

MOSTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 8th May 2018 following on from the Annual Village Meeting and the parish council AGM. (7.50 start time)

Present; Cllr. Neil Hickman (chair), Cllr Angela Bullock, Cllr Jim Cooper, Cllr Rob Fry, District Cllr Barrowcliff, District Cllr Alford and 5 members of the public.

2018/021. PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF ITEMS ON AGENDA

Residents raised concern about the treatment of surface water run off and foul water treatment, in particular in relation to the proposed new development near Windsor Close. The clerk agreed to request details from the planning department as to what methods will be used to deal with this matter.

Residents reported that water pressure is current low in the village. It was suggested that individuals need to contact the water supply company to report this.

Concerns were raised about a dog lose on the site of the new development, and that the development fencing is sited on the highway. The clerk will refer these matters to the local PCSO.

End of public discussion

2018/022. APOLOGIES / DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST / GRANT OF DISPENSATIONS – Apologies were received and accepted from PCSO Alex Bishop and Cllr Dion Shoemark.

2018/023. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS, COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND LOCAL POLICE OFFICER:

County Councillor Rebecca Knox sent the following report in anticipation of not being able to attend the meeting: Over the past year a significant change in local government has been agreed by consultation with residents, and by 8 of the 9 councils in the two tiers of government in Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole. For our area this will mean that those services delivered by the West Dorset District Council and the Dorset County Council will now come from one Council which will be named Dorset Council. From a “councillor” perspective” instead of there being 205 Councillors from those two, there will now be 82 covering the Dorset Council area. This we all hope will bring local communities, parish and town councils and other organisations together more without layers of confusion about who does what and where discussions should be have to prioritise what areas and residents need. In particular my focus has been in looking at the social care system (across the ages so children, young people, adults etc) and how it works with the NHS at the hospital end and really importantly with GPs and schools. This is all part of the trying to prevent either health, safeguarding, social exclusion, rural exclusion from creating what can be really complex situations for individuals and families. If we can get sort out an issue earlier, the better for all. My in box has seen an increasing number of concerns about roads, potholes in particular, just over the past 6 weeks. The highways team had been doing exceptionally well for a long period of time but the cold weather has set back road resurfacing work, drainage clearance and added vast numbers of potholes to the programme of works. There is an internet portal which shows which roads are up for surfacing over the next year, and due to changes, some might can brought forward, or sadly postponed so it is worth looking, asking me or the Clerk to have a check if you are concerned.

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There is an ongoing issue with rural transport particularly for schools, healthcare visits and use of community transport. Though it might seem slow to put together and find solutions I can assure you that there is a huge determination in Dorset to address this, and working with the health service is increasingly allowing the pressures on the travel system to be addressed but it is a detailed and complex area. You will have heard maybe that our country lanes are an issue in terms of overhanging branches which prevent buses from travelling to certain places, so just something which might seem simple has a knock on effect overall until it can be sorted out, which it is. Road safety is high on the parish agenda, and like Beaminster which has had some work carried out to look at Safe Routes to Schools, the village is keen to engage and look at this as a whole. The meeting to start it sadly has been slow to progress, and that is down to me getting the highways road safety officer to the village for the meeting with the school and parents. That is a priority and I will do my best to progress. You might have read about the way that road safety for pedestrians is being looked at as a whole route, across an area approach, rather than looking at one pinch point in a village or town. I really want to make this wider known and discussed within Mosterton. As always, if there are any questions or matters which residents or other organisations would like to raise or discuss at other times, please let me know. There will be a meeting held on 5 June for the parish council members to hear more about the changes being discuss for local authorities, so matters which come forward to the council or to the village groups can be raise there by local councillors when I do the presentation and Q&A.

Cllr Knox (who was present at the meeting) also noted that there is an additional special grant available of £600,000 for cold weather road repairs and urged residents to continue logging potholes and highways defects. Cllr Knox reported that the Speed Indicator Devise (SID) has gone missing, and Cllr Knox is working on finding it. Cllr Knox also requested that he most recent speedwatch data be re-sent to her.

District Councillors

Cllr Alford spoke about the Local Government reform and potential devolution of activities to town and parish councils of discretionary services, such as public conveniences. A recent meeting to include parish councils was very well attended, and Cllr Alford noted that the district council are not seeking to do anything against the will of town or parish councils. Notes from that meeting will be circulated. More information and communication will be forthcoming, once the current asset list compilation has been completed.

Police.

PCSO Bishop sent his apologies and the following report: “We have had a report of a possible rogue trader in Beaminster and Mosterton of two males in a black van saying they work for Nationwide drain and sewerage and they are calling people advising that they may need access to people’s properties to check drains with a camera. They then charge to unblock the drain. Between the 5th and 8th April, solar lights and a light up tree were stolen from a property in Mosterton. As villagers will be aware there are some properties being developed in the village. With this comes the risk of offenders targeting the site for items to steal. I ask that people remain vigilant and report anything suspicious to Dorset Police, at the time, on 101, or via the website www.dorset.police.uk.”

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2018/024. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 15TH MARCH 2018

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

2018/025. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15TH MARCH 2018

Bus Shelter - There is currently extensive work being carried out at the pumping station, and it will not be possible until this has been completed to see whether the bus shelter will be able to be installed at the original site.

Highways Issues - Cllr Knox reported that she is still working on setting up a joint meeting between the Highways department and local residents to review the road safety of pedestrians. .

Play area equipment - The new play area equipment has been installed, and the parish council recorded their thanks to local resident, Kirstie Jones, for her involvement with the project. The annual play area inspection is scheduled for later this month.

2018/025 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. Local Council Review
- 2. DAPTC Survey on Local Government Reforms
- 3. Email regarding new post office opening in Mosterton Village Hall

2018/026. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) Applications handled since last meeting

WD/D/18/000312 THE MILL HOUSE, MAIN ROAD, MOSTERTON, BEAMINSTER, DT8 3HG Erection of three dwellings with associated garaging and access driveway. (Full) – no comments submitted to date; the parish council had no objections to the planning application.

b) Decisions notified by WDDC since last meeting – None

c) New applications to be considered

WD/D/18/000631 WHETLEY CROSS FARM, MAIN ROAD, MOSTERTON, BEAMINSTER, DT8 3HE Alterations to convert two storey garage and store to ancillary accommodation (Full) - No objections.

WD/D/18/000817 LAND ADJACENT WINDSOR CLOSE, MOSTERTON Request for confirmation of compliance with all conditions of planning approval WD/D/17/000152 (Compliance with Conditions) Clerk will request details of scheme to manage surface and foul water disposal.

d) Tree Applications - None

2018/027. FINANCE

Financial Status Mosterton Parish Council as at 15th March 201

Treasurers account

Payments since last meeting

PWLB loan repayment	£1104.10
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Clerk salary March & April	£ 281.66
Clerks Pension (employee contributions)	£ 24.50
Clerks expenses	£ 50.00
Clerk's pension – Annual employer contribution	£ 185.91

Income Since last meeting

Precept	£5000.00
Allotment rents	£ 124.00

New payments

Final payment new play equipment	£6696.60
Website	£384.00
David Landscapes Grass Cutting	£212.00
Hall Hire	£15.00
Mosterton PCC (grant of allotment rents)	£12400
Insurance	Awaiting final cost

Balance after above payments agreed £15,251.78 excluding unknown insurance cost. It was agreed to discuss whether or not to transfer some funds from the amenities account to the main account at the next meeting.

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

The parish council agreed to remain with the current insurer for a further three year period in order to continue to secure the discount they offer.

The clerk raised the matter of the new data protection regulations (GDPR) The clerk will investigate what the parish council needs to do in order to comply.

The parish council reviewed the clerk's salary and agreed to the new NALC rates with effect 1st April 2018.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

2018/028. PUBLIC DISCUSSION TO RAISE ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

A resident raised the matter of the Old St Mary's Churchyard, which the church is seeking to close. The parish councillors had no objections to the proposal.

Date of future meetings for the year 2018 as follows:

- Tuesday 10th July
- Tuesday 11th September
- Tuesday 13th November

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Signed

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