this kind donation. This will help fund the cherries/rowans in the front field.



95/21. Items for next agenda and date of next meeting

Annual Parish Meeting - Notice Boards – Welcome Signs – Litter Pick – Queens Jubilee tree

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **TUESDAY the 10th of May 2022 at 7pm at the Pavilion, Motcombe Village Hall**. There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.30

Signed by the Chairman.....

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