

Motcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12 March 2019 at Motcombe Memorial Hall Pavilion, Motcombe. Dorset.

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

In attendance: Mrs Nicola Phillips (Parish Clerk), DCC Cllr Cattaway and NDDC Cllr P Williams, there were 15 members of the public present.

Public Consultation period.

It was enquired when the street lights owned by the Parish Council will be replaced. The Clerk confirmed that the project will be re-visited in June or July, as further quotes are being obtained.

Concerns were raised over the parking by the School at drop off and pick up times. It is causing more and more congestion for people trying to get in or out of the village. It was reported that there has been an incident where persons have been rude to other road users, due to the frustration of being held up, trying to get past the parked cars. This was duly noted, and it was suggested that if it happens again, to report the incident to the School and ask the School to once again request that parents use the village hall parking and walk their children to school from there.

Scott reported that the Village Fete will be held on Saturday the 15th June. If anyone can offer any help, please contact Scott at scottij70@gmail.com. Details of what will be going on, on the day, will be advertised in the Villager.

2018/98. Apologies for Absence and dispensations:

There were none.

2018/99. Declarations of Interest:

There were none.

2018/100. To agree the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting dated the 12th February 2019 and to receive an update on any matters arising.

The minutes had been circulated. These were proposed by Cllr Worlock 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.

At this point the Chairman withdrew standing orders to allow the public to speak to agenda item 3 – Neighbourhood Plan

Neighbourhood Plan: The Chairman opened the meeting to enable the public to comment on the proposed Neighbourhood Plan. The residents present has already circulated their concerns to the Council, which were clarified to the members. After debate, the Clerk read out the following proposal:

1. The plan (submission draft) be approved in principle for submission to North Dorset District Council (subject to any changes to the submission draft as may be agreed at the Parish Council meeting and any minor changes that may come to light to correct and improve the presentation of the plan).
2. The Steering Group be delegated to commence with the submission of the Submission Plan plus all necessary supporting documentation on behalf of the Parish Council as soon as practical
3. That agreement of the independent examiner's appointment with NDDC, and any questions raised by the Examiner in the course of the examination, be delegated to the Steering Group.

After consideration, Cllr J Phillipson proposed, Cllr J Odell seconded the proposal, all members in favour.

RESOLVED: that all members agreed to the proposal above. (2018/100 – Neighbourhood Plan)

Standing orders were re-instated.

2018/101. Report from Dorset County and North Dorset District Council.

Cllr Cattaway reported that due to the new Unitary Council, there have been several redundancies in senior roles. There has only been one senior officer from County Council that has been employed by the Unitary Council. It has been noted that there has been an increase in sickness levels believed to be due to low morale. There will be little

change in services provided for the first few months, but these may change once the Unitary Council has time to review them.

Cllr Worlock asked if the new Unitary Council will be supplying a family tree contact list to the Parish Councils?

Cllr Cattaway noted that County Council do not have a family tree contact list at the moment but will raise it with the new Council.

Cllr Peter Williams reported that NDDC Planning Committee will be having their final meeting under the NDDC hat, on the 26th March 2019. At the present time, the current planning officers should remain in place with the Unitary Council.

2018/102. Finance:

The Clerk had tabled the applications for grants for 2018-19.

After debate the following was proposed by Cllr Rogers and seconded by Cllr Worlock, all member in favour:

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| • Motcombe Parent Teacher Association | £400.00 |
| • North Dorset CAB | £350.00 |
| • Motcombe Beavers | £250.00 |
| • Home Start Dorset | £250.00 |
| • St Mary Church | £250.00 |
| • Motcombe Cub Group | £250.00 |
| • Motcombe Scout Group | £250.00 |
| • Motcombe Youth Club | £250.00 |
| • Motcombe Seniors Lunch | £100.00 |
| • Air Ambulance | £350.00 |

The total cost for grants application for 2018-19 £2700.00.

RESOLVED: to award the grants above for the total sum of £2700.00. (2018/102 – grants)

The Clerk tabled the payment schedule for February 2019 for the total sum of is £1932.28. It was proposed by Cllr Odell and Seconded by Cllr Leask and all agreed to authorise the payments on the Payment Schedule, this was duly signed by the Chairman.

2018/103 Planning – Review of Parish Council Recommendations.

2/2019/0141/FUL – Primary School – new private access – no objection

2/2019/0003/FUL - Meadow View – change of use – object on the following grounds:

- The loss of a field which is the habitat for many birds, wildlife and wild flowers, it would irretrievably change the nature of this area.
- Concerns that development of sheds and larger structures could be placed on the land without the need for any planning permission. This could also set a precedent for others in the village.
- Concerns that the land could be used for future development.

2/2018/1418/REM – amendments to erect 170 dwellings – Littledown – the Council stand by their original comments the Council stand by their original comments which were concerns over the lack of infrastructure in the local area to support such a large development of 170 houses, there are no plans for a new school and surrounding schools are already full.

2018/104. Chairman's report:

There was nothing to report.

2018/105. Officer Report:

Cllr S Rogers reported the following-

- The repairs for the Owl box have been requested.
- Cllr J Taylor gave a big thank you to Sue Hollis who lives in the village, who has been kind enough to do some litter picking at the Meadows.

Cllr J Phillipson reported the following:

- The drains along B3081 have been cleared. – Gillingham Road.
- The raised and blocked drain outside No 37 The Street is still causing flooding across the road. This will be chased up.

Cllr L Stacey had nothing to report.

Cllr J Taylor reported the following:

- Had attended the round table meeting with MP Simon Hoare. Notes from the meeting will be circulated once received.
- Had attended the Village Hall Committee meeting, where it was noted that the Committee are looking for future projects for the Hall.

- Had attended the Forum Transport meeting. The minutes of the meeting were circulated to the members.

Cllr P Mouncey reported the following:

- Cllr Mouncey and Cllr Phillipson had an informal meeting with the owners of the field next to the School. The owners are considering applying for planning permission on the land and will consider allocating some of the land for the School to have for use of parking. This area of land has not been put in the Neighbourhood Plan, due to objections from NDDC Planning Department. The footpath gate in the Hollow has been replaced using the money donated for this use. Two of the stiles in the White heart Link have also been repaired.

Cllr D Worlock reported the following-

- It has been noted that the Village Hall require details of size and placement of banners before they are put up.

2018/106. Clerks Report – Correspondence. All correspondence has been circulated.

The Clerk had circulated two policies for the Council to consider, policy one Training and Development Policy for staff and Councillors, policy two Urgent Business between meeting policy. Cllr Mouncey proposed, Cllr Rogers seconded, all in favour that Motcombe Parish Council adopt both policies.

RESOLVED : for Motcombe Parish Council to adopt policy for Training and Development for staff and Councillors and policy for Urgent Business between meetings. (2018/106 – no budgetary provision required)

The Clerk tabled a letter from Sovereign Housing, in response to a letter sent from the Council regarding parking along the verges in Shorts Green Lane. Sovereign Housing state that they have asked the residents not to park on the verges and have investigated off road parking, due to the work involved, it is unviable for the association at this time.

The Clerk tabled an email from Mr R Aspray, in response to an email from the Council, asking for them to manage the over grown hedge at the bottom of Shorts Green Lane. It was noted that Mr Aspray feels that the trees are healthy and are not overhanging the residents opposite, therefore will not be cutting them back. He has stated that he has spoken to the resident who complained about the trees, saying that he is happy for them to get the trees cut back, at their own cost and ensuring that they use a suitably qualified and insured contractor to the do work. The resident in question is not happy with this response. The Council agreed to ask Dorset Tree Officer and Highways department for their advice.

Action - Clerk

2018/107. Any other matters:

There were none.

2018/108. Items for next agenda: TBA

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday 9th April 2019 at 7.30pm**, at Motcombe Memorial Hall – Pavilion. There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.50

Signed by the Chairman.....

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