

# **Motcombe Parish Council**

## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12th February 2019 at Motcombe Memorial Hall Pavilion, Motcombe. Dorset.**

**Present:** Chairman – Cllr A Leask, Vice-Chairman – Cllr J Odell, Cllr Coffey, Cllr L Stacey, Cllr S Rogers, Cllr Mouncey, Cllr Phillipson and Cllr J Taylor.

**In attendance:** Mrs Nicola Phillips (Parish Clerk), there were 8 members of the public present.

### **Public Consultation period.**

#### **2018/87. Apologies for Absence and dispensations:**

Cllr D Worlock, DCC Cllr Cattaway and NDDC Cllr P Williams

#### **2018/88. Declarations of Interest:**

Cllr J Taylor declared a personal interest under agenda item 6 – Chapel Cottage.

#### **2018/89. To agree the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting dated the 8th January 2019 and to receive an update on any matters arising.**

The minutes had been circulated. These were proposed by Cllr Odell and seconded by Cllr Mouncey. All members agreed that the contents were a true and accurate record, and the minutes were signed by the Chairman.

**Memorial Hall:** Cllr Taylor assured everyone that there is **no** intention to rename the Motcombe Memorial Hall.

**Process for local elections 2019:** The Clerk tabled the following details on the process for local elections 2019: Local elections will take place on the 2nd May 2019.

This election is for Councillors to stand for five years rather than 4, to bring it in line with National, County and Unitary elections. Existing members of the Parish Council will stand down after the April meeting and all seats become vacant. Existing councillors who want to continue must stand for re-election. If there are more nominations than seats, a poll is held on 2nd May. If there are only enough councillors for the number of seats or fewer councillors than seats, they are elected unopposed. Existing members need to complete their nomination forms with their own details and of the person nominating them and to make sure that they are signed. The nomination forms need to be given to the Clerk no later than 1st April 2019. The nomination forms are available on the Dorset for You website. The Clerk will be able to send forms if required.

If you wish to stand as a Councillor you must satisfy these requirements:

- You need to be over 18 years of age
- A British citizen, a qualifying Commonwealth citizen, or a citizen of any other member state of the European Union
- Plus at least one of the following qualifications: you are registered as a local government elector for the parish or town council area in which they wish to stand; or you have, during the whole of the previous 12 month period, occupied as owner or tenant any land or premises in the parish or town council area; or your main or only place of work during the whole of the previous 12 month period has been in the parish or town council area; or you have, during the whole of the previous 12 month period, lived in the parish or town council area (or within 4.8 km of it).

You cannot stand for election if you:

A person cannot be a candidate if at the time of their nomination or their election:

- they are employed by the parish or town council or hold a paid office under that council; or
- they are the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order in England or Wales; or
- they have been sentenced to a term of imprisonment of three months or more (including a suspended sentence) without the option of a fine, during the five years before election day (i.e. since 1 May 2014); or
- a person may also be disqualified from election if they have been convicted or reported guilty of a corrupt or illegal practice by an election court, or if they have been disqualified from standing for election to a local authority. Cllr Leask, Cllr Odell, Cllr Phillipson, Cllr Roger, Cllr Mouncey, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Worlock, Cllr Stacey and Cllr Coffey. 12th February 2019

**Play Area update:** The Clerk confirmed that she is still waiting for the third quote for the play area and has obtained information on grants that could be available to the Parish Council towards the cost of replacing the play equipment.

**2018/90. Report from Dorset County and North Dorset District Council.**

There was not reports given.

**2018/91. Finance:** The total cost payable for January 2019 is £1744.83. It was proposed by Cllr Phillipson and Seconded by Cllr Rogers and all agreed to authorise the payments on the Payment Schedule, this was duly signed by the Chairman.

**2018/92 Planning** – Review of Parish Council Recommendations.

**2/2018/1823/HOUSE - Redbrook Church End** – the Planning Committee proposed that this application is approved, this was agreed by the Parish Council.

**2/2018/1811/HOUSE - Chapel Cottage** - the Planning Committee proposed that this application is approved, this was agreed by the Parish Council.

**2/2019/0089/HOUSE - Willow Cottage** - the Planning Committee proposed that this application is approved, this was agreed by the Parish Council.

**2018/93. Chairman's report:**

Mr Tom Crabb has requested to make the necessary repairs and to place a plaque on the Map Notice Board outside the Memorial Hall. This was agreed.

**2018/94. Officer Report:**

**Cllr J Taylor reported the following-**

- The Memorial Hall trustees have agreed to keep the Silent Soldier in place. It will be monitored for wear and damage on a regular basis.

**Cllr J Phillipson reported the following:**

- Has reported that ongoing problems of a broken drain, which is causing flooding on the road along the B3081 – Gillingham Road.
- Has reported the raised and blocked drain outside the new development, next to the Memorial hall, which is causing flooding across the road.

**Cllr L Stacey reported the following:**

- The finger post at Northend is being renovated.

**Cllr P Mouncey reported the following-**

The Neighbourhood Plan will be submitted to the Parish Council at their March meeting for their consideration. If the Parish Council agree, the Plan is then submitted to NDDC, who give it to their examiner for checking. Once the examiner has agreed with the Plan, NDDC will arrange a final public consultation before a referendum is called for later in the year.

- Money has been donated for a replacement gate at one of Motcombe's footpaths. The footpath what would benefit most, would be the one from the Hollows to Thanet Farm. The land owner has been contacted before work commences.
- On Thursday the 14th February, in the afternoon, the cycle way group is meeting. At the moment there has been no progress on the proposed cycle way, due to land owners at stage one, in Gillingham. The meeting will be attended by a representative from Shaftesbury, who is interested in finding a route to get the cycle way from Motcombe to Shaftesbury.
- The Mayor of Blandford will be walking along some of the Whitehart Link, from Shaftesbury to Gillingham on the 18th April. The Chairman and other member of the Council will officially welcome the Mayor to the village.

**Cllr S Rogers reported the following-**

- Horse riders have been once again, using the meadows – **PLEASE NOTE- DO NO RIDE YOU HORSE THROUGH THE MEADOWS, USE THE BRIDLE WAY PROVIDED – this notice will also be put in the Villager.**
- One of the Barn Owl boxes has a broken door. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask Mr J Heenan to mend the box if possible, and to thank him for arranging for them to be cleaned out.
- It has been reported that there is an increase of litter at the Meadow. **Please be kind to your environment and take you litter home with you or use the bins provide in the village.**

**2018/95. Clerks Report – Correspondence.** All correspondence has been circulated.

The Clerk had circulated details from a letter received by Simon Hoare MP, inviting a maximum of two Councillor to attend a Roundtable meeting on Friday the 1st March. Cllr J Taylor agreed to attend on behalf of the Council. An email had been circulated from Keri Jones -Alfred Radio ( ThisIsAlfred.com) asking if the Parish Council if they would support the application for a licence, would they be happy to air regular interviews about Motcombe news, activities and events. Alfred Radio will be holding a pop in session on the 16th February 2019 at Shaftesbury Art Centre from 10am to 1pm. The members agreed that this would be a positive service for the village. The Clerk will contact them for further information.

The Clerk informed the Council that there has been an amendment to the Clerks Contract, that the section where the Gratuity Payment is covered, has been removed as it is not longer required. This was agreed by all member, and the amended contract was signed by the Clerk and Chairman.

**2018/96. Any other matters:**

There were none.

**2018/97. Items for next agenda: Grants - Neighbourhood Plan - TBA**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th March 2019 at 7.30pm, at Motcombe Memorial Hall – Pavilion. There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.25

Signed by the Chairman.....

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