

MOSTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12th July 2016 at 7.00pm.

Present; Cllr. Neil Hickman (chair), Cllr Rob Fry, Cllr Angela Bullock, Cllr Dion Shoemark, District Cllr Peter Barrowcliff, District Cllr Tony Alford, PCSO Alex Bishop and 1 member of the public.

2016/0039. APOLOGIES: Cllr Jim Cooper, County Cllr Rebecca Knox

2016/0040. DECLARATION OF INTEREST None presented for items in this agenda.

2016/0041. PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF ITEMS ON AGENDA

None raised.

2016/0042. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS, COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND LOCAL POLICE OFFICER:

County Councillor

No report.

District Councillor

Cllr Barrowcliff reported about the proposed local council changes, and the forthcoming public consultation, which will look at a range of options. The proposal going forward is for Dorset to create two unitary authorities, combining West Dorset, Weymouth, and North Dorset along with authority a secondary combining Purbeck and East Dorset. Cllr Barrowcliffe encouraged those present encourage to look at the consultation and submit comments. Once the consultation is complete, the report will go before the Secretary of State after the consultation.

Cllr Alford reported that planning services are being reviewed and improved, and the officers are working through the current backlog. In particular the Land Charges searches process is being reviewed, and improved.

Police

PCSO Bishop reported that the police are investigation the activity in the village last week and therefore cannot talk about the matter at this time. There have been a few thefts from sheds in the Stoke Abbott area. PCSO Bishop urged residents to contact the police on telephone number 101 to report any concerns, or for security advice, or call into the shop and speak to Caroline. The next police surgery will be in August in the shop, date to be confirmed.

Cllr Fry raised the matter of residents receiving scam letters. PCSO Bishop suggested that residents log the correspondence on the Action Fraud website.

A resident raised the matter of rogue tarmac lorries. it was suggested that residents take the vehicle registration numbers and report it to the police or Dorset County Council.

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PCSO Bishop reported that bicycle marking can be arranged through the crime prevention panel at school fetes.

2016/0043. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10th MAY 2016

The minutes were approved, proposed by Cllr Hickman and seconded by Cllr Fry and signed.

2016/0044. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10th MAY 2016

Grit Bin Update – The clerk reported that the quotation for the installation of the grit bin outside of the shop is for £411.32 excluding VAT. The costs were agreed, and the clerk will make the necessary arrangements.

Bus Shelter update

The clerk has negotiated a price of £250 for a preowned bus shelter from Bishops Caundle parish. This cost was agreed.

Several parish councils have offered to help with the removal and storage of the bus shelter.

The quotation for the making good of the site at Bishop Caundle is £663.00 excluding VAT. This was agreed as the work will be of a suitable standard.

The quotation for erecting the shelter at the Mosterton end is £2591 excluding VAT. It was agreed to seek additional quotes for this work.

2016/0045. PLAY AREA INSPECTION REPORT AND ACTIONS

The annual play area inspection has taken place, and the identified a number of low and medium risks which need action. The councillors present agreed to hold a working group on Saturday 6th August. In the meantime Cllr Fry will take a look at a bolt on the child's swing which a resident has reported is loose.

2016/0046. NOTICE BOARD REPAIRS

The parish council notice board requires some attention, including cleaning and greasing the runners. Cllr Fry agreed to talk to Dave Burgess about the cost of the work.

2016/0047. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

None at the current time.

**2016/0048. HIGHWAYS ISSUES INCLUDING:
COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH**

Cllr Hickman reported that the risk assessments are ready to be completed. PCSO Alex Bishop will confirm a date with Cllr Hickman. A number of volunteers have signed up, been vetted, and the equipment has been paid for.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING NEAR SCHOOL

A resident has emailed to request that the parish council apply for a pedestrian crossing near the primary school. The above Speedwatch will collate data, which may support such an application in the future.

TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES/SIGNAGE

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A resident has emailed to request that the parish council apply for traffic calming and additional signage in the village. This has previously been pursued, and declined. However again the above Speedwatch will collate data, which may support such an application in the future.

2016/00048. CORRESPONDENCE INCLUDING PLANNING DECISIONS
Correspondence Report Including Planning for meeting 12th July 2016

E-mail regarding closure of Main Road, with temporary traffic lights
Email to confirm non-closure of Down Lane
Centenary Field Letter
Clerks & Councils Direct Newsletter
SSDC Consultation on Modifications to Community Infrastructure Levy x 2
Community Transport Guidance & Toolkit
Local Council Review
Play Area Inspection Safety report

Planning Correspondence
None at the current time

Tree Applications
None

2016/00049. FINANCE

NALC has released the new rates of pay for clerks. The rate of pay is an increased from £9.029 per hour to £9.12 per hour, an increase of £1.46 per month, backdated to 1st April 2016.

New rates for April 2017 have also been agreed, with the proposed rate of pay from 1st April 2017 being £9.237 per hour.

The above rates were agreed.

Financial Status Mosterton Parish Council as at 12th July 2016

Treasurers account

Payments since last meeting	
Clerk salary May & June (SO)	£ 288.92
Clerks Expenses (SO)	£ 50.00
Clerk's wages - Locum clerk	£47.65
Arnold Baker – increased price to include delivery cost	£74.45
David Landscapes Play area grass cutting	£316.00
Play Area inspection fee	£ 92.40
DAPTC	£209.06

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Speed Watch Equipment	£ 300.00
Income Since last meeting	
VAT refund	£ 133.15
New cheques	
Hall hire	£ 15.00
Pimperne Parish Council 2 nd Hand Bus Shelter	£250.00
V Reed Clerk's back dated pay rise	£ 5.84
Play area grass cutting	£ 485.00
Bank balance as at 31 st May 2016	£19,916.55
Balance after above payments agreed	£18,457.19
Amenities account	
Balance as at 9 th June 2016	£9,722.81
Interest accruing at rate of approx £0.20 per month.	
Gratuity Account	
Balance as at 9 th June 2016	£ 800.85
Interest accruing at rate of approx £0.03 per month.	

The above payments were approved, proposed by Cllr. Hickman, and seconded by Cllr Fry.

In the past the parish council has made a donation towards the cost of planting around the village stone. Cllr Fry agreed to make a donation of £100 towards the cost, from the village scrap collection. The clerk will write to thank the volunteers who maintain the plants near the shop.

The clerk reported that the council must put in place a pension arrangement by 1st August. After investigation, the clerk reported that the government have set up a pension scheme called NEST, which as an employee she could contribute to. Due to the earnings of the clerk falling below the threshold, there would be no obligation on the parish council to contribute financially. However the existing gratuity fund could be transferred into the NEST pension scheme, and the pension topped up in line with the agreed gratuity on an annual basis. The parish council agreed to the above.

The main meeting closed at 8.15pm.

2016/0050. PUBLIC DISCUSSION TO RAISE ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

A resident raised a concern about the lack of democracy at local level. There was a lively discussion about the current planning situation, with the National Planning Policy Framework overriding the local plan.

Cllr Fry advertised the forthcoming Bands on the Green event, which takes place on Sunday 31st July from 12 o'clock onwards. Last year's event contributed £3000 to local groups.

The discussion ended at 8.35pm.

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Date of next meeting Tuesday 13th September 2016 at **7.00pm**.

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