

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021 7pm at the Church**

**Councillors Present:**A Daw (AD) (*Chairman*)

D Follett (DF)

P Jeffery (PJ)

K Delafield (KD)

M Usherwood (MU)

D Read (DR)

Cllr R Tarr (Dorset Council)

M Harding (Clerk)

4 members of the public

**21/06-1 To receive any apologies for absence-**Cllr Daw welcomed all the first face to face meeting since March 2020. Apologies received from D Wiltshire and A Bennett.

**21/06-2 To receive declarations of interest and grants of dispensation-** none.

**21/06-3 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

Proposed DF

Seconded DR

**21/06-4 Matters arising from the minutes for info only**

KD commented that there had been a distinct improvement in the content of the minutes

**21/06-5 Democratic forum 15 minutes**

A resident raised their concerns on the state of the bridleway from the pub towards the A35, it was noted that this has been reported several times and the ranger has been contacted. Concerns were raised on the potential number of nesting birds that may be in the vegetation. AD had spoken to David Ackerley, the ranger, it was explained that there are 4 machines in the area trying to get on top of the rapid growth following the rain in May. This complaint has also been on the village Facebook page. KD asked RT why DC are not cutting as they had been historically. RT commented that there are just not the funds to do very much at Dorset Council as most of the budget is spent on adult and social care and they are only doing the legal minimum. The Covid epidemic has also had an impact on finances. RT noted that Dorset has been left out of the National Park at this time.

A resident asked about correspondence regarding the land at Dukes Close proposals, it was reported that Morrish Homes have submitted their pre-application and will be consulting with the village in September in the VH. The PC will ask Morrish Homes how much detail it can give out the village at this time.

**Action Clerk**

DF asked the PC if it would make a request to the National Grid project team for the glass insulators from the pylons have been removed to sell and raise funds for village groups. PC to write to the National Grid team.

**Action Clerk**

**21/06-6 To consider the new model Code of Conduct and DAPTC training for all Councillors-**

Cllrs had not attended any training to date. It was agreed that this be put off the next meeting when Cllrs had a chance to attend. Cllrs to confirm with the Clerk when the training is complete. **Action Cllrs**

**21/06-7 To consider a response to Dorset Council regarding the Community Governance review and possible changes to the Parish of Winterborne St Martin.**

The Clerk had provided Councillors with a map of the parish showing the current boundaries. Possible options were discussed. It was suggested that Winterborne Monkton who are part of Winterborne Farringdon Group parish council may wish to either join with Winterborne St Martin or amend the boundary so the road to Monkeys Jump roundabout was moved into WSM parish. Other suggestions were to move the boundary in line with the roads to tidy the boundary up, this would include the car park area by Hardyes Monument, this is in Winterbourne Steepleton Parish. The consultation will

commence in August until October 21. DC hope to provide virtual maps to assist with boundary reviews. Any changes will come into place in 2024 after the next Parish elections and referendums.

Letters will be sent to the neighbouring parishes to get their thoughts on the review and if we can work together in the future.

**Action Clerk**

**21/06-8 Finance**

**i. To consider the finance report of payments and receipts for May and June**

Payee	Detail	Amount
<b>Payments</b>		
ICO	ICO registration fee	35.00
M Harding	Salary/Exp (May)	248.80
HMRC	PAYE (May)	56.20
Dorset Council	Dog poo signs (May)	21.00
DAPTC	Annual subs (May)	259.14
M Harding	Salary/Exp (June)	239.80
HMRC	PAYE (June)	56.20
Jon Buddle	Grass contract -3 months (Mar/April/May)	240.00
<b>Receipts</b>		
HMRC	Vat refund (May)	320.78

All payments were made in line with internal controls. Bank balances as at 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021 £28,062.39

Proposed PJ

Seconded MU

**21/06-9 Planning Consultations-**

**i. To consider any planning applications –**

P/PABA2/2021/02062- Erection of replacement agricultural machinery and equipment store- Church Farm buildings. – No objections raised.

**ii. To consider any other planning/enforcement or ongoing issues-**

MU commented on the planning application at Old Brewery Cottage which had been refused to install secondary glazing has now been rescinded.

Morrish homes had been informed of the Council’s decision at the April meeting not to approve any new development whilst the sewerage issues are ongoing, no response had been received to date. The Clerk will confirm with Morrish Homes on how much detail can be shared with residents at this time.

**21/06-10 Highways:**

**i. To receive the May/June SID results-**

**Total number of speed readings taken =**

**220,670**

>30mph = 69,085

>40mph = 4,285

>50mph = 204

**Average Recorded Speed = 34mph**

**Top recorded speeds:**

**89 mph (06/06/2021 20:56)**

73 mph (18/05/2021 23:09)

68 mph (31/05/2021 20:20)

67 mph (01/05/2021 20:20)

62 mph (29/04/2021 22:19)

62 mph (25/05/2021 11:54)

*n.b.*

*Number of speed readings does not equal number of vehicles. Slower moving vehicles record more speed measurements than faster moving vehicles. A vehicle travelling at 30mph will record 3 or 4 measurements, vs a vehicle moving at 50mph would only record a single measurement.*

Following these results, and the concerns for safety in the village it was agreed to send this data to the Dorset Road safe team for action and to ask for the latest set of results collated by them since our last request in May 2020.

RT commented that Dorset Council are updating their future policies and a request was submitted to consider 20mph speed limits in villages as government policy does not state speed limits at 30mph and it is up to local opinion, this is yet to be passed and RT will keep the PC informed of any progress.

Cllrs discussed what had happened in the past to look at traffic calming, it was noted there had been a walk through the village 4 years ago, items looked at were dragons' teeth, gates, but road edges were not wide enough, verges, pinch points, speed humps but these would require streetlights and more 30mph signs were but after all of these suggestions only roundels were painted on the road. Cllrs asked if the CSW team could be set up again, it was noted that this would come at a cost of approx. £350 and volunteers would be needed in groups of 3 to take the recordings.

A walk through the village with highways was suggested and would be requested when this DC policy is updated. Cllrs were concerned that DC would not have the money to fund these traffic calming measures even if they were agreed. Clerk to contact the CSW team to make enquiries. NH was happy to assist with this project.

**Action Clerk**

## ii. Highways issues-

MU reported a drain cover that was loose on the road through Martinstown near Manor Farm Court, the sound of cars driving over it can be heard in the houses and this is disturbing the residents, this was reported online to DC, this is a public sewer manhole cover and has been reported to Wessex Water as a section 81 request for them to fix the problem. The PC were advised to contact the utility direct for any updates.

RT spoke on the progress so far with the roundabout at Monkeys Jump and bypass, the costs have been put in for this financial year. The Highways England boundary is up the entrance of McDonalds then it is Dorset Council responsibility, but they have been working on a joint plan, a pipe will be run under the roads to deal with the drainage and flooding issues. The works are due to commence early this Autumn for drainage, then there will be ponds created in the fields to take the flood water. There will hope to be toucan crossings at the football stadium roundabout as a bridge was not cost effective at this location.

The next steps will be to look at the bunds with the subgroup (MU, KD, Clerk) and continue to follow up with this project.

RT noted that the changes to the Monkeys Jump roundabout still needs to be designed and agreed with a crossing point for walkers and cyclists as part of the planning permissions by the Duchy. There will also be resurfacing as part of this project. It is hoped that this will include the DC scheme that the PC have been promoting, if not there is a possibly that there will be a plan to put in wildflower bunds using the countryside team's plan. Cllrs supported the wildflower bunds as this has been going on for 3 years now and it is hoped that this will get moving again following the delays.

**Action RT/MU/KD & Clerk**

## iii. RoW and Footpaths: to receive a report

The Bridleway up from the pub had already been reported by several people in the village and Cllrs. It was suggested at looking at the lengths man scheme as has been done in other parishes to assist with this kind of work. The PC contractor would be asked to quote for the cutting back of the

bridleway in the meantime to see if this is cost effective. RT noted that all issues should be reported online. **Action Clerk**

**21/06-11 Parish Council Property/responsibility reports:****i. Request to plant a tree for "The Queen's Canopy"**

DF had received a request for a tree to be planted in celebration of the Queens platinum jubilee in 2022- The location would need to be confirmed, costs would depend on the size of the tree plus stake and a plaque. This could be confirmed in the village survey. The whereabouts of the millennium tree is to be confirmed. Cllrs agreed to plant a tree for this celebration, 4 For and 3 against, item agreed. Costs of trees and location to be sought. **Action DF**

**ii. Request for a new litter bin in the village by the finger post at the Sheep dip-**

It was explained there are no bins west of the Bus stop and it was suggested that with lots of walkers using this path and those using the pub to drink outside the bin would be more useful in this location. MU commented that location of the bins, 1 x bus stop/Martinsfield turning, 1 x village green, 1 x Fisher's barn and 1 x at the junction to Dorchester.

Following a request to DWP the cost of a new bin would be £250 to purchase and install then £5.25 for weekly collection. It was suggested that the bin by the turning to Martinsfield turning is moved to the sheep dip by the footpath sign and a request will be made with DWP to move the bin instead of purchasing a new one. The Pub would be contacted as well. **Action Clerk**

**iii. Request for a water refill point in the village from Wessex Water-**

DF had received a request for a water refill point in the village like the one in Dorchester. RT commented that there is a drive to stop people from using plastic bottles and have more refill points for walkers and cyclists to use. It was suggested that there could be a point on the village green, the landlord would need to give his permission. The Clerk will make enquiries into this. **Action Clerk**

**iv. To confirm the wording on the allocated parking place by the green**

The PC agreed to install a sign for the parking place allocated as part of the rental increase so the wording on this sign is to be agreed- "Parking for Church Cottage only" Clerk to gather quotes. **Action Clerk**

**21/06-12 To consider all correspondence received for decision, consultation, and information -Items for noting:** The Clerk had previously circulated the list of correspondence items.

The PC had a response from WW on 6<sup>th</sup> May following the letter sent on 23<sup>rd</sup> April but nothing further, MU commented that letters need to be sent to the EA and EH given the issues of contaminated water.

RT suggested speaking to the new director for environment at Dorset Council and ask him to speak to the villages on this subject as he is currently dealing with issues in North Dorset with The Stour.

RT also noted that these issues effect the water that flows to Poole harbour and more needs to be done. This situation is not fair to the residents to have tankers pumping in the village. RT to provide the contact details of the new director. It was suggested that this director or a representative could attend the Parish meeting in September and address the whole village on this topic.

The Clerk had circulated the cutting regime of the C & D roads, but Martinstown have not yet been cut. **Action AD/Clerk**

**21/06-13 To consider a village survey-** AD noted that the Annual Parish meeting would be moved to September instead of July with a view to having the survey results prepared for the meeting. KD and DF had prepared a draft survey. The survey would be mostly online and have copies in the shop and in the V & V. This would be promoted on the website and Facebook. Cllrs will send their comments to all over the next 10 days so KD and DF can prepare the final survey to be circulated prior to publication.

## Action KD/DF

**21/06-14 To receive reports from:**

- i. **Village Hall** – is opening and following government guidelines.
- ii. **Winterbourne Community Fund (was the Blanchard Trust)**- none
- iii. **Waste watch representatives**- continuing
- iv. **Flood Rep report**- Some comments have been made on Facebook about the weed in the stream, the flood volunteers were to be asked to assist with removal of the weed. It was noted there had been more growth in the stream this year than any other year. Cllrs commented on the nitrates in the stream that may affect the weed growth. The Council need to look at how we get rid of the weed once it is removed. There had been a question from another resident about this who could not attend the meeting. It was suggested that this was added to the contractor's contract in the future. It was noted that doing some of this weed clearance did not help the annual stream clear as the weed roots are needed to remove the silt also that the contractor has to adhere to all the EA regulations on clearing the stream.  
The contractor would be contacted to see when they could clear the weed from the banks if the flood group were to carry out the clearance. DR asked when the wildflower seeding would take place, AD to ask the ranger and the Clerk will contact M J Fry. **Action AD/Clerk**
- v. **PCSO**-none.
- vi. **Green Group**- not met again due to Covid. RT has been sending information to the Green group.

**21/06-15 To decide the Annual Parish meeting and the next PC meeting**

The Council considered a meeting after the Morrish consultation with the village hall but many of the Councillors are away so the APA will be Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm but the Clerk would not be able to attend due to other commitments. The next PC meeting will be on the 29<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm at the Church as the Cllrs and the residents in attendance felt that meetings in Ashton Barn would put people off as they would have to drive so meetings will continue in the Church, the only issue is there is no toilet facility.

The survey results will be presented at the September Parish meeting. AD will speak to the VH to look at future meetings in the Hall at 7pm going forward as 8pm is too late to commence meetings.

**21/06-16 Democratic forum 15 minutes –**

A resident commented on the issues of the stream clearance, most riparian owners cleared their sections and the contractor cleared this away but in the last 2 years this has not happened.

A resident had also sent in a query about the stream and can we do more to promote the clearing and responsibility for it.

KD commented that the works were only half-done last year so what do the PC want to do in the future. The agreement was historical given the EA agreement with the original Flood group which was managed by the previous Clerk.

It was suggested that a letter should be sent to all riparian owners using the DC template letter with the official advice, Andrew Probets (DC Flood officer) will be contacted to assist with the letter. Some people deny being riparian owners because their deeds say they may only own to the edge of the road or middle of the stream, but the riparian rules overrule this as per the EA advice. It was noted that DC do not own the road but have a duty to maintain it and therefore are not riparian owners unless they discharge surface water into the water course.

Meeting closed 8.51pm