

Motcombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Pavilion, Motcombe Memorial Hall, Motcombe On Tuesday the 11th February 2020

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

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips (Parish Clerk), Dorset Council Cllr V Potheary and Dorset Council Cllr B Ridout
There were 14 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:

Fran Bridgewater reported that the working party for the School Road Safety scheme has been set up. It was also reported that the Speed watch Team are happy to announce new members have joined and if anyone else is interested in joining, please contact Fran Bridgewater fran@drinksnetwork.com, for further information. The Police have been in the village with a speed camera and have caught four speeders, who have been served with penalties.

Janet Odell asked for the Parish Council to consider placing a sign at the top of Bittles Green, with the School's name on, which will inform motorists that there is a School in the Village and to take care driving through. Janet Odell asked again for Children at Play Signs near the Village Hall. Cllr J Phillipson reported that he has met with Dorset Council Highways and has suggested additional Children/School warning signs for around the Village Hall and the three-way junction. Dorset Council Highways department are looking into this. Janet Odell asked for the Council to consider keeping some verges not cut back, and to seed areas with wildflowers. The Council agreed that some of the verges will not be cut back and will look into purchasing wildflower seeds. Mr Alistair Leask reported that he still has the Oak Tree which was donated to the Parish Council by the late Mrs Eleanor Baxter for planting at the Meadows. Cllr J Hood will liaise with Mr Leask to arrange collection of the Tree.

95/19. Apologies for absence and dispensations

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

96/19. Declaration of interest and dispensations

There were none.

97/19. Co-option for new members

No members of the public came forward.

98/19. Approve minutes from the Parish Council meeting dated the 4th January 2020 and matters arising from that meeting:

The minutes were proposed by Cllr P Mouncey and seconded by Cllr B Mauleverer.

- **Agree to order street lights:** Cllr J Phillipson proposed that the Council agree to start the project and order 10 No replacement streetlights, which will start from the bottom of the Street (outside the Village Hall) heading up toward Elm Hill, this was seconded by Cllr J Hood, all Councillors in favour. The Parish Council have funds for replacing only 10 lights at the present time. The Clerk will contact Southern Electric to get the project underway.
 - **Resolved:** to supply 10 No replacement lights in the village. (98/19 – streetlight project)
- **Verge Cutting.** The clerk is still waiting for quotes to come in. The quotes will be circulated to the Councillors for their consideration once received.
- **Update on Play Area –** Cllr B Mauleverer reported that the works to replace the fencing has been completed. The work to replace the majority of the old play equipment will start after half term. Ministry of Play have quoted for the large multi play unit to be renovated, which will give life back to the unit and ensure that it passes the safety inspections. The cost for the work including supply and installing new HDPE rubber backed steps and decks come to the sum of £2989.45 plus vat. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council have funds to cover this amount. Cllr B Mauleverer proposed that the work to the multi play is done to the sum of £2989.45, this was seconded by Cllr J Taylor and all Councillors agreed.
 - **RESOLVED:** to accept the quote from Ministry of Play to renovate the Multi Play Unit for the sum of £2989.45 plus Vat. (98/19b – play area new project)
- **Revised Planning Procedure Policy –** Cllr J Phillipson had amended some items on the Planning Policy and proposed that it is adopted by the Parish Council, this was seconded by Cllr P Mouncey and agreed by all Councillors.
 - **RESOLVED:** to adopt the revised planning procedure policy (98/19c – no budgetary requirements).
- **Grant Applications –** The Clerk would like to remind everyone that grant applications need to be back to the Clerk by the end of February 2020.

99/19. 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) Topic areas: Transport, Waste & Energy, Buildings & Assets, Leadership & Influence and Natural Environment. Members of the EAP met on Thursday, 23rd January. Action from the 'Task & Finish' groups and drawing up the Zero Carbon plan for submission to Cabinet in April. It is clear that a tremendous amount of work and resources are needed to meet the Government absolute carbon neutral deadline of 2050 and that to set stages of carbon neutral is more achievable for local authorities. There is a £20m budget to help councils with public transport schemes. The bottom line is that the costs will run into £billions and for local authorities to achieve carbon neutral, this needs central Government funding.

Dorset Council 'Call for Ideas' update: 542 responses received as of 16.1.20 with 282 people prepared to speak at the forthcoming Inquiry Day. There is more information on the Dorset Community Energy website:

<https://www.dorsetcommunityenergy.org.uk/energy-local-bridport>.

Climate Change Inquiry – this will take the form of two sessions, one on Friday, 21st February from 10am to 3.30pm at South Walks House, Dorchester and an evening session on Tuesday, 3rd March, 4-9pm. A short list of speakers is to be approved by EAP Panel members.

Northern Planning Committee met at Sturminster Newton on 21st January. There were no applications of relevance to the Gillingham ward. However, we were notified of an Appeal decision for a development on the slopes of Shaftesbury, facing Gillingham. The Inspector upheld the Council's view that development on the slopes would be significantly detrimental to the character of the area and contrary to Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan policy.

Treasury Management Briefing, Thursday, 23rd January an informative briefing by Mark Swallow, Arlingclose, Independent Treasury Management Services, advising on the management of councils' investments and cash flow, banking, etc.

Governance Review Findings (Peer Challenge), Thursday, 30th January (organised by the Local Government Association). To hear the results of the Governance Review undertaken by a team of sector experts from 1st to 4th October 2019, looking at: setting priorities; leadership of Place; organisational leadership and governance; financial planning and capacity to deliver. The timing of the review early in the formation of the Unitary was thought to be beneficial.

All agenda and minutes can be found on the Dorset Council website: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk>

Dorset Councillor Val Pothecaray reported the following:

Overview - As advised in my last report; the council has been very busy preparing the Budget for 2020/21, which has now gone through Cabinet and will be put before full Council on the 18th February. Following the consultation, the Dorset Council Plan has been fully updated and is also on the agenda for adoption at our meeting on the 18th. The Council has been undergoing a Peer Review, with input from members of other councils around the country, to see if we are going in the right direction with our policies and services.

Meetings - Last month meeting attended: Adults and Housing Roadshow, Northern Area Planning Committee. The Committee decided upon three applications – none of which appertained to Motcombe. A Treasury briefing from Arlingclose regarding the councils' investments, borrowings, and risk management. Place Scrutiny meeting - we discussed, among other issues, a dog control enforcement activity report and a single use plastic policy. Peer Review feedback report. The Launch of a new STARS (Sexual Trauma and Recovery Service) office in Dorchester - supporting victims of domestic abuse in rural Dorset.

A number of Councillor Champions have been introduced and I have been designated as a councillor champion for Domestic Violence - to liaise with and respond to important work across directorates and other organisations in Dorset to help raise the profile of support services dealing with domestic violence. I have also been designated a councillor champion for Economic Growth and Development – to raise awareness of Dorset as a business location locally and nationally and oversee the impact of the council's activities on the local economy. In my Vice Chairman role, I attended a Holocaust Memorial Service in Wimborne Minster and had a meeting with the Governor at HMP Guys Marsh to discuss possible ways of inmates working on local community projects.

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

100/19. Finance

The Clerk tabled January's payment schedule for the sum of £6483.39, it was proposed by Cllr L Stacey to agree and pay the invoices listed on the payment schedule, this was seconded by Cllr D Worlock, all member in favour.

RESOLVED to pay the invoices listed on the payment schedule for the sum of £6483.39 (100/19 – finance)

N Phillips	Wages	£	793.65
Nest	Clerks pension	£	55.55
N Phillips	Clerk exp	£	64.00
N Phillips	Council Expenses	£	47.50
Cllr J Phillipson	Filling cabinet for Clerk	£	20.00
Motcombe Memorial Hall	Hall Hire	£	22.50
Bourton Fencing LTD	Fencing for Play Area	£	5,136.00
Cllr J Phillipson	safety cones	£	39.99
Pro-print	a4 copies NDP	£	124.20
A F Rymell	Owl Boxes	£	180.00

The Clerk gave details for online banking for the Parish Council and also the security measures that can be put in place. After debate Cllr B Mauleverer proposed that the Parish Council agree with the Lloyds online banking facility for the Parish Council's account, this was seconded by Cllr J Taylor, all Councillors in favour.

RESOLVED: to instruct Lloyds Bank that the Parish Clerk can manage the bank account online. (100/19 – not budgetary requirements)

101/19. Planning – the Planning group gave the following suggestions.

2/2019/1830/FUL – Land at E384280 N 124795, Turnpike Road – change of use of agricultural land to form dog exercise facility, create 3 No parking spaces. The Parish Council object to this application on the grounds of access on to a busy main 60MPH zone road and concerns over dog fouling, there are not provisions in place for disposing of the dog mess.

It has been brought to the attention of the Council of a very large outbuilding that has been erected at the rear of no 5 Elm Close. The Clerk will contact the enforcement officer at Dorset Council for him to investigate. **Action - Clerk**

102/19. Chairman's report

The Chairman reported the following:

- Received correspondence from Mr Peter Cooper, regarding Butterfly Conservation Field Visit on July 11th, 2020. Details were tabled and the following was stated: Any persons wishing to visit the Meadows are able to do so without permission from the Parish Council, it is an open space for all to enjoy. The Parish Council will ask the farmer who is very kindly going to cut the Meadows for hay, free of charge, not to cut it until after the 11th July so that it does not interfere with the Butterfly Conservation Field visit.
- Shaftesbury Town Council have asked for the Parish Council to look over their proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan. The Chairman and Cllr Mouncey will respond to Shaftesbury Town Council.
- The Chairman had circulated a questionnaire from Dorset Police regarding powers for moving on travellers off land. This was completed and returned.
- Has spoken to Mrs C Martin regarding issues raised over the maintenance of the Oak trees. The works are being overseen by the Dorset Tree Officer and will benefit the remaining trees in the long run. Concerns were raised that the severed branches are covering the area where the daffodils grow. The Chairman will forward this concern on to Mrs C Martin who has been making the arrangements for the work on her land.
- Ideas for celebrating VE day had been circulated, there has not been a great response to organising a village event, but the Parish Council will support any event that the British Legion and Church wish to hold. Cllr B Mauleverer may have some ideas which he will report to the Parish Council once confirmed with other residents of the village.

103/19. Officer Reports.

Cllr J Hood reported the following:

- The Village Hall committee are focusing on works for the lighting in the car park and are also looking into ideas of how to extend the car park.
- The date for the Tree planting project has been agreed for Saturday the 28th and Sunday the 29th of March 2020. The trees at the Village Hall will be planted on the 28th and planting at the Meadows on the 29th. Everyone is welcome and poster/flyers giving more details will be put around the village.

Cllr B Mauleverer reported the following:

- The date for Motcombe Fete 2020 is the 13th June, put it in your diary.
- Requested that the Village Hall Committee investigate making WI fi available in the Village Hall. This will be taken to the next Village Hall Committee.

Cllr J Taylor reported the following:

- Some of the X2 bus services through the village will be removed, this may take place as soon as April 2020, they state that it is due to lack of use.
- Vision ICT – the Parish Council's website provider, has offered to write an Accessibility Statement for the Parish Council's website, so that we can ensure that we are correct in providing the necessary tools. Cllr Taylor has also added the link for the butterfly information.
- Had attended a Parish Council engagement event, regarding the Dorset Local Plan on the 3rd February 2020. Details will be circulated to the Councillors for them to have their say.

Cllr P Mouncey reported the following:

- Confirmed that himself and Cllr Phillipson have volunteered to join the School Road Safety group and have already held a meeting on the 3rd of February with other volunteers. The focus is looking at short term, medium term and long-term solutions. The group have contacted the local authorities, including the police and fire brigade for their comments and suggestions. They are also looking into cost for transport, which Cllr L Stacey is helping with. A second meeting has been scheduled for March 2020.
- Funding has been agreed for changing the stiles around the village to gates.
- The footpath diversion at Keepers Cottage is now complete.

Cllr J Phillipson reported the following:

- Confirmed that Dorset Council Highways team have stated there cannot be a path from the School to the entrance gate in the Village. The cones have been given to the school, which should only be put out at school run times. The cones are being left out all day and there is a concern they will be damaged or stolen.
- PC Mullins has agreed to arrange a visit to the School, promoting road safety for the Children.

Cllr L Stacey reported the following:

- I attended the climate crisis meeting held at The Crown Hotel Blandford on Saturday 8th February 2020, chaired by Simon Hoare MP, the meeting had a very good turnout and has total cross-party support. A full report can be obtained from the Clerk.
- Have been looking at cost for running a 16-seat bus for school runs from local Towns to the Village School. The costs work out to be around £5.00 per child, return trip. This is information for the School Road Safety group.
- I have done a litter pick over a short area near the Coppleridge and four black bags were filled, suggest planning a village litter pick before the grass grows too long.

104/19. Clerk Report – Correspondence – Matters of interest

All Correspondence has been circulated, actioned or noted.

At this point the Chairman reported that Cllr J Phillipson has sent his letter of resignation from the Parish Council. Mr A Leask stated that he worked alongside Cllr J Phillipson for 13 years as a fellow Councillor and Chairman. Mr A Leask stated that Cllr Phillipson was great in leading the way on projects and ensuring they were seen through to the end, including re-surfacing the road through the Village.

The Chairman stated that Cllr J Phillipson has been a valued member of the Parish Council and will be sorely missed. Members of the public also took the opportunity to applaud Cllr J Phillipson for all his hard work in the years serving the Parish Council and the residents of the Village.

The Clerk presented Cllr J Phillipson with a leaving gift on behalf of the Parish Council.

105/19. 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 10th March 2020 at 7.30pm**, at Motcombe Memorial Hall – Pavilion.
There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.20

Signed by the Chairman.....

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