

MOSTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 13th November at 7.00pm

Present; Cllr. Neil Hickman (chair), Cllr Angela Bullock, Cllr Jim Cooper, Cllr Rob Fry, District Cllr Barrowcliff, District Cllr Alford, and County Cllr Rebecca Knox and 2 member of the public.

2018/050. PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF ITEMS ON AGENDA – No items raised

End of public discussion

2018/051. APOLOGIES / DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST / GRANT OF DISPENSATIONS – Apologies were received and accepted from PCSO Alex Bishop.

2018/052. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS, COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND LOCAL POLICE OFFICER:
County Councillor - Not present.

District Councillors

Cllr Barrowcliff reported that the shadow authority is moving forward with the business of the new unitary authority which comes into effect from 1st April 2019. There is currently a lot of work taking place on the new budget, which will be signed off on February 2019.

Beaminster traffic situation has been partially resolved, free parking, rate rebates for some local traders. There is still the need for the damaged building to be repaired., and the currently one way system up Fleet Street will need to be suspended whilst repairs works are undertaken. The new “road” will need to be resurfaced once it has been restored to car park. It was noted that the road surface is already in poor condition as it was never intended to be road, only car parking, and the surface is badly damaged already, with the harsh weather to come. Cllr Alford will speak to Cllr Knox about this.

Cllr Alford reported that WDDC are noticing that policy and strategic works are winding down, ready to hand over to the new unitary council coming into effect from 1st April 2019. However the appointment has been made of the Chief Executive of the new unitary authority, Mr Matt Prosser. Second tier appointments are expected in December.

Police.

PCSO Bishop sent his apologies and the following report: Fortunately there is nothing to report regarding crimes since the last meeting. However, we are consistently getting reports of different scams. As I have mentioned in the past, DO NOT give any details to anyone over the phone, especially bank/card details. We have had reports of callers purporting to work for BT, usually in the fraud department asking to gain access to computers or asking for account details to try and locate hackers. We have also had reports of automated messages saying there is a warrant out for arrest for non-payment of taxes. These are scams and companies like BT, or the Inland Revenue do

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not do this. Just hang up on any callers like this. If you think you may have been scammed or have paid money and you don't think it's genuine, contact your banks to cancel the payments/cards and contact Action Fraud to report any offences. Action Fraud are online at www.actionfraud.police.uk, or 0300 123 2040. My next surgery at the Village Hall/Post Office will be on Monday 19th November, at 1.30pm. If anyone would like to come and speak with me please feel free. Also, if anyone is interested in joining the Community Speed Watch team, please contact me, either on 101, or come and see me at the Post Office on the 19th.

2018/053. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 11TH SEPTEMBER 2018

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

2018/054. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11TH SEPTEMBER 2018

Private Water supplies – it was reported that WDDC passed a resolution to ensure that small properties to be excluded from the proposed increases in water treatment and testing cost and not treated as a commercial entity.

Highways Issues – Cllr Cooper reported on the recent meeting with the highways department. A further meeting is being arranged to discuss the potential installation of a SID in the village, to help reduce speeding vehicles. The representative from the Highways Department has also suggested the removal of the left hand national speed limit sign at the north end of the village, as this can be seen for some distance and may be encouraging drivers to speed up as they head out of the village.

The Highways Department representatives felt it was highly unlikely that an application for a 40mph buffer zone either side of the village would be successful, and that equally the creation of a pavement at the north end of the village was unlikely to be possible. The highways department are considering whether extra signage around the school area would be a possibility and agreed to look at historic images to see if the pedestrian area near Eeles Pottery has been significantly narrowed.

Footpaths – There has been a Notice of temporary closure issued for the footpath near to the new development. The clerk reported that the closure lasts for an initial 21 days, then can be extended to 6 months, and is likely to be extended until new buildings are completed and the new footpath is opened.

Residents reported issues with accessing footpath 7, near Churchill Farm as development has started in that area. The clerk will report this to the Rights of Way Officer.

CB3 Bus Route – no report.

2018/055 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from DCC regarding consolation to extend 30mph speed limit on Mosterton Cross towards Littlewindsor
2. Electoral Review of Dorset – Final recommendations letter
3. Letter from Privy Council Office regarding ceasing burials at Old St Mary's Churchyard, Mosterton
4. Letter of resignation from Cllr Dion Shoemark
5. Notification of temporary closure of Footpath 14.
6. Letter from solicitors regarding the donation of land to the parish council by the village show amenity committee. This item was discussed. There has been an offer made by the village show organizing committee to use their funds to purchase the land opposite the shop and give ownership to the parish

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council. A local solicitor firm has agreed to undertake the work required free of charge. The costs to the parish council would include a £200 search fee to determine mineral rights., possible a survey of the land to ensure no contamination, and possible a small amount of stamp duty. It was agreed to accept the offer of the land, subject to investigation of insurance costs. The site is ¾ of an acre approximately.

7. Letter from the family of Naomi Haskell requesting permission to put up a bench in memory. This was agreed, Clerk to contact Mrs Kersley.

2018/056 PLAYAREA UPDATE

The working party took place and the group removed a large amount of rubbish. A second working group is scheduled for next weekend. The clerk raised the matter of the email received from a concerned parent about some minor repairs which are needed to the equipment. The councillors agreed to look at these items.

The clerk reported that the splintered log installed with the new equipment in the spring is to be replaced under warranty.

2018/047. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Applications handled since last meeting - None
- b) Decisions notified by WDDC since last meeting
 - WD/D/18D001384 Land north of Windsor Close – Installation of 3 LPG tanks and fencing – Approved
 - WD/D/18/000619 DownBarn Farm, Erection of building to cover silage clamp - Approved
- c) New application to be considered - None
- d) Tree applications - None

2018/057. FINANCE

Financial Status Mosterton Parish Council as at 13th November 2018

Treasurers account

Payments made since last meeting

Clerk salary September & October	297.54
Clerks Pension (employee contributions)	27.88

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Clerks expenses	50.00

Income Since last meeting

Second half precept	5000

New cheques/payments

PKF Littlejohn (Auditors)	360.00
Bid air Ltd (Website)	96.00
Mosterton Village Hall	16.50
Grass Cutting	212.00

Bank balance as at 5th October 2018 £23,556.59
 Balance after above payments agreed £23,087.65

The next PWLB payment due on 1st April 2019, with Preschool due to make their payment to the parish council during March 2019

Amenities account
 Balance as at 9th August 2018 £5,433.86

The clerk reported that the external auditors had completed the audit of the 2017-2018 financial year, with just one minor item raised.

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The clerk presented the draft budget for the financial year 2019-2020. This includes amounts toward potential highway improvements and election costs for the first time. The budget was agreed to be set at £11,000, to include the purchase of one SID and two location posts.

The parish council completed the annual review of the following documents: Standing Orders, Financial regulations, Financial Risk assessment, GDPR policies and Adoption of Electronic Mailing Communications. All the policies were approved, with no changes made.

Meeting closed at 7.50pm.

2018/058 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TO RAISE ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

A resident voice concerns that the local primary school now has more pupils than it is receiving funding for. This has occurred because school financial and academic years do not run in parallel. The school will receive an increase in its funding from April 2019 to take into account the increase in pupil numbers.

Residents raised concerns about the parking near the school at drop off and collection times. The PSCO has reported that there is little which can be done other than to encourage parents to park sensibly and respectfully.

Date of future meetings for the year 2019 as follows:

Tuesday 8 th January	Tuesday 12 th March	Tuesday 14 th May
Tuesday 9 th July	Tuesday 10 th September	Tuesday 12 th November

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