

# Motcombe Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Pavilion, Motcombe Memorial Hall, Motcombe On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019

**Present:** Cllr Worlock – Chairman, Cllr Stacey – Vice-Chairman, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Mouncey, Cllr Hood and Cllr Rogers

**In attendance:** Mrs N Phillips (Parish Clerk)  
There were 11 members of the public present, Dorset Council Councillor, Cllr B Ridout

Public Consultation period: there were no questions.

Mrs Odell asked if there is any news on a sign for Turks Paddock. The Clerk confirmed that the old NDDC did not put a sign up and asked if the Parish Council would be happy to purchase a sign and to ask one of the homeowners at Turks Paddock permission to put the sign up on their fence. The Council agreed for the Clerk to investigate the cost and speak to one of the residents for their permission.

Mrs Odell also put forward a suggestion that the proposed new play area equipment should not have a lot of metal visible, as it gets very hot to touch in the summer, she also suggested that the Parish Council consider placing different colour bins to encourage recycling and to supply a small hideout for small children.

The matter of speeding traffic thought the village was raised, especially early hours of the morning. The Clerk will contact the Motcombe speed watch team and the local police to forward the concerns of the residents and the Parish Council and request that the police do a speed check along the High Street and Bittles Green **Action - Clerk**

### **29/19. Apologies for absence and dispensations**

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

### **30/19. Declaration of interest and dispensations**

There were none.

### **31/19. Co-option for new members**

A member of the Public showed interest in joining the Council and will be invited to attend the Parish Council meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> September.

### **32/19. Approve minutes from the Parish Council meeting dated the 12<sup>th</sup> June 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 confirmed that the Parish Council have been awarded a grant for the sum of £8206.00 towards replacing the play equipment. The Clerk will be applying for more grants and also has contacted the owner of the development at the old Cases site, asking for a good will gesture donation towards the new play equipment, the owner has no legal obligation to supply 106 or community funding for the Village, as the amount of housing being build is only 10 and the cut-off point is 11.
- **Consider additional verge cutting in the village:** Cllr Stacey has been making a list of potential areas that need to be cut back more than the allocated amount from Dorset Council of twice a year. Cllr Hood will be working with Cllr Stacey to produce a full list ready to go out for quotes. It was also suggested that the question of areas that need to be cut should be opened for the resident's comments.
- **Street Lights:** It was agreed for the Clerk to liaise with Cllr Rogers for contact details of the contractor who have changed the street lighting at Prideaux Drive, to obtain details of the lighting they have used.

**Action - Clerk**

- **Motcombe Meadows Car Park Rules:** Cllr Rogers reported that there have been rules for the use of the Meadows Car Park for about eight years, there have been a few issues, which have been resolved, but it was felt that the rules needed to be reviewed and new sign put up. The Clerk has produced an order for the Meadows Car Park and new signage wording. After debate and amendments, the Parish Council agreed to the Order and the new wording for the signage. It was also noted that the information board at the meadows is in a poor state, the Clerk will look for quotes to replace it. **Action - Clerk**

### 33/19. Report from Dorset Council Councillors (bullet points).

**Cllr Ridout** reported the following:

- On the 28<sup>th</sup> May the First Northern Area Planning Committee held their meeting at the Exchange, Sturminster Newton.
- On the 31<sup>st</sup> may a meeting for introduction to Place Directorate, including Dorset Waste Partnership, Highways, Planning, Environmental Services, Assets, Libraries, Culture and Tourism.
- Had attended many of the local Parish Councils AGM, where it has become very evident that many concerns and issues are the same across the area.
- Will be holding surgeries on Thursday evenings at the Town Hall, Gillingham, between 5-7pm, please make an appointment before by phoning 01747 823588.

**Cllr Walsh** sent a report which had been circulated to the Councillors:

- Has attended three new area Planning Committees ensuring that there is consistency of process.
- Has been given the powers of delegation to speed up the Neighbourhood Plan process, so that the only time it will come to Cabinet is when it is officially Made/Adopted.
- All consequential orders establish that all policies adopted by the predecessor council are carried forward as policy of the new council.
- Will be hosting the Dorset Armed Forces Covenant first year review on the 11<sup>th</sup> July where local authorities and military will be signing the covenant, Cllr Walsh has the honour to sign for Dorset.

**Cllr Potheary** sent a report which had been circulated to the Councillors:

- Has attended introduction to the Place Directorate, Introduction to the Integrated Care System, IT training and Safety and Crime prevention and have been appointed to sit on the SPARSE Rural and Rural Services Network.
- The next full council meeting will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> July.
- Dorset Council is beginning work on a new Local Plan.
- Six week public consultation on a new Statement of Community Involvement began on the 21 June and runs to 2<sup>nd</sup> August, the draft document can be viewed online at <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-policy-news>, you can also use this to respond and hard copies can be viewed at Gillingham and Shaftesbury Libraries.
- All council meeting details and decisions can be found on <https://moderngov.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/uuCoverPage.aspx?bcr=1>.

### 34/19. Finance

The Clerk tabled June's payment schedule for the sum of £2166.28, it was proposed by Cllr Rogers to agree pay the invoices listed on the payment schedule, this was seconded by Cllr Taylor, all member in favour.

**RESOLVED** to pay the invoices listed on the payment schedule for the sum of £2166.28 (34/19 – finance)

S/O	N Phillips wages	£	697.01
1806	Viking Direct stationery stamps	£	161.04
1807	one man & his mower	£	180.00
1808	Dorset Council dog signs	£	16.00
1809	Southern Electric supply	£	106.04
1810	Southern Electric maint	£	180.95
1811	N Phillips exp/back pay	£	452.84
1812	Air Ambulance grant 2019-20	£	350.00
1813	Motcombe Memorial hall hire	£	22.50

### 35/19. Planning – Cllr Taylor reported the following.

**2/2019/0739/FUL – Land South Of Bay Road, Gillingham – erect 200 dwellings.** The Parish Council object to this application under the following grounds:

- Bay Road is not suitable for the increase of traffic this development would cause, there is a great concern over the safety of the Children that walk to school along the road.
- The Land for development has not been recognised as potential development land within Gillingham Town Council's Neighbourhood Plan.
- Insufficient size for the recreation area for this size of development.
- Notes that there has been concern raised over historical remains of a building, which has not been officially checked and the proposed replacement of a bridge of architectural interest.
- Area near the bridge has flooded in recent times, a recurrence would cause extra traffic problems on Bay Rd

**2/2019/0905/FUL – Land at Wessex Farm – erect 1 dwelling.** The Parish Council support this application.

**2/2019/0666/HOUSE – Sunset Ridge, Elm Hill – Erect double bay garage.** The Parish Council support his application.

Decisions from Dorset Council Planning Department:

**2/2019/0653/FUL– Wishing Well – erect 2 dwellings – to be decided.**

**2/2019/0311/out – Land South of Lakemead – erect 2 dwellings – approved by Dorset Council**

### **36/19. Chairman's report.**

- An email has been received by Barney Mauleverer, who is proposing a Christmas procession for 5pm on Sun 15th December, starting at The Coppleridge and walking to the Memorial Hall. The Shaftesbury Silver Band and the Shaftesbury Choir have now confirmed – as well as Gus the donkey and they even have a Mary and Joseph. There will be a tree and lights at Hall and the Hall Committee happy to put on mulled wine etc. They are asking for the support of the Parish Council and financial support. The Council agreed in principal to support this multi faith proposal and will also look into financially supporting the donation required for the band, tree and lights.
- Cranborne Chase AONB are holding a planning workshop for Parish Councillors to help understand the Planning System in an AONB. Cllr Taylor and Cllr Stacey have agreed to attend.
- A poster and notice in The Villager has been produced asking residents to please ensure that they maintain their hedges, to ensure that the pavement and footpaths are kept clear.

### **37/19. Officer Reports.**

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

- The Village Fete raised a profit of £7303.88, of which they have donated £3553.88 to 19 different local groups.  
The organisers of the Fete are organising a barbeque to say thank you for those who helped and for people who have volunteered to help next year.
- Had asked the Village Hall committee for their opinions on the proposed replacement of the fence around the Play Area and asked for financial support towards replacing it. The Village Hall Committee were not in favour of either the recycled fencing or the rubber coated metal fencing. Cllr Hood will meet with two fencing companies to get quotes to replace the wooden fencing, like for like. From the floor, Mrs Odell referred to the importance of using recycled materials.
- Asked the Clerk for a list of the Parish Council Monuments. The Clerk is still looking into this. **Action – Clerk**

#### **Environment Team, Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Mouncey reported the following:**

- Has received the draft report from the examiner of the Neighbourhood Plan. The NDP working party will meet to finalise a response to the items raised.
- There is still no decision from Dorset Council regarding the flooding concerns over the Shorts Green Farmland.
- Have applied for a grant for the final steps of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- Have meet with Amy from the Gillingham Royal Forest project. They have received £61900.00 from the National Lottery funding towards the £1000,00,00 that is needed for this project. Amy will be visiting the Village to have a walk around, especially to look at the Meadows.
- The Rangers have not been keeping the rights of way clear, the Clerk confirmed that she has reported two areas and others will be reported.
- On the 20th July the White Hart Link are organising a walk from Fontmell Magna to Stourpaine (to meet at Stourpaine Village Hall car park; catch 9.40, a bus to Fontmell Magna; walk back to Stourpaine (6.25 miles).

Bring drink & lunch) and a walk on bank holiday Monday the 26th August a walk from Fontmell Magna to Shaftesbury

- The proposed cycle route from Motcombe to Gillingham is still on hold due to issues with landowners.
- Cllr Worlock, on behalf of the members of the Neighbourhood Plan working party read the following:  
*During the consultation process, it came to light that the Bittles Green Group had made an unsubstantiated and potentially libellous allegation that “the Parish Council had allowed itself to succumb to lobbying from Wyatt Homes” to the extent that “we believe Wyatt Homes have had undue influence on MPC to promote their interest in Shires Meadows”*

*At no point has evidence been produced to substantiate this allegation as there is not a grain of truth in this statement. We note that **after** this allegation was made, an FOI application was made to produce emails between the Council and Wyatt Homes, they did not, and could not, produce the evidence being sought after the allegation as there was no collusion to find. The Parish Clerk went back to 2012 at the Group’s request to search the records, what have they done with this information?*

*We call on the Bittles Green Group to either produce the evidence they have or withdraw the allegation. The integrity of the Councillor’s on the Neighbourhood Plan working party is paramount, and this matter will not be allowed to rest. We await a response from the Bittles Green Group. Further, if the Bittles Green Group do their research correctly, they will find that both Shire Meadows and Shorts Green Farm were identified in the early stages of the MNP prior to interest from Wyatt Homes. Their sloppy research does not fill me with confidence.*

*We await the Examiner’s view on the objections raised by the Bittles Green Group.*

**Motcombe Meadows – Cllr Rogers reported the following:**

- A request for a bird survey to be done at the Meadows has been received, the Parish Council agree for this to take place.
- The hedge has now been cut around the front field.
- The main field grass is ready to be cut, a farmer has offered to come and cut and collect the grass. This does need to be done sooner rather than later and as the Parish Council have not received any requests for butterfly survey, the farmer will be instructed to come and cut it at his convenience.

**38/19. Clerk Report – Correspondence – Matters of interest**

The Clerk had circulated three quotes for hiring a heavy-duty strimmer. After debate it was agreed for the Clerk open an account with Hire Standards in Semley.

**39/19. Items for next agenda and date of next meeting**

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

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7.30pm**, at Motcombe Memorial Hall – Pavilion. There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.05

Signed by the Chairman.....

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