

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 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

**21/09-1. Welcome and to receive any apologies for absence-** Cllr Tim Bareham was welcomed to his first PC meeting as a Cllr, apologies received from N Hallett and Cllr R Tarr (Dorset Council)

**21/09-2. To receive declarations of interest and grants of dispensation-** none.

**21/09-3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021**

Proposed DR

Seconded MW

**21/09-4. Matters arising from the minutes for info only**

Items to note:

- i. RT has supplied the contact details so a letter will now be sent to Highways England regarding the works at the McDonald's entrance.
- ii. The new sign for Church Cottage parking has been installed by MU.
- iii. The WSM Flood plan is on the website.
- iv. CSW lead and volunteers, there have been 4 volunteers so far and TB offered to look at the lead role and take this forward. DW to supply further info on the role.
- v. PJ reported that the VH have received a grant of £10,000 towards the refurbishment of the play area. The PC are still keen to hold a meeting with the VH committee to see how the PC can help, this is a question in the survey.

**21/09-5. Democratic forum 15 minutes –**

- i. The PC were asked why the minutes were no longer on the notice boards, it was explained that they are available on the PC website as per the transparency regulations and have not been on the notice boards for several years. Some Cllrs suggested that copies could be available in the shop and on notice boards but 6 pages of paper when meetings are busy may be too much. A further suggestion was that the minutes could be placed in the phone box. The PC will discuss this at the next meeting.
- ii. Residents and some Cllrs asked if the PC could assist with issues such as the loss of internet and getting this information to residents. Given the issues in the village at the time of the meeting where many properties did not have service. It was noted that this is something that could be achieved with an emergency plan if the PC wished to produce one but was noted that this is not a statutory requirement and residents should ensure they have contacts for their service providers in emergencies. This will be further discussed at the next meeting.
- iii. A resident commented on the stream clear and asked when this will be carried out as the stream was full of silt. It was noted that following a site meeting the contractor had withdrawn his services and the PC are looking into another contractor at present. KD noted that the law states that it is clear who is responsible for the stream being the riparian owners. KD reported that the Flood volunteers do not wish to be affiliated with the Parish Council and have many elderly and infirm residents who would like help in clearing their sections of stream by the volunteers, will be discussed further in the meeting.



Proposed DR

Seconded DW

**21/09-10. Planning Consultations-****i. To consider any planning applications –**

- i. P/HOU/2021/02550 Proposal: External alterations to roof, windows & doors(resubmission) at Turnpike Cottage- The PC raised no objections to the application.

**ii. To consider any other planning/enforcement or ongoing issues-** Cllrs commented on the land that currently has outline planning for 5 homes as it is being used for storage of building materials. The materials are constantly changing so no planning permission is required and the full application for the detail of the dwellings has not yet been submitted.

**21/09-11. Highways:****i. To receive the Sep SID results-**

Total number of speed readings taken =  
134,149  
>30mph = 49,021  
>40mph = 3,651  
>50mph = 166  
Average Recorded Speed = 34mph  
Top recorded speeds:

66 mph (26/08/2021 02:49)  
64 mph (19/09/2021 21:10)  
63 mph (17/09/2021 09:09)  
62 mph (01/09/2021 00:35)  
62 mph (11/09/2021 15:35)  
59 mph (25/08/2021 13:17)

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. To consider the relocation of Martinstown signs**

KD had forwarded the report from the highways officer with the options that could be installed as road markings:

2 x SLOW markings with yellow bars on the approaches to this section where there are no footways.  
2 x pairs of 30mph roundels through the village, which should help remind drivers of the speed limit in addition to the existing repeater signs

The PC agreed to these measures of traffic calming

Proposed AD

Seconded MU

KD stepped down from the traffic calming group so MU and PJ will be taking this forward.

**Action MU/PJ**

**iii. Highways reports-**AD had held a meeting with PCSO Sarah Pilcher at the McDonald's site who explained that not much could be done unless vehicles are causing an obstruction. Then the Police could be called. A lot of issues are caused by the companies that carry out pick up deliveries from the site.

Cllrs commented that no topsoil had been delivered yet but as RT was unable to attend this meeting this would have to wait until the Oct meeting or when RT has recovered. It was noted that the question of whether to take on this area into the Winterborne St Martin parish is in the survey so the PC will wait for the feedback from this before commenting on the CGR. Farrington Group Parish Council are supportive of WSMPC in trying to get this site to be safer via RT.

**iv. RoW and Footpaths: to receive a report-** no issues to report

**21/09-12. Parish Council Property/responsibility reports:****i. To consider the allotment report and any actions**

Following some issues at the site and the 4<sup>th</sup> plot not being taken up as it requires clearing, the Allotment reps (DR, AD & DW) met with the Clerk to look at the options. A full report was circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting. The recommendations were agreed, and the 4<sup>th</sup> plot will be offered to the existing allotment holders as it is not good enough as a standalone plot at this time. KD noted that Allotments was a question in the village survey, AD explained that this plot is not really good enough to offer as a full plot so if there was interest in the survey then a waiting list will be created, or a new site could be looked into.

Proposed DR

Seconded MU

**ii. To discuss the PC leased land and future maintenance**

AD apologised on behalf of the GM group for any confusion caused at the Blagdon area, following discussions regarding planting and tidying which was to be carried out by the countryside team. Also, the suggestion of a bench, this is not the case, and a bench is not being considered at this time. The site does look very tidy now, and the countryside team have now been contacted about this and are happy with the planting.

The contractor who has been maintaining this area for the PC will be informed ref the future maintenance. He will also be reminded of the new area at the bus stop opposite Mallards Green that has been added to his contract.

It was noted that there had been a complaint that the Blagdon area was not being maintained to the right standard by the PC. It was noted that the major works in this area were carried out for visibility reasons in 2019 after discovering that the area is in fact under the PC leased land, this was done as a one-off job then the area to be strimmed back as necessary within the current contract. KD asked for a copy of the contract- Clerk to supply to all Cllrs for info.

**21/09-13. To receive a report on the Parish Survey**

DF reported that there have now been 80 replies and requested a further message prior to the closing date of 30<sup>th</sup> Sep. AD to follow up.

Cllrs raised concerns that many in the village had been missed and asked for a list of the properties that had been delivered to. DF explained that this was not possible but if anyone had been missed can they please let KD, and DF know who would print more surveys. MU commented that the electoral role is available for PC business, the Clerk can supply this list on request to Cllrs only, come Cllrs had offered to assist delivery of the surveys.

KD & DF had done the printing of the survey, AD commented that any costs of paper and cartridges can be claimed as an expense, both KD and DF declined this offer at the meeting.

After the 30<sup>th</sup> Sep KD, DF and AD will have a meeting to view the results for presentation to the Councillors initially then the Parish at the Annual Parish meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> October.

AD noted that the PC will ensure that there is a protocol in place to encourage as many parishioners as possible to attend, masks for all and windows open to ensure people feel safe.

**21/09-14. To consider all correspondence received for decision, consultation, and information –**

AD had spoken to the resident who had complained about the transparency of the Morrish meeting with Councillors, with a good outcome.

AD, DW, DR and the Clerk had attended the National Grid VIP trailer ride along the route of the pylons, it was noted that the project should finish in July 2022, all the strip lynchets will be replaced as part of the project.

AD and the Clerk had attended the NP training with DAPTC.

**21/09-15. To receive any reports from community groups and reps:**

- i. Dapct- DW reported no updates from DAPTC other than the impending ROI online coming soon
- ii. Green Martinstown-GM group have 70 trees being for planting for the Queens Canopy, these can be sponsored by residents at a cost of £10 per tree. DW suggested that one of these could be the PC contribution for the queen's canopy celebrations. DF noted that this is also a question in the survey.
- iii. Flood volunteers-KD commented on the work by the Flood volunteers who had been carrying out further clearing to the stream and leaving the vegetation on the banks. Many of the flood volunteers had received complaints from residents about the digger working in the stream by the contractor last year. KD noted the advice she had received that it was ok to clear the vegetation by hand as the EA do not want heavy plant in the stream. The collecting of the vegetation has yet to be done when a contractor is found by the flood group for this.  
It was noted that when the contractor's team was working with the digger to clear the stream the digger was on the side of the road and only the bucket of the digger was operated very sensitively by a skilled operator to remove the some of the growth, leaving a selection of growth for the protection of the fish and other animals in the Winterbourne.

**21/09-16. To consider the date for the next PC meeting-** The next meeting will be Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October at the Church at 7pm

The Clerk noted that the CGR submission is due by the 28<sup>th</sup> October so the outcome of the survey will determine the response, the PC may need to hold a meeting prior to this.

Apologies for the Oct meeting from PJ and DW.

**21/09-17. Democratic forum 15 minutes –**

Residents asked what was happening with the Morrish consultation, it was explained that as there is no application out for consultation then the PC have no view on this at this time.

Morrish hope to re arrange their village consultation at some point in the future.

MU explained that the PC were lucky to be consulted at all on the proposals.

AD commented that there had not been a secret meeting Councillors were invited to a zoom meeting with Morrish Homes and expressed their concerns on traffic, flooding, sewerage etc. It was noted that not all residents were against a new development especially if this was affordable homes for local people. All of this was explained at the last PC meeting, and residents contacted the Clerk for more info following the meeting. It was noted that Morrish expressed what items could be shared as it was their data not the PC's.

KD asked if the site has been included in the Call for Sites with Dorset Council as noted by Morrish, the clerk was asked to contact DC on this topic.

Meeting closed 9.00 pm