

# Motcombe Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Pavilion, Motcombe Memorial Hall, Motcombe On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019

**Present:** Cllr Worlock – Chairman, Cllr Stacey – Vice-Chairman, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Coffer, Cllr Hood

**In attendance:** Mrs N Phillips (Parish Clerk)

There were 13 members of the public present, Dorset Council Councillors, Cllr B Ridout and Cllr Val Potheary

**The meeting was opened by the Chairman introducing Mr Tom Crabbe, a previous Chairman of Motcombe Parish Council and his wife Mrs Brenda Crabbe.**

All of the Council and members of the public proceeded outside to the Motcombe Walk map display unit, where a plaque has been fitted, stating that the unit had been donated to the Village by Mr & Mrs Crabbe many years ago and that Mr Crabbe has recently worked on the unit to improve its sturdiness, so that it will remain in place for many years to come. Previous members of the Parish Council that worked alongside Mr Crabbe were also present. The Chairman thanked Mr Crabbe for his kind donation and a round of applause was given.

The Council and members of the public proceeded back into the hall, where Mr Crabbe gave the following report on his time in the village and on the Parish Council.

In 1977 Mr Crabbe joined the Parish Council's sub-committee, which was put in place to organise the Queens Jubilee celebrations. A village party was organised with flags being hung up along the village, mugs were given to each child in the village, a barbeque and a beacon was lit. Mr Crabbe then joined the Parish Council and after a few years, with the guidance of the Chairman Mr John Bristol, Mr Crabbe became Chairman for the Council. Back in 1972 the village had main sewers put through the village, which was great at the time, but did open the village for development. Mr Crabbe remained Chairman for 12 years, overseeing and dealing with controversial planning applications such as the Stainers Mead, Glebe Gardens and then Willow Way and The Limes. At the time of these proposal for development the local school was under threat of closure, due to the lack of children attending, this was a key point when debating the proposed development in the village. The Parish Council also took responsibility to clear the footpaths around the village, which Calvin headed up, arranging Motcombe Walk, which encouraged people to use the footpaths, which helped keep the overgrowth down, Calvin used to arrange a working party every third Saturday of the month, to make sure that the footpaths were kept clear. The Parish Council celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by holding a village party and with support from local businesses, Mr and Mrs Crabbe arrived in style, by horse and carriage. The Parish Council installed the local play area, which was headed up by Trevor, who spend a lot of time fund raising to ensure that the Play Area was put in place for the children of the village. Mr Crabbe expressed his concern that the Parish Council no longer say the Lords Prayer at the beginning of the meeting and also that due to the Village Hall becoming very busy with their bookings, that the Parish Council are forced to change their meeting date to suit the Village Hall live streaming events. Mr Crabbe stated that the Parish Council had a good working relationship with the old District and County Councillors as well as the highways team at County Council.

The Chairman thanked Mr & Mrs Crabbe and the other previous member of the Council for attending and giving an insight of how the Council used to be.

Public Consultation period: there were no questions.

### **18/19. Apologies for absence and dispensations**

The following Councillors sent their apologies for absence: Cllr Rogers, Cllr Phillipson, Cllr Mouncey and Dorset Council Cllr Walsh

### **19/19. Declaration of interest and dispensations**

There were none.

### **20/19. Co-option for new members**

A member of the Public showed interest in joining the Council and will talk to the Chairman after the meeting.

### **21/19. Approve minutes from the AGM, APG and Parish Council meeting dated the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and matters arising from that meeting:**

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Taylor seconded by Cllr Stacey and all members agreed that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting, these were duly signed by the Chairman.

- **Update on Play Area:** The Clerk and the Chairman visited the Play Area and spoke to the children and parents about the proposed replacement equipment for the play area. The response was that many were in agreement with the proposed plan for the new equipment. The Clerk is now applying for grants to fund this project.
- **First Aid at meetings:** It was felt that the Council should have at least two qualified first aiders at meetings. It was agreed for the Clerk to investigate the cost for training and report back at the next meeting.
- **Consider additional verge cutting in the village:** The Clerk had circulated the schedule from Dorset Council for verge cutting for this year. They have only agreed for two cut and collect services, which it is felt is not enough. After debate it was agreed that the Parish Council will investigate areas that need to be maintained on a more regular basis and obtain costs for this project.

### **22/19. Report from Dorset Council Councillors**

**Cllr Ridout** reported that the first meeting of the Dorset Councillor has taken place, where series of posts were recommended and approved by Councillors.

A planning meeting has been held and the application for 23 dwellings on land north of Enmore has been refused. Dorset Waste Partnership are happy to come along to the Parish Councils meeting to discuss anything to do with recycling. The new Minerals plan identifying site for future quarrying is out for public consultation from now until the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019, [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/mineral-sites](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/mineral-sites).

Cllr Ridout will be holding a surgery on Thursday evenings at Gillingham Town Hall, between 5-7pm to discuss any issues the Parish Council may have, it is advised to book an appointment by phoning 01747823588 or email the town council [GTC@gillinghamdorset-tc.gov.uk](mailto:GTC@gillinghamdorset-tc.gov.uk).

The Chairman expressed concerns over the lack of housing supply, now down to 3.3year, instead of 5 years and the implications this could have for proposed development in the village and that it could override the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Ridout confirmed that the main risk is if the housing supply falls less than 3 years, this is when Central Government can come in and overrule Neighbourhood Plans to ensure that the housing needs are fulfilled.

**Cllr Potheary** reported that Dorset Council Councillors are very new to some of their roles and are mostly in training mode. The new Dorset Council has all the old responsibilities from District and County Council now to allocated to the new Councillors. Cllr Potheary has been voted in as Vice-Chairman of Dorset Council and her posts are Planning, overview and scrutiny place, IT security. Cllr Potheary thanked those who helped with leaflet drops to support her campaign.

**Cllr Walsh** sent his report, bullet points follow:

- Responsible for Planning, covering the new Council area and has overseen the training for all members who will be sitting on the planning committee.
- Will get Dorset Council to start on a single plan for the new planning area and will presenting a paper to Cabinet on the 25<sup>th</sup> June.
- Will continue to work at higher levels, delivering infrastructure to development before construction starts.
- Will continue to be a member Champion for the Armed Forces we they have been working to set up information points in Libraries around Dorset, Gillingham has one of the points.

Cllr Walsh also emailed the following information regarding the Neighbourhood Development Plan: "The Independent Examiner's report for the Motcombe Neighbourhood Plan, is now on the Forward Plan and will be coming to Cabinet on the 30th July where I will propose that it progresses to referendum. I am trying through our Legal teams to give me delegated powers to make these decisions without going through Cabinet as it holds up the process. I will see what I can do".

### **23/19. Finance**

**The Clerk reported that £40,000.00 has been placed into a one-year fixed rate bond.**

**The Clerk tabled May's payment schedule, with one additional late invoice for £90.00 gross cutting, for the total sum of £2026.88, details listed below:**

N Phillips wages May	£ 697.01
MPTA - replacement cheque 1772	£ 400.00
Phillips repair cost play area	£ 143.99
one man & his mower	£ 90.00
Mr T Crabb - fabriacte post	£ 75.00
Rapid Account Ltd internal audit	£ 288.00
N Phillips expenses	£ 98.99
Motcombe Memorial Hall hire	£ 22.50
Viking Direct - ink and paper	£ 121.39
transfer to one year fixed rate bond	£ 40,000.00
one man & his mower	£ 90.00

The clerk had circulated a request for a donation for a local working dog fun day event to be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> August 2019 to raised much needed funds for the Air Ambulance.

After debate the Chairman proposed to support this event by donating £300.00, this was seconded by Cllr Coffey all members in favour.

**RESOLVED:** to donate £300.00 for the working dog fun day event to be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> August at Hawker Hill, Motcombe, in support of Dorset and Somerset air ambulance. (23/19 – grants/donations)

**24/19. Planning – Cllr Taylor reported the following.**

**2/2019/0653/FUL – Wishing Well – erect 2 dwellings** – the Parish Council approved this application, with the following conditions, that the design of the properties is considered as stated in the Motcombe Parish Plan. An agricultural application for change of use from a barn to residential has been sent to Cllr Taylor, as a resident of the village. The Parish Council did not receive this application and have been informed by the Planning Team at Dorset Council, that an AGDWPA is not an application they need to consult Town/Parish Council about. The Parish Council do not feel that this is acceptable as on the letter to the resident, it states that the Town/Parish Council will be consulted!

The Tree Officer at Dorset Council has confirmed that the Parish Council will not be consulted about any tree work taking place in the village. The Council again feel that this is not acceptable and have asked Cllr Ridout to investigate the matter on the Councils behalf.

**25/19. Chairman's report.**

The Chairman read out an email from Janet Odell expressing the following concerns:

- Request a Children play warning sign next to the village hall.
- Replace the chevron signs on the corner of North End, coming from Mere.
- The School need to but their hedge back.

The Clerk will contact Dorset Council and the School to request these actions. It was also agreed to ask the residents of the village to make sure their hedges are not obstructing the public footpaths. A note will be put in the Villager and this matter will be monitored.

Has received details of Digital Norm campaign, promoting better broadband in the area. More information needs to be obtained.

**26/19. Officer Reports.**

**Village Hall – Cllr Hood reported the following:**

- Have asked the Village Hall Committee if they would consider financially supporting the replacement of the play area fencing. The Committee agreed to look at a proposal once costs have been obtained.
- The new hall will be opened at the fete on the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019.
- The next village hall committee meeting will be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30, public are welcome.

**Monuments/ phone box – Cllr Hood reported the following:**

- A list of the monuments needs to be obtained, the Clerk will investigate this.

**Website/IT – Cllr J Taylor reported the following:**

- The website has now been updated with the necessary constitutional document of the Council. It was also agreed for a link to the Citizens Advice to be put on the website.

Motcombe Meadows Cllr Stacey reported that he had cut the pathways in Motcombe Meadows and commented on the continuing problem of dog fouling. He also reported that he will look into the possible extension of Superfast Broadband to the Parish.

**27/19. Clerk Report – Correspondence – Matters of interest**

An email from the retiring Chairman was tabled, details as follows: To all Councillors in Motcombe Parish Council and their wonderful clerk Nicky I write to thank you all for the past support you gave me as Chairman over the past 9 years and for the thoughtful present I received. I will miss the cut and thrust of local politics and the many lively meetings in the Memorial Hall but I left knowing that the Council is in good hands with the new Chairman and Vice Chairman and to them I wish all the best and I know that you will continue to support them as you did me.

A letter from The Church of St Mary, thanking the Council for organising the marked disabled parking place outside the Church.

**28/19. Items for next agenda and date of next meeting**

Play Area, Co-option, Verge Cutting, Street Lights.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 7.30pm**, at Motcombe Memorial Hall – Pavilion. There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.40

Signed by the Chairman.....

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