

MOSTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 13th September 2016 at 7.00pm.

Present; Cllr. Neil Hickman (chair), Cllr Angela Bullock, Cllr Dion Shoemark, Cllr Jim Cooper, Cllr Peter Barrowcliff, District Cllr Tony Alford, and 1 member of the public.

Freda Hennessey joined the meeting to talk about the work of BAVLAP (Beaminster and Villages Local Area Partnership.) The scheme was set up to enable better cooperation between all the various agencies in the area. Agencies currently involved include the credit union, Citizens Advice Bureau, the group is helping to look at options for the Children's centre and youth club.

A local directory was produced in April 2011, and now needs to be updated. Freda asked if councillors and residents could review the old directory and suggest updates including new businesses which could be included.

Any information should be sent to the clerk by the end of September.

2016/0051. APOLOGIES / DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST / GRANT OF DISPENSATIONS - Apologies were received from Cllr Rob Fry & PCSO Alex Bishop

2016/0052. PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF ITEMS ON AGENDA No matters raised.

2016/0053. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS, COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND LOCAL POLICE OFFICER:

County Councillor - No report

District Councillors

Cllr Barrowcliff reported that the consultation regarding future Local Government structure continues.

At a full council meeting last week, the district councils agreed to join a combined authority, with all 9 councils working collaboratively on transportation and economical regeneration. This proposal will have to be approved by parliament, and it is hoped that this will take place by April 2017.

A consultation is ongoing regarding the creation of a unitary authority larger than the current authority.

There are a number of options, and residents are invited to comment on the proposals at road shows and online.

An information pack has been made available to parish councils.

A resident asked if it would be possible instead to increase the council tax? There is a limit of how much these can be increased by, and it would not be sufficient to cover the loss in budget reduction.

Cllr Alford reported on a recent event "Living and Learning in Beaminster" which looked at how best the public services can work together.

Police

PCSO Bishop sent a report by email, as follows:

Crime is low in the area, the last reported theft was circa 15th July some poultry was stolen from a field at the South Perrott end of the village. We still receive information regarding scams, so I advise that people remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity. Should anyone receive scam communication, please report on 0300 1232040, or www.actionfraud.police.uk Though I may not be there personally, my next surgery will be on Tuesday 11th October

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at 11.30am. Hopefully someone will be there in my place. Regarding Community Speed Watch, the kit is now available for the team to start training. We are just waiting for some locations to be decided on then vetted and the team should be underway.

2016/0054. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12th JULY 2016

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

2016/0055. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12TH JULY 2016

Grit Bin Update – The clerk reported that the contract has been signed and we are awaiting a start date for the works.

Bus Shelter update - Cllr Hickman confirmed that the bus shelter has been purchased, and that councillors will be visiting the site next week to assess transportation requirements.

Play area works – A work party will take place this coming Saturday at 9am.

Notice board works - Cllr Hickman will speak to Dave Burgess about repairing the notice board.

Clerk will speak to Cllr Fry about who looks after the flowers near the chop.

Community Speed Watch update - please see police report item 2016/0053 above.

2016/0056. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter
2. Local Council Review
3. E-mail requesting permission to plant shrub on site of village map in memory of Gail Chafer - agreed
4. Briefing note regarding closure of mobile libraries
5. Invitation to attend Dorset Best Village presentation evening 27th September – Cllr Hickman will attend with Caroline Cunningham
6. Conclusion of external audit

2016/0057. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- a) **Applications handled since last meeting:** WD/D/16/001589 (Land at Whites Meadow, Mosterton.

Modification of Section 106 agreement on application WD/D/14/002887 dated 5 April 2016. The PC submitted comments regarding concern about the removal of affordable housing from the development plans.

- b) **Decisions notified by WDDC since last meeting:**

WD/D/15/001549 West Farm, West Lane, Mosterton, Beaminster, DT8 3HP Change of use of Barn 6
from annex to dwelling (amended) (Change of Use) – Approved

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WD/D/15/001599 West Farm, West Lane, Mosterton, Beaminster, DT8 3HP Use of Barn 4 as a dwelling
(amended) (Change of Use) – Approved

c) New applications to be considered:

Churchill farm, Church St Mary's Access Road, Mosterton, Beaminster, DT8 3HJ Request for confirmation of compliance of conditions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13 and 14 of planning approval reference WD/D/15/000201 (Compliance with Conditions) – Showing on Dorsetforyou website, no plans received yet.

d) Tree Applications:

WD/TP/16/00247 Cherrytrees, Main Road, Mosterton, Beaminster, DT8 3HG T1 - Oak - Raise Crown to 4.5 metres from ground level – refused

2016/0058. FINANCE

Financial Status Mosterton Parish Council as at 13th September 2016

Treasurers account

Payments since last meeting

Clerk salary July & August (SO) £ 290.38

Income Since last meeting None

New payments

David Landscapes Play area grass cutting £388.00

Bid Air Website £104.64

Bank Balance at 1st August £18,327.73

Balance after above payments agreed £17,180.59

Amenities account

Balance as at 9th June 2016 £9,722.81

Interest accruing at rate of approx £0.20 per month.

A donation of £400 has been received from the Band on the Green event

Gratuity Account

Balance as at 9th 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 Cooper*.

Audit for the year ended 31 March 2016 - the clerk reported that the accounts had been audited by BDO, the external auditors, and no issues had arisen requiring any action. A notice of conclusion of audit had been received and has been displayed on the notice board and website. Members approved and accepted the Annual Return. Proposed by *Cllr Hickman*, seconded by *Cllr Cooper*.

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A resident queried the amount of reserves held by the parish council in relation as a percentage to the precept. The clerk reported that the amenities account has to be maintained as the play area equipment is funded purely from this account, and as the majority of the equipment is approaching 16 years old, replacement costs are anticipated in the near future.

The main meeting closed at 8.05pm.

2016/0059. PUBLIC DISCUSSION TO RAISE ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

A resident asked about the grit bin. This will be made from plastic, and have a padlock on it.

Concerns were raised about the road surface at the north end of village. This is on the Highways Department schedule, but is not a high priority. It is hoped that data collected from the Speedwatch will provide evidence to bring forward repairs and traffic calming solutions.

A resident reported that the Highways Department has nothing logged about the meetings regarding a footpath from Down Road towards the centre of the village; this is because no action has been approved at this time. Again, it is hoped that the Speedwatch will provide supporting data for these measures.

The discussion ended at 8.15pm.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 14th November 2016 at **7.00pm**.