

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
Thursday 28th October 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)

D Wiltshire (DW) (*Vice Chair*)

T Bareham (TB)

M Harding (Clerk)

7 members of the public

21/10-1. Welcome and to receive any apologies for absence- apologies received from N Hallett and Cllr R Tarr (Dorset Council) who is still recovering from an operation

21/10-2. To receive declarations of interest and grants of dispensation- none.

21/10-3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 23rd September 2021

Proposed DW

Seconded MU

21/10-4. Matters arising from the minutes for info only- none

21/10-5. Democratic forum 15 minutes –

i. AD commented on questions he had received from residents regarding the stream not running freely. The stream bank is broken at the Steepleton end, and the water is now not running through the leet to the wash pool and asked what if anything the PC meeting can do about this. Concrete had been placed to ensure water goes to the washpool, but this has been removed. KD commented that she had spoken to the builders who have explained they have not carried out any work to affect this. The PC agreed to make an approach to the landowners to ask if any works had been carried out and could this be reinstated. **Action-AD/Clerk**

ii. AD commented that he had spoken to RT regarding the speakers for the meeting in November with Wessex water and the Environment agency RT will be sending details of speakers to AD for the PC to organise. The PC then discussed whether it should be a face to face or a zoom meeting. Cllrs discussed the options. The Church doesn't have internet access so any meeting would have to be in the VH if it was a zoom and face to face meeting. It was agreed to hold a meeting in the village hall for an earlier time of the day when the hall was available and gather questions in advance of the meeting, so the speakers are prepared. **Action AD/Clerk**

21/10-6. To ratify the CGR response

Cllr had met via zoom and used the scheme of delegation to make the decision to make a response on the Community Governance Review by Dorset Council. The Council agreed to include the area adjacent to Monkeys Jump given the impact this area has on the village and no change to the number of Councillors. This was submitted by the 28th October to Dorset Council.

21/10-7. To receive and consider the results of the survey and actions for the PC

The results were made available at the Annual Parish meeting, AD thanked KD and DF for carrying out the survey and all those who assisted with delivery. The presentation from the APM will be posted on the website as soon as the wording has been agreed.

AD and the clerk will arrange a meeting to pull together all the comments made with potential actions for the PC to consider in the future to be published as a response to the results. Further discussions at the November meeting. This could then formulate a Parish Plan with objectives for the PC.

The Cllrs responsible for areas in the survey will forward information on topics already covered so far to help with this process. AD suggested a set of objectives taken from the survey results for the coming year and report at the APM in 2022. MU noted that some of the objectives in the survey may need to be covered in the budget so this may need to be considered. Items noted from the survey for action: The Council will aim to place printed agendas and minutes on the notice boards around the village, MU had recently painted the bus shelter, some more work is required. Some notice boards need some repairs which MU will be carrying out. It is hoped to have a copy in a file in the phone box. The Council then discussed North Rew and the potential for additional park homes and ensuring all the outlying areas of the parish are kept informed. It was noted there may be a notice board that could be used as well. Cllrs will take on the responsibility for putting these up in the village. Cllrs were reminded why the documents were no longer in the bus stop due to this being used as a toilet. More information could also be placed in the V&V. At this point it was noted that a letter had been received from the PCC for funds to support the V & V. This will be added to the November agenda, the grant awarding form will be sent for completion, it was suggested that the V & V could apply to the Waste watch fund.

Action AD/Clerk and Cllrs to assist with topics

21/10-8. To consider the vegetation clear from the banks of the stream by the end of October.

The Council agreed to the costs of the removal of the left-over vegetation from the riverbanks at a cost of approx. £350 depending on how much is to be disposed of a notice will be sent to all riparian owners to inform them KD offered to this.

Proposed PJ Seconded MU

DF suggested that Dorset Council could be asked to come back and cut the verges.

21/10-9. Finance

i. To consider the finance report of payments and receipts for October

Payee	Detail	Amount
Payments		
DAPTC	Training (Neighbourhood Planning/ Chair training)	99.00
P Bridle	Bench maintenance	240.00
Clerk	Salary/expenses	314.80
HMRC	PAYE	56.20
M Usherwood	Materials for bus stop	9.50
Receipts		
Dorset Council	Precept	4350

All payments were made in line with internal controls. Bank balances as at 30th September 21 £30,386.99

Proposed DW Seconded DR

ii. To arrange a budget meeting in preparation for the Nov meeting

The members of the staffing committee are MU, DW and AD, MU being the Chair of the committee. The Clerks appraisal will be carried out prior to the budget meeting, only 2 staffing committee members are required for the appraisal, and this will be carried out by AD and DW. It was agreed that there will continue to be 3 members of the staffing committee.

The budget will be considered following the appraisal, a date is to be arranged mid-November, the recommendations for this will be brought to the November meeting for consideration by full Council.

KD asked if the PC should budget for the CIL money that will eventually come in from development, the PC have some CIL money in reserves and will be making decisions on the use of this capital at a future meeting, until the CIL money is paid to the PC it is difficult to budget for this unknown amount and when it may arrive.

21/10-10. Planning Consultations-

i. To consider any planning applications –

i. P/HOU/2021/03675-Renovation of Existing Conservatory. Replace existing Polycarbonate roof with Flat (Warm) roof and some of existing glazed walls with solid walls. Location:22 St Martinsfield- No objections raised

ii. P/OUT/2021/0309-Develop land by the erection of 9No. dwellings and access, land between Bats Lane & Park Farm Close- Objections raised –
 The site is not a brownfield site and has a negative ecological effect on this area.
 The accesses to the site enter and exit onto a busy route to and from the County Town of Dorchester.
 The PC are opposed to ribbon development. Also, historically this site had been subject to proposals in the past for a much larger development and there is a risk this could happen again.
 The facilities in the village would not cope with this additional development especially with no public transport to the County Town of Dorchester.
 The flooding issues that could be created onto the C53 and effecting the village which already has a flood issue.
 The site will only exacerbate the already struggling sewerage system.
 However, the PC does recognise the need for affordable homes in the area. Especially those that have a local connection and a potential right of nomination by the Parish Council.
 Also, the need for a safe footpath to the area of Mallards Green to and from the village for families.
 Proposal to OBJECT to this application for the reasons above.
 Proposed AD Seconded PJ 4-FOR/3 Against/1 Abstention

iii. P/OUT/2021/04125: Erect dwelling for Agricultural worker (outline, all matters reserved)-
 Objections submitted on the issues that this development could impact on the flooding in the village, the environmental impact given the size and scale of this development.
 The natural wildlife affected by this proposal and the impact on the AONB
 Proposal to OBJECT to this application for the reasons above.
 Proposed PJ Seconded DF 4- For /2- Against/ 3 Abstentions

iv. P/FUL/2021/00187-Enlargement of the existing garage to enable conversion to dwelling house Beech Cottage Manor Grove-A letter had been supplied by the applicant which was read out and will be circulated regarding the issues of flooding in the village.
 No objections raised.
 Proposed AD Seconded DW 7 For/1 Against

v. P/FUL/2021/03322-Conversion of mobile to a permanent ancillary dwelling, erect porch extension and change the existing cladding for new timber-Whitway Farm B3159, junction to Rew Manor.
 No objections raised.
 Proposed AD Seconded DW All agreed

ii. To consider any other planning/enforcement or ongoing issues-none.

21/10-11. Highways:

i. To receive a report from the recent highways meeting (MU/PJ)

MU reported that a list of items was requested to be quoted but no response to date.

ii. To receive / report any other highways issues-none

iii. To receive the Oct SID results-

Total number of speed readings taken = 130,472

>30mph = 45,053

>40mph = 3,072

>50mph = 132

Average Recorded Speed = 34mph

Top recorded speeds:

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.

PJ asked if the speeding is emergency vehicles, this is not recorded on the SID but is noted by the person who manages the SID if the emergency vehicle is flashing and using the sirens.

66 mph (15/10/2021 03:51)

69 mph (12/10/2021 21:14)

63 mph (08/10/2021 14:08)

62 mph (13/10/2021 21:38)

61 mph (25/09/2021 14:09)

59 mph (16/10/2021 18:36)

iv. RoW and Footpaths: to receive a report- Cllrs were asked to look at the Rights of Way management plan, Cllrs to respond individually.

21/10-12. Parish Council Property/responsibility reports:

i. To confirm the Allotment works and arrangements

Cllr MU and DR will contact the 2 allotment holders to arrange the splitting of the 4th Plot.

21/10-13. To consider all correspondence received for decision, consultation, and information –

- i.** Reminder to Cllrs to complete the ROI online.
- ii.** Annual check of sandbags, 50 to be ordered
- iii.** Letter from the PCC requesting funding for the V & V- November agenda following completion of the grant awarding form for S137 grants.
- iv.** Dukes Close village consultation event is now the 24th Nov in the VH no further details at this point.

21/10-14. To receive any reports from community groups and reps:

- i.** Village Hall- the committee have been successful with a grant from the lottery to re do the fencing and will contact the VIP project to apply for further funds for the play area. The VIP grant format is changing as this comes to an end by June/July 2022.
The PC will make contact with the Chair of the VH to arrange a meeting to discuss the future of the play area and the involvement of the PC.
- ii.** PCSO- 2 x suspicious circumstances, 1 x break + theft from car in Hardy’s Monument area, 1 x theft + break to barn with tools taken.
- iii.** Flood volunteers-KD reported that the volunteers have carried out another clean of the stream at requests from riparian owners, only 1 person has complained, KD is looking to engage with the resident, DC have not cleared around the pump house. KD reported that DC are not going to do anything about this although the Flood officer agreed the riparian owner is DC. It was requested that the PC writes back using the riparian owner’s letter to DC to ask for it to be cleared. Cllrs noted that the stream is looking the best it has for some time.

Action Clerk

21/10-15. To consider the date for the next PC meeting- The next meeting will be Thursday 25th November at the village hall at 8pm- Budget review and precept

21/10-16. Democratic forum 15 minutes –

DF noted that contact details of the Clerk are not very clear on the website, and the contact form does not allow for attachments, it was noted that the website template cannot be changed to allow the attachment of files, but the email address will be updated on the home page as well as the Council page.

Speed watch- TB is looking into this as the CSW coordinator.

AD explained that he had broken protocol in contacting Cllr Bryan at DC regarding the bus service to the village and confirmed if the PC were happy for him to continue. This was agreed by most Cllrs.

The Chair was approached by a parishioner regarding activities of development and Astro turf on a large area at South Rew, DR will take a look and report back if this requires further action.

Meeting closed 9.21pm