

Motcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Pavilion, Motcombe Memorial Hall, Motcombe On Tuesday the 14th January 2020

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

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips (Parish Clerk)
There were 25 members of the public present.

At this point, the Chairman asked if anyone present was going to record the meeting. Nobody present came forward.

Public Consultation period:

The Chairman reported that she had circulated the main points from the Road Safety Meeting that was held on Friday the 10th January 2020, to the members of the Council for their attention.

Mr Barge, Head Master at Motcombe School and Sarah Clune, Governor for Motcombe School expressed concerns that the meeting held on Friday the 10th January, did not seem to acknowledge that the staff and governors of the School are in full support of working with the Village to try and resolve the issues that have been raised regarding the parking at school drop off and collection times. The Chairman allowed time for the residents to have a small debate regarding the Parking issues, where the following conclusion was agreed:

A Working Party will be adopted, which could include: The Academy Trust, Motcombe School and the Governors, the Parents and Carers who use the school, Dorset Council Highways dep, Dorset Police, Motcombe Parish Council, Emergency Services, Motcombe residents and Motcombe Church.

The Chairman stated that the working party should be arranged by the School, with the support of the Parish Council. Mr Barge agreed. It was proposed that short-term solutions need to be agreed, whilst a long-term solution is worked on.

84/19. Apologies for absence and dispensations

The following Councillors sent their apologies for absence: Dorset Council Councillor Cllr D Walsh and Dorset Council Councillor Cllr V Potheary.

85/19. Declaration of interest and dispensations

There were none.

86/19. Co-option for new members

No members of the public came forward.

87/19. Approve minutes from the Parish Council meeting dated the 11th December 2019 and matters arising from that meeting:

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

- **Update on street lighting project:** Cllr J Phillipson circulated details of costs for replacing the street lights that the Parish Council are responsible for and proposed an action plan of which lights to replace in the first phase, as the Parish Council do not have enough allocated funds to replace all of the 30 lights in the Village. The total cost to replace all lights is approximately £30,500 excluding VAT. After debate, it was agreed by all members to obtain a detailed quote to replace 10 units in the Street from the memorial Hall to Shorts Green Lane, which will be phase one of this project.
- **Verge Cutting.** The schedule of works had been circulated for the Councillors to consider. The Councillors agreed the proposed schedule. The Clerk will now invite companies to quote for the contract. **Action – Clerk**
- **Update on Play Area –** Cllr Mauleverer reported that the work to replace the fencing around the Play Area will take place on Tuesday the 21st January. Cllr Mauleverer also confirmed that the new play equipment has been ordered and await a start date for this. The Clerk confirmed that she has secured a further £2500.00 grant towards this project.
- **Revised Planning Procedure –** this will be deferred until the meeting in February.

88/19. Report from Dorset Council Councillors (bullet points).

Dorset Councillor Ridout sent the following report (bullet points from that report):

Climate Change & Ecological Emergency Executive Advisory Panel (EAP) 'Task & Finish' Topic areas identified: Transport, Waste & Energy, Buildings & Assets, Leadership & Influence and Natural Environment.

Single Use Plastic and Call for Ideas progress: Members of the EAP met on Friday 20 December to discuss progress on the Council's 'Task and Finish' groups, as well as hear updates on other climate related work.

There was a brief update on the launch of Dorset Council's 'Call for Ideas', which has attracted over 200 responses from members of the public so far. Some of the more developed ideas will be selected for presentation at the panel's forthcoming Inquiry Day. This will take place on Friday 21 February and will see people present their ideas directly to the EAP. The session will be open for the general public to view and details will be publicised nearer the time.

Dorset Council planners will be invited to attend a future panel meeting and discuss how climate change is being dealt with as part of the emerging Local Plan, as well as clarifying national planning policy.

Panel members agreed that the continuing ambition is for Dorset to become “green” – reach a net-zero carbon emission state – as quickly as possible. If you have strong views and ideas on what we should be doing to mitigate climate change, please complete the ‘Call for Ideas’ online form.

Local Plan Executive Advisory Panel. The panel are tasked with keeping the preparation of the Local Plan for the whole of the Unitary authority area on track for the next 4 years. Cllr David Walsh has update on this and a forthcoming Local Plan Engagement Event for parishes.

Village Safety meeting at the Coppleridge, Motcombe, Friday, 10th January. I attended this very well supported village meeting to discuss pedestrian safety and speeding. Also present, Simon Hoare, MP, along with representatives from Highways, Parish Council, local schools, etc. Good suggestions put forward along with an action plan.

Dorset Councillor V Pothecary sent the following report (bullet points)

The council is now very busy preparing the Budget for 2020/21. The cost of delivering Adult and Children’s Social Care accounts for 70% of the council’s overall budget and being mandatory, demand led services, mean that it’s very hard to calculate how much to budget for.

Attended an Adults and Housing Roadshow and also an update on the Council Plan – which has been out for consultation. Feedback on the Council Plan from the public and Town and Parish Council’s has been very encouraging. There is widespread support of the proposed priorities.

All council meeting details and decisions can be found at <https://moderngov.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/uuCoverPage.aspx?bcr=1>

Surgeries held every Thursday evening at the Town Hall, Gillingham, between 5-7pm to discuss any issues you may have. It would be advisable to make an appointment by phoning 07496413114 or email the town council: cllrbelinda.ridout@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Dorset Councillor D Walsh sent the following report (bullet points)

Gillingham Southern Extension – the access road to the Southern Extension, (off the Shaftesbury Road) will be delivered before any development takes place and it is planned that work will commence in June 2020.

Statement of Community involvement has been consulted upon. A large number of individuals and organisations, including Town and Parish Councils, Statutory consultees, developers and agents, were notified about the consultation and gave input which was taken into account when preparing the revised document, which will be presented at cabinet on the 28th January.

89/19. Finance

The Clerk tabled December’s payment schedule for the sum of £16,672.32, it was proposed by Cllr Stacey to agree and pay the invoices listed on the payment schedule, this was seconded by Cllr Phillipson, all member in favour.

Ministry of Play Ltd - dec	Play Area	£ 14,400.00
Dorset Planning Consultant	Neighbourhood Plan	£ 253.56
T Signs	Village Maintenance	£ 270.00
DAPTC	Training & Seminars	£ 40.00
N Phillips wages so	Clerk's Wages	£ 793.65
Nest	Pension	£ 55.55
SSE maintenance	Street Lights Maint	£ 305.02
SSE supply	Street Lights Supply	£ 470.05
N Phillips expenses	Clerk's Expenses	£ 62.00
Motcombe Memorial Hall	Hall Hire	£ 22.50

RESOLVED to pay the invoices listed on the payment schedule for the sum of £16672.32 (89/19 – finance)

90/19. Planning – the Planning group gave the following suggestions.

2/2019/1664/FUL and 1665LBC, Port Regis School - Modifications to listed building to provide a Dance Studio. No objections.

2/2010/1666/House, Sage Cottage – No objections.

2/2019/1772/FUL and 1764/ADV New Elms Garage – no objection.

1513 Thanet Lane Change of use from light industrial to dwelling. The Parish Council were not informed of this application, as it is considered as a permitted development. The Parish Council will still send the following comments to Dorset Council planning department for their attention: Object as it is outside the development boundary and not in Motcombe Neighbourhood Plan.

2/2019/1603/OUT- Land South of Motcombe Road Bittles Green. Subject to satisfactory conclusion of proposed surface water arrangements and other issues raised by Dorset Council we approve of the access details. We do not want any of the existing hedges removed other than those necessary to provide access. The Parish Council is not prepared to comment on the precise number of dwellings until detailed plans of the building types and design and off-road parking are available. The matter of the amount of proposed housing was raised and as it states in Motcombe Neighbourhood Plan, this land should be for about 10 houses.

91/19. Chairman’s report

The Chairman reported that Knapp Hill will be closed in the evening of the 1st February until the morning of 2nd February.

The Chairman had circulated a list of Parish Council priorities for the coming year, which are as follows:

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: implement elements of the MNP as they arise. Aim to control future planning in line with the Neighbourhood Plan and meet housing targets.

CLIMATE CHANGE: implement measures that contribute to carbon reduction while improving the quality of life for residents where possible.

THE MEADOWS: maximise the wildlife opportunities of The Meadows while maintaining access for residents. Continue the drive to encourage responsible dog ownership. Implement tree planting and drainage works.

PLAY AREA: support the updating and refitting of the Play Area by Easter 2020 by providing practical help where possible. Support fund raising to complete the scheme as quickly as possible.

LIGHTING: continue the work to complete a refit of as many lights as possible with LED within budgetary constraints.

SCHOOL PARKING: continue to support efforts to maintain a safe drop off and pick up environment against a background of challenging historical conditions.

TRAINING: seek appropriate training opportunities for Councillors and the Clerk to widen knowledge and enable best practices for the benefit of the community.

COMMUNICATION: use currently available opportunities to communicate Parish Council information and consider new opportunities as they become available.

COUNCILLOR NUMBERS: encourage new volunteers to come forward to join the existing team and build for the future as work is devolved from Dorset Council.

92/19. Officer Reports.

Cllr J Hood reported the following:

- The Village Hall committee are focusing on works for the drains and lighting. They are also looking at the Car Park area, but the drains and lighting are their main priority.
- Proposing a date of the 28th and 29th of March 2020, for the planting of the trees at the Village Hall and Motcombe Meadows. Further details will be supplied nearer the time.
- It was reported that the stream running along the Meadows, is in needs of clearing out. This will be looked into and the appropriate authorities will be contacted before any work commences.
- Had attended a flood awareness course, which was very interesting. Cllr Hood will circulate details of the course to the other Councillors.

Cllr Phillipson reported the following:

- Expressed concerns over the felling and maintenance on the Oak Trees along Frog Lane. It was also noted that there is a lot of timber to be removed from the area. The Chairman confirmed that she will speak to the relevant persons regarding this matter.
- Working with Fran and others regarding the issues that have been raised regarding the parking at school run times.
- Meeting with Dorset Highways team to report ongoing and new matters arising in the village.

Cllr S Rogers reported the following:

- Will be meeting with Dorset Tree Officer at the Meadows, to discuss the proposal of some of the trees having TPO's placed on them and general tree management.
- The Dog Poo Bags are being used and is helping keep the Meadows clean.
- The Clerk is asking for a volunteer with a cherry picker, to help put up the new owl boxes.

Cllr P Mouncey reported the following:

- **Rights of Way** – a report had come in that an electric fence has been put up in the field directly behind the Meadows. There were no signs stating that it is an electric fence and it is too close to the footpath, bridle way. Cllr Mouncey has obtained warning signs to put up and has arranged a site visit with Graham Stanley from Dorset Council. Graham Stanley will also be asked to look at the very poor state of the bridle way. He will also be looking at the diversion, which is happening at Keeper Cottage, which has started without approval from Dorset Council.
- **Gillingham Royal Forest:** will be meeting with the team to discuss finances for improving access to rights of ways, by removing styles and erecting gates.

Cllr Taylor reported the following: Nothing to report

Cllr Mauleverer reported that following:

- The Donkey procession was a great success, even in the pouring rain, there were about 200 people attended. The Christmas lights looked great on the trees outside the village hall.

93/19. Clerk Report – Correspondence – Matters of interest

All Correspondence has been circulated, actioned or noted.

94/19. Items for next agenda and date of next meeting

Verge Cutting (village maintenance), Street Lights, Play Area, Grants

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **TUESDAY 12th February 2020 at 7.30pm**, at Motcombe Memorial Hall – Pavilion. There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.11

Signed by the Chairman.....

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