

**PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7.00pm.**

**Present;** Cllr. Neil Hickman (chair), Cllr Robert Fry, Cllr Dion Shoemark, Cllr Jim Cooper, and 6 members of the public.

**2017/0047. APOLOGIES / DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST / GRANT OF DISPENSATIONS** – Apologies were received and accepted from District Cllr Peter Barrowcliff, District Cllr Tony Alford and Cllr Angela Bullock.

**2017/0048. PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF ITEMS ON AGENDA**

Nothing raised.

**End of public discussion**

**2017/0049. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS, COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND LOCAL POLICE OFFICER:**

**County Councillor**

Not present.

**District Councillors**

No report.

**Police**

Not present and no report. Cllr Hickman will contact the PCSO and ask him to attend the next meeting or send a report.

**2017/0050 JACKIE HEWITT – WORK ON LOCAL VETERANS**

Jackie Hewitt came and spoke to the meeting about the research she has carried out on local connections to veterans of World War One. Jackie left information on her research with the clerk, for display in case anyone has further information. It was agreed to discuss the idea of producing a booklet of Jackie’s research, in time for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of the war, in 2018.

**2017/0051. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY & 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017**

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

**2017/0052. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017**

**Defibrillator/Phone Box**

Clerk reported that the defibrillator has been installed and is ready for use. Training is booked for 24<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm in the village hall for all who are interested. This will be re-advertised on the Parish Council’s Facebook page shortly before the date. Mark Dulwich reported that additional, more in-depth training can be provided for up to 10 residents, at a cost of £45. He will find out further information about this.

The clerk noted her thanks to Mark Dulwich in highlighting the funding for the defibrillator to the Parish Council.

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The Parish Council agreed to fund the purchase of a plaque in memory of Daisy Boucher, to be placed next to the defibrillator.

The clerk reported that she has now emailed Mark Prosser, Chief Executive of the District Council regarding the advice given over the planning application for the BT phone box. An acknowledgement has been received, and the clerk awaits a full response.

**Bus Shelter update**

Cllr Hickman reported that the plans for the installation of the bus shelter are on-going, and that the shelter will be installed prior to the next meeting in September.

**Benches**

The clerk reported that she has met with the Highways Department, and sought advice from the Planning Department. No planning permission is needed for a bench to be installed next to the bus stop at Mosterton Cross. The clerk will obtain a quotation from a local contractor, approved by the Highways Department for the ground works. Cllr Hickman has information from a local company who can supply benches made from recycled plastic. It was agreed to look at this, as they cost approximately £250 each.

**Preschool Up-date**

The clerk reported that the Department of Communities and Local Government have approved the request for the Parish Council to borrow funds. A loan agreement has been drafted by a solicitor, detailing the loan between the Parish Council and the Preschool. Once the preschool is ready, the clerk will drawdown the funds from the Public Works Loan Board, and they will be lent to the preschool. The preschool has until January to build and open their new setting, in order to comply with a capital funding grant from the Department for Education.

**2017/0053. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Cllr Hickman reported that he and the clerk have attended a meeting with town councillors from Beaminster Town Council. The two councils hope to work in tandem to produce their own separate Neighbourhood Plans, detailing areas for possible future development, and ring-fencing those considered unsuitable.

A public meeting will be held to discuss the matter further, Clerk to book the hall for Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

**2017/0054. PLAY AREA INSPECTION REPORT AND NEW EQUIPMENT**

A resident spoke about the findings of recent surveys about what play equipment should be added to the play area. Suggestions include a trim trail, exercise equipment and new swing. Cllr Bullock will be at the September meeting and have quotations ready so a decision can be made.

**2017/0055 CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter
2. Local Council Review newsletter
3. DCLG Confirmation of Borrowing approval

**2017/0056. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- a) Applications handled since last meeting

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WD/D/17/000826 LAND SOUTH EAST OF WINDSOR LODGE, CHEDINGTON LANE, MOSTERTON Outline application for the erection of 1 no. dwelling (Outline) Mosterton Parish Council submitted an objection and comments.

b) Decisions notified by WDDC since last meeting

WD/D/17/000660 TELEPHONE BOX SOUTH OF THE OLD GOSPEL HALL, MAIN ROAD, MOSTERTON  
Change of use of phone box to store a defibrillator (Change of Use) – Approved

WD/D/17/001585 LAND NORTH OF CHEDINGTON LANE, MOSTERTON. Partial Compliance

WD/D/17/000626 LAND EAST OF BARN, POTWELL FARM ROAD, MOSTERTON Erection of 1 no Industrial Building (Full) Approved

c) New applications to be considered - None

d) Tree Applications - None

**2017/0057. FINANCE**

Financial Status Mosterton Parish Council as at 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Treasurers account

Payments since last meeting

Clerk salary May & June	£ 462.24
Clerk's Expenses April to June	£ 50.00
Clerks Pension (employee contributions)	£ 40.19
Mileage (Neighbourhood plan meeting)	£ 4.50
Notice board repair	£680.34
Play area inspection report	£92.40

Income Since last meeting

VAT reclaim	£ 237.10
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New cheques/payments

Bidair website	£ 114.72
David Landscapes	£ 424.00
Village Hall	£ 60.00
Solicitors fee for Loan agreement	£ 360.00

Bank balance as at 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	£22,888.30
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Balance after above payments agreed	£21,693.74
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Amenities account

Balance as at 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	£10,126.99
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Interest accruing at rate of approximately £0.44 per month.

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The main meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

**2017/0058. PUBLIC DISCUSSION TO RAISE ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

A resident raised the matter of the wooden plinth surrounding the map, near the village shop. VR will contact the ramblers group to see if they retain ownership of the plinth.

A resident gave an update on the Speedwatch project. Please see the end of minutes for full report. It was agreed that the Speedwatch team would obtain all the data to date from the police, in order to support future requests for traffic calming measures.

The clerk agreed to contact County Cllr Knox to see if the Speed Indicator Device (SID) could be deployed to the village.

Cllr Cooper raised the matter of a lack of pedestrian crossing near the school. The clerk will contact the Highways Department about this.

A resident requested that the pavement sweeper and kerb scrubber visit the village. The clerk will contact the county council about this.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at **7.00pm**.

**Community Speed Watch – A Summary**

We have eight members of the group. Work, child care, elderly relative and social commitments mean we limit ourselves to a speed watch session approximately every ten days; this seems to be sustainable. More members would be desirable but arranging training is time consuming and dependent upon declining PCSO availability.

We try to schedule our sessions on different days and at various times.

The highest number of vehicles we have recorded passing in a one-hour period is 570 (6.00pm – 7.00pm) and the lowest 212 (1.30pm – 2.30pm).

The percentage of vehicles driving at or above the reporting threshold of 36mph varies. When traffic is heavy, fewer speed as potential speeders are often held up in convoys or they have a greater chance of being warned of a speed watch by being flashed. However,

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in relatively quiet passages around rush hour times a high percentage speed. In general, we record between 3% and 8% speeding.

A considerable number of vehicles are clearly exceeding the speed limit when they enter the village but brake sharply when they see our yellow jackets and are not recorded as speeding!

The biggest safety issues are:

- a) The lack of clear, large warnings of a school at the south end of the village combined with no crossing point and safety measures other than a traffic island.
- b) The proximity of the 30mph speed limit signs to the north end of the village. A narrowed road, no footpath and a hidden junction with Down Road as vehicles enter the village is dangerous. Whilst Highways have accepted that the 30mph signs could and should be moved further north they are unwilling to do this on cost grounds.

Whilst safety is a major issue for many people the noise nuisance of speeding traffic is arguably of greater daily concern for the majority.

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