

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021 7pm at the Church**

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

P Jeffery (PJ)

M Usherwood (MU)

D Follett (DF)

K Delafield (KD)

D Read (DR)

Cllr R Tarr (Dorset Council)

M Harding (Clerk)

16 members of the public

**21/07-1 To receive any apologies for absence-** Apologies received from D Wiltshire and N Hallett Cllr Ann Bennett had resigned prior to the meeting.

**21/07-2 To receive declarations of interest and grants of dispensation-** none.

**21/07-3 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Proposed PJ

Seconded MU

**21/07-4 Matters arising from the minutes for info only**

Items to note:

- i. KD clarified that the meeting under the item on highways issues that took place since the last meeting was to look again at traffic calming measures and was a different meeting to the meeting suggested in the minutes to look at the Monkeys Jump works.
- ii. The Bridleway has now been strimmed by the Countryside team
- iii. Morrish Homes were contacted in regard to sharing the details they had shared with the PC, this was confirmed but a public consultation is to be held in October on the proposals.
- iv. A request to the National grid team to obtain the glass insulators to raise funds for village groups has yet to be confirmed.
- v. Not all Cllrs had attended the Code of conduct training, more dates are now available.
- vi. Following emails sent to local parishes, no specific interest has been given to the CGR, the survey commences on 5<sup>th</sup> Aug to 31<sup>st</sup> Oct.
- vii. The drain cover near Manor Farm Court has been repaired
- viii. No response from DWP regarding moving the bin from the bus stop to the sheep wash area.
- ix. A request was sent to Wessex Water to install a water refill point in the village, WW have already planned free refill points so if we want to install one in Martinstown this would be at a cost to the Parish. To gather costs for this an application would need to be completed.
- x. A zoom meeting will be held with Wessex Water, AD and the Clerk to keep the pressure on regarding the sewerage situation.
- xi. A quote had been gathered from the contractor for the stream clear and vegetation clear to be discussed further at August meeting once spec confirmed.

**21/07-5 Presentation regarding the CSW programme- Martha Perry (CSW Coordinator)**

Unfortunately, Martha was unable to attend the meeting but will hope to attend the August meeting to promote the CSW scheme. DW had circulated a report on the previous CSW team prior to obtaining the current SID. No Cllr rep came forward at the meeting, but DW would be asked if her report can be used to send to potential volunteers from the community as there has been several who have expressed an interest at this stage. **Action Cllrs**

**21/07-6 Democratic forum 15 minutes** – reminding those at the meeting that it is 3 mins per person.

A resident commented on the potential Morrish homes proposal and concerns raised at the perceived lack of transparency with communications with the developer and the Parish Council. It was noted that

the meeting was not a Parish Council meeting and only a meeting to ask the thoughts of the Parish Council by the developer.

It was reported that Morrish Homes contacted the PC for a meeting prior to submitting a planning application to gain any feedback, the items of concern raised with Morrish were, transport, highways, sewerage, and access. Morrish will be holding a public presentation on 8<sup>th</sup> October in the village hall to gather feedback from the village. The PC have been back to Morrish to ask what information they can share at this time prior to the public event and are happy to share this information with those who requested it.

KD commented that the developer has put in an application for this site to be included in the Dorset Local plan. At present there is no consultation on the sites being considered in the LP as this has now been closed.

MU commented on the potential site for affordable homes if it were to go ahead. PJ commented that the last housing needs survey was done about 10 years ago, and a need was identified for low-cost housing for those who have children who want to live in the village. It would be up to the developer to gather the housing needs information from Dorset Council. The developer now has a housing association on board.

AD commented that the PC are about to undertake a village survey so will gather feedback on development in the village.

A resident who has been flooded twice near Bartletts Close explained there is inadequate flood prevention in the area and the sewers are not fit for purpose especially if there were to be a new development.

A resident commented on climate change and the lack of effort being made by DC to look at this over the whole valley, looking at the water runoff from fields and ensuring water courses are maintained.

KD commented that the PC have had no support from Dorset Council with flood issues in the village and the comments received are that there is no money.

RT suggested that the PC ask for a talk from the EA/DC at the Parish meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> September. RT and AD to speak about this.

**Action RT/AD**

A resident commented on the potential development and the increase in cars for potentially 25 houses would be 50 cars and how dangerous it would be to walk into the village from the site.

RT commented that the village are lucky to have been part of the initial consultations for a new development as in many villages this has not happened.

A resident asked about the road closure signs leading to Monkeys Jump. He also asked if the PC are commenting on the Bus Back Better consultation.

A resident asked about the survey strips that are currently in place on the road in the village, it was explained that this has been installed privately so no reports will be available so under the assumption this is for the new development.

A resident commented that they are in favour of the development but the access to the site needs to be considered.

A resident reported that a car was hit in the village that afternoon, the PC recommended that this is reported to the police as many are not reported.

**21/07-7 To approve the village survey- results to be available for the Parish meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> September-**

The final draft had been circulated prior to the meeting, AD will work with DF and KD to prepare a covering letter ready for publication. It will be an online survey, but some printed for the village shop as well.

**Action KD/DF/AD**



Top recorded speeds:	58 mph (25/06/2021 15:32)
63 mph (26/06/2021 16:26)	57 mph (02/07/2021 20:21)
60 mph (27/06/2021 13:19)	57 mph (10/07/2021 16:12)
59 mph (25/07/2021 02:38)	

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.

## ii. Highways issues-

RT reported some good news regarding the bunds around McDonalds that this project has been ongoing for the last 3 years. RT explained that following the initial letter writing by the Clerk finding the right people within Highways England, a small working group was set up of MU, KD, MTH and RT who persisted with the project to install bunds on either side of the entrance to McDonald's to stop cars parking on the verge and reducing the visibility when using the restaurant. RT has been in discussions with the engineer working on the A35 flood project and they have agreed to install the bunds using left over soil taken from the ditches dug in the A35 flood scheme, it is not sure how much soil there will be at this time, and then this will encourage wildflowers to grow on the chalk bunds. MacDonald's were initially not happy with this work but are now looking at a drive through if possible.

RT was thanked for all the work he has done to get the bund project off the ground and it is hoped this will soon be in place. RT thanked the clerk for all the letters sent to various departments to get them to listen.

RT updated the meeting on the A35 flood scheme. The drainage works are to commence from 3<sup>rd</sup> August for a month this will be carried out over night with road closures will be in place. The verges by McDonalds will be used as a base for their depot during the project so there will be limited parking for public in these areas.

RT also spoke on the works on National cycle route 2, he is hoping to meet with landowners in August. The areas being considered are Clandon Farm and the NCR 2 at Notton near Maiden Newton.

KD reported on the village walk through meeting with Phil Goodland (DC) and MU.

One of the 30mph speed limit signs on the western approach has become obscured by vegetation this is to be cut back.

An area of concern that was highlighted was the narrow verge between the road and river on the western approach to the village DC will look at installing several hazard marker posts in the verge, if practical.

With the B3159 through the village being in the current forward programme for resurfacing, the existing road markings would be renewed whenever this was done, but it was suggested that possibly 2 pairs of 30mph roundels could be installed through the village at suitable points, subject to funding approval by the highways officer from his limited area budget.

The suggestion of the relocation of the Martinstown village signs on both approaches on the B3159 (to move them closer to or to incorporate with the 30mph speed signs, subject to practical restrictions,) as indicated, this would not be possible under routine maintenance, but the PC may wish to obtain further costings for this from the Technical Officer. This would come at a cost of about £1000. The PC could then put in flower boxes under the village signs to create an entrance of the village if the PC do not consider gateways to create the feeling of entering a village. Also, to look at

coloured surfacing at the same time. The PC may need to make contribute to some of these items. This could be funded from CIL monies if required.

The Cllrs wanted to explore the possibility of installing something like a virtual footway for approximately 50m, subject to applicable criteria, on a section of the Main Street with no footway (between Stevens Farm & Hope Terrace) and if this could be incorporated within the future resurfacing scheme. In the shorter-term Phil will speak to his manager and colleagues in the Road Safety Team, regarding possible installation of white edge lines/slow markings at this location. Concerns were raised about the timing of the resurfacing and the works to be carried out by Wessex Water. KD suggested flower boxes that didn't need watering daily and then looking at mowing or strimming around these areas within our contractor.

**Action KD/MU**

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

Cllr Dave Read agreed to be the RoW officer following Anne's resignation.

**21/07-14 Parish Council Property/responsibility reports:**

**i. To add the bus stop opposite Mallards Green to the grass cutting contract**

The additional cost to add this area to the current contract is £5 per month.

This was agreed Proposed KD

Seconded MU

A disabled sign was considered for Fishers Barn, but this was not agreed at this time.

It was suggested when the new flowered areas are installed at the gateways the maintenance is also added to the contract.

The Clerk noted that the contractor maintaining the benches will be collecting each bench for maintenance shortly.

It was noted that the area at Fishers Barn has not been strimmed as cars are always parked on the area, MU will speak to the contractor and leave a note on all the cars when the area can be strimmed.

**Action MU**

**21/07-15 To consider all correspondence received for decision, consultation, and information –**

The Clerk had previously circulated the list of correspondence items.

**21/07-16 To receive reports from:**

- i. Village Hall** – PJ asked that the Play area be added to the August agenda.
- ii. Winterbourne Community Fund (was the Blanchard Trust)**- first face to face meeting to be held.
- iii. Waste watch representatives**- A collection has been done.
- iv. PCSO**-Looked at incidents reported to us from 01-01-2021 – 01-07-2021 and as follows: -
  - 3 x suspicious circumstances
  - 1 x theft
  - 2 x criminal damage – one of these was the damage to trees that had possible nesting rooks.Scams prevalent in all manner of disguises and just report anything suspicious to 101 or e mail <https://www.dorset.police.uk/do-it-online/>
- v. Flood Group**- Following the updated quote from the Contractor to clear the stream. KD commented that the spec for works needs to be agreed in line with the EA advice. The PC changed the spec in previous years. KD reported that in W'Abbas now ask the contractor to do all the work by clearing the vegetation and stream. The contractor does this for all the local farmers and it would be better to do all the work at the same time to keep the costs down and benefit all the

parishes. The message to riparian owners will be to hold on until the PC can agree when the works should take place.

AD noted there is a small amount of Himalayan Balsam which he has been clearing.

- vi. **Green Group**- There is to be a member meeting in October speaking to a green energy company, the group have been offered 70 trees to be placed on Grove Hill for the “Queens canopy”

**21/07-17 To consider the date for the next PC meeting-** Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Aug 8pm at the village Hall, to see if a meeting is acceptable at 8pm. Items for the agenda- Play area and Stream.

The Parish meeting is to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> September. PJ offered his apologies for this meeting.

**21/07-18 Democratic forum 15 minutes –**

A resident is very much in favour of the new development for their grandchildren to be able to access a new home in the village.

A resident asked why there are no trees planted on the village green in a row to create a natural feel of narrowing. It was noted that the green is leased, and the PC are not allowed to plant further trees as it is required for parking for those who attend the church. Also, there was a ditch and now a drain along the road edge of the green. PJ commented that there were trees, and they were removed to create an open green space. **AD to check with the landlord**

A resident asked if the ditch opposite the pub whose responsibility it is to clear as it is not running. It was supposed to be cleared last year. This will be reported to DC flood officer again. **Action Clerk**

MU commented that following the message regarding signing up for email alerts from the PC website a resident raised concerns that there were no options to choose cookies, it was noted that this is a dedicated PC website from Hugo Fox and the PC are not able to change this. Another resident commented that using a specified browser would help with security.

The Phone box group came up, AD commented that he has been unable to organise a meeting yet due to covid, this will happen by the end of the summer. The box has been painted.

A resident suggested writing an open letter to the press regarding the flooding issues in the village.

RT commented on the Dorset Council website and it being a site with an account and updates, but this is still being worked on. RT noted that the planning department are no longer doing neighbour notification. The Clerk noted that the planning portal is still not user friendly.

KD suggested that the PC needs a meeting in September, so the meetings don't go on too long. This will be considered at the August meeting.

Meeting closed 9.10pm