

MOSTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 15th March 2018 at 7.00pm.

Present; Cllr. Neil Hickman (chair), Cllr Dion Shoemark, Cllr Robert Fry, District Cllr Barrowcliff, and 8 members of the public.

2018/011. PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF ITEMS ON AGENDA

Residents raised concerns that the recent highways work has reduced the width of the pedestrian walking area at the northern end of the village. A resident produced photographs to highlight this issue. Residents also raised concerns that there is no point at the northern end of the village where pedestrians can cross the road safely. Please see item 20/015

End of public discussion

2018/012. APOLOGIES / DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST / GRANT OF DISPENSATIONS – Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Jim Cooper, Cllr Angela Bullock, County Cllr Rebecca Knox and District Cllr Alford.

**2018/013. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS, COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND LOCAL POLICE OFFICER:
County Councillor**

Clerk read out report from Cllr Knox as follows:

A report for the meeting of the Parish Council – Rebecca Knox

“The Secretary of State has given Dorset the go ahead to form two unitary councils, which for us will mean residents will be looking to what will be called the Dorset Council. At the moment a parliamentary is being prepared to be laid in the Houses of Parliament which will create the new legal entity. Though secondary legislation and therefore deemed to be a process which is more process in theory it could be subject to some controversial discussion, but it is unlikely to be stopped entirely. The new organisation of Dorset Council will come into force on 1 April 2019, and in the meantime, a Shadow Authority will be created in June to ensure the transition from six councils to one takes place.

I have a considerable amount of detail about all of the above and there are some subject areas where it is going to be really important to work with parish and town councils on to see what they view about certain aspects of service delivery – this could be a really good opportunity for closer working and to get more involvement with others in community, if that is what is appropriate.

I am going to be arranging a meeting in this area probably now for April so will keep you posted on dates – there is too much to potentially explore and it would be good to meet with others in the division.

Dorset County Council has voted to increase council tax to the limits which were set by central government. Part of the 5.99% will be used and ring fenced for social care (3%). This is a welcome amount however with the living wage to implement, most will be taken up to cover that cost in social care. There are some really exciting opportunities which Dorset is pursuing to increase the access and service to residents who need care particularly

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for those remaining in their own homes, but we are also working with others to hopefully invest in homes suited to those who need more help. We are also investing considerably in social workers, for all ages, and foster carers.”

District Councillors

District Cllr Barrowcliffe reported that previously land searches by the district council planning authority had been slow in being completed, however the time scales have been significantly reduced.

Cllr Barrowcliffe reported that the new unitary authority needs to set budget for the whole area, and it is hoped that the authority will save sufficient money in first year to cover the cost of setting up new authority.

The Strategy committee has agreed to set up a local authority trading company to look at housing building initiatives, to hopefully address the shortage of new housing in the area.

Police.

Clerk read out the following report from PCSO Alex Bishop

Crime wise, in the early hours of 11th February, a commercial premises in Mosterton was broken into. A van with a tool chest were stolen, but fortunately the vehicle had a tracking device on board and was located.

Between 1st and 3rd March, unknown offenders broke into a vehicle left abandoned between Mosterton and Misterton, during the snow fall. A golfing Powacaddy was stolen. A trailer has been stolen from a field in Mosterton. This occurred between the 9th and 10th of March. Sometime recently, unknown offenders have stolen a quantity of fuel from Mosterton School. It is unknown when exactly this has occurred. If anyone has any information about these crimes or would like to report any suspicious activity (at the time), call 101, or report it online at www.dorset.police.uk. Since returning to the Beaminster area, I have not yet set up a surgery in Mosterton, but if anyone is interested in being able to come and speak with me, please go onto the shops Facebook page and let them know.

2018/014. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 9TH JANUARY 2018

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

2018/015. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14TH NOVEMBER 2017

Bus Shelter – The clerk reported that HC Lewis and Richard Burrough are liaising on a suitable date for the laying of a concrete pad.

Highways Issues – Clerk has been arranging a meeting with the Highways department, to discuss the safer route to schools. Residents mentioned that the ditches have been flattened on the road out to Littlewindsor and there are significant potholes. Both the clerk and residents will log the potholes with DCC Highways department.

A member of the Community Speedwatch team will send recent data to the clerk to share with the parish council, see end of these minutes.

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Grit Bin Purchase

Clerk reported that the grit bin has been purchased, and the concrete base for it will be laid by HC Lewis at the same time as the bus shelter base.

Play area equipment – date.

Clerk reported that a deposit has been paid and we are awaiting notification of the installation date.

2018/015. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Clerk reported that no report has been received from the working group. A member of the working group present agreed to contact the other members in the hope of moving things forward.

2018/016 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Local Council Review
2. Letter from Dorset Youth Association requesting financial support
3. Letter from Ramblers Association requesting financial support for new map near shop Agreed donation of £100
4. Letter from Parrett & Axe School requesting financial support for Life Education Van visit Agreed donation of £200
5. Letter from Bridport Citizens Advice requesting financial support
6. Notice of first loan payment due on 29th March 2018
7. Dorset AONB Annual Forum letter

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2018/017. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) Applications handled since last meeting

WD/D/18/000157 Oak Dene, Main Road, Mosterton. DT8 3HG. Demolish barn and replace with new garage – There were no objections.

b) Decisions notified by WDDC since last meeting

WD/D/17/002780 LAND SOUTH EAST OF WINDSOR LODGE, CHEDINGTON LANE, MOSTERTON Application for approval of reserved matters for Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Design in relation to Outline approval WD/D/17/000826 (Reserved Matters) - Approved

WD/D/17/002786 SUNNYMEAD, CHEDINGTON LANE, MOSTERTON, BEAMINSTER, DT8 3HL Proposed Single Storey Extension (Full) - Approved

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WD/D/17/002697 CHURCHILL FARM, CHURCH ST MARYS ACCESS ROAD, MOSTERTON, BEAMINSTER, DT8 3HJ

Demolish part of existing bungalow and adjacent outbuildings. Erect 3 no dwellings AND ASSOCIATED CAR PORTS
(Full) - Approved

WD/D/17/002610 CHAPEL COURT FARM, MAIN ROAD, MOSTERTON, BEAMINSTER, DT8 3HP Erect agricultural barn

(Full) - Approved

WD/D/17/000152 LAND ADJACENT WINDSOR CLOSE, MOSTERTON Erection of 36 dwellings with associated works, including vehicular access, highway improvements, drainage, parking, landscaping and open space (amended scheme). (Full) – Approved at planning development committee, although still awaiting confirmation of this from the planning department.

Councillors asked that the clerk ask the planning department for details of the sewerage plans once agreed by the planning department.

c) New applications to be considered

WD/D/18/000157 OAK DENE, MAIN ROAD, MOSTERTON, BEAMINSTER, DT8 3HG

Demolish barn and replace with new garage and workshop on same site. (Full)

There were no objections to this application.

d) Tree Applications

WD/TP/18/00107 26 Orchard Way, Mosterton DT8 3LT. Oak -trim by 10%

Councillors agreed to make a site visit.

2018/018. FINANCE

Financial Status Mosterton Parish Council as at 15th March 2018

Treasurers account

Payments since last meeting

Clerk salary January & February	£ 276.50
Clerks Pension (employee contributions)	£ 24.04
Grass cutting for play area	£280.00
Purchase of new grit bin	£136.79
Deposit new play equipment	£6,696.60
Laptop and software	£558.95

Income Since last meeting

Mosterton Preschool	
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One off admin fee	£25.00
Bi-Annual admin fee	£10.00
Loan repayment	£1104.10

New payments

Grass cutting	£100
Donation to Mosterton Rambles	£100
Donation to Parrett & Axe School	£200

Bank balance as at 27th February 2017 £19,496.55
 Balance after above payments agreed £ 19,396.55
 Amenities account
 Balance as at 11th December 2017 £10,430.43
 Interest accruing at rate of approximately £0.44 per month.

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

The main meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

2018/020. PUBLIC DISCUSSION TO RAISE ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Residents raised concerns about dog walkers not clearing up when out walking. Clerk agreed to get some additional signs and put a note on the Facebook page.

Residents raised concerns about the new building works and potential damage to their property from large vehicles. Councillors advised that any issues should be raised with the building contractors at the earliest opportunity.

Date of future meetings for the year 2018 as follows:

- Tuesday 8th May to include AGM and Annual Village Meeting
- Tuesday 10th July
- Tuesday 11th September
- Tuesday 13th November

Mosterton Speed Watch Statistics Report

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- a) The statistics show a higher % of vehicles speeding through Mosterton compared with most sites.
- b) Our latest session at Mosterton Cross on Saturday morning identified 39 speeding vehicles out of a total of 373. Worryingly, 20 of the 39 were travelling at 40 mph or more. We estimate that 35-40% of those speeding were travelling through the village from the Crewkerne direction. A previous session at The Paddocks produced similarly high % of vehicles travelling at 40mph or more.
- c) There are several gremlins in the system at present with one of them erroneously indicating that no further action (NFA) was taken following one of our sessions at the Pumping Station (DBB017).
- d) The Mosterton statistics include a session by the police at Bandera Cottage (DBB015) where they only caught two speeding cars. One of our team – David Ingram – lives very close to Bandera Cottage and watched the police team in action. He is adamant that a considerable number of cars were speeding and that the police figures are not reliable.

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