

MOSTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12th March 2019 at 7.00pm

Present; Cllr. Neil Hickman (chair), Cllr Angela Bullock, , Cllr Rob Fry, District Cllr Barrowcliff, and County Cllr Rebecca Knox and 6 members of the public.

2019/009. PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF ITEMS ON AGENDA

Residents enquired as to why the bust stop has been moved as it no longer stops by the bench. This is down to the bus company. However, there will be a new bench being installed in the village see minutes .

End of public discussion

2019/010. APOLOGIES / DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST / GRANT OF DISPENSATIONS – Apologies were received and accepted from District Cllr Tony Alford and PCSO Alex Bishop.

2019/011. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS, COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND LOCAL POLICE OFFICER:

County Councillor - Cllr Knox reported that this is the last meting before the LGR reforms take place. The new Beaminster Ward will include the villages of Mosterton, Mapperton, Chedington, South Perrott and the rural areas joining those villages. Cllr Knox reported that the is a discussion about the role of parish and town councils within the new council, and that the 82 newly elected councillors will take the lead on this from May onwards. Cllr Knox reported that the new budget includes £6m more funding for Children’s services, and that a new free Special Needs School has been announced today.

District Councillors

Cllr Barrowcliff reported that he is not standing for re-election and expressed his thanks to the parish council for the support in the past. Cllr Barrowcliff reported that the time scale for land charges delay has been reduced from 12 weeks to two days, and that planning applications after 1st May will be handled within three areas of the county; east, west and mid area.

Police.

PCSO Bishop sent his apologies and the following report: “On January 30th, there was a theft from a vehicle in Mosterton. Unfortunately the report does not say what was stolen. Around the same time, in the same area, there was also a theft of an Ifor Williams trailer. We have had a report of a fraudulent advert on Facebook. The victim from Mosterton attempted to purchase a discounted item that did not turn up and was not able to contact the company. There has also been a previous report of someone purchasing Bitcoin through a Facebook advert which was a scam. Please be aware and if purchasing anything online, it is usually better to use a credit card or PayPal, which are far more secure and you are likely to get any lost money back. On February 18th, it was reported that a fencer and battery were stolen from the area of Chedington Lane. These items can be difficult to protect, the best advice is to keep them hidden well away from the entrance to the field. If anyone has any information regarding these crimes, or would like crime prevention advice, please contact Dorset Police on 101, r via the website, www.dorset.police.uk. Please also be vigilant and report any suspicious activity (at the time) on the above number.

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For further information/reports you can follow Bridport Police on Facebook and Twitter and also receive local reports and join watch schemes at www.dorsetalert.co.uk.

Also to remind people that wish to meet/speak with me, I will be at the Mosterton Post Office on the second Monday of each month from 1.30pm.”

2019/012. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 8TH JANUARY 2019

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

2019/013. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8TH JANUARY 2019

Highways Issues including purchase of SID device

The speed surveys throughout the village have now been completed. The next stage of the work is the installation of the new posts for the SIDs to be mounted on. The clerk has written to the residents of properties close to the northern site and no objections have been received. The cost of the SID posts is £735 plus VAT, This has been agreed within the budget for the SID project.

A set of steps will need to be purchased and the speed watch members will need to receive training prior to being able to move the SID from post to post. Once in situ the SIDs will be added to the council insurance coverage.

The clerk reported that she has met with the Highways department to discuss the location of a new bench. This will be placed on the pavement outside of the village hall. A concrete base will be laid long enough for both the bench and grit bin to be sited on and secured to. The parish council agreed to meet the costs of the concrete base, and the bench is being donated in memory of Naomi Haskell. The parish council already has the grit bin in storage.

2019/014 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Public Path Diversion Order Footpath W35/14.
2. Section 106 approval
3. Pumping station grass seed acknowledgement
4. PWLB Instalment due letter
5. Email confirmation of replacement of damaged wooden piece on play area
6. Citizens Advice letter – request for financial support

Planning Correspondence

WD/D/19/000351 Land north of Windsor Close. Grant of non material amendment

2019/015 PLAYAREA UPDATE

The clerk reported that the piece of splintered wood identified in the 2018 safety inspection has been replaced under warranty. A resident has reported that the zip wire sometimes sticks. Cllr Fry agreed to investigate this issue. It was agreed that several parish councillors will meet with residents on site to look at potential damage to railings, fencing and edging around equipment.

The clerk reported that an outline Section 106 application for outdoor gym equipment has been approved, so the clerk will now obtain quotes.

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2019/016. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. PLANNING

a) Applications handled since last meeting

WD/D/18/002801 Majors Row, Main Road, Mosterton – no comments submitted

b) Decisions notified by WDDC since last meeting

WD/D/19/000351 Land north of Windsor Close. Grant of non material amendment

c) New application to be considered - None

d) Tree applications - None

Other Planning Matters – A resident at the meeting reported that he owns the land to the west of St. Mary's Church, and is considering a small development of approximately three bungalows. This would allow land to be made available to the PCC for parking space for the church and a potential extension of the graveyard in an area of land behind the church. The land owner met with the PCC in January, and the PCC are in favour in principle. The parish council noted that their planning recommendations will be in line with the residents' opinions expressed in the village plan. The resident will therefore consider proceeding with a formal planning application to be submitted.

2019/017. FINANCE

Financial Status Mosterton Parish Council as at 12th March 2019

Treasurers account

Payments made since last meeting

Office Software renewal	79.99
Clerk salary & Pension (Jan & Feb)	323.42
Stationery & Wi-fi top up	79.93

Income Since last meeting

Mosterton Preschool Loan repayment	1104.10
Mosterton Preschool Loan admin fee	10.00

New cheques/payments

Mosterton Village Hall	16.50
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Legal fees for land searches for village green	200.00
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Bank balance as at 28th February (last statement) £23,087.70
 Balance once above payments approved £22,802.13

Next PWLB repayment is due on 1st April 2019. Preschool made payment to Mosterton Parish Council on 28th February 2019.

Amenities account
 Balance as at 9th August 2018 £5,433.86
 Interest accruing at rate of approximately £0.40 per month.

Meeting closed at 8.03pm.

2019/018 PUBLIC DISCUSSION TO RAISE ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

A resident asked if there had been an update on the re-painting of the white lines near to Eeles Pottery. The clerk confirmed that this work is being scheduled by the Highways Department, along with the re-siting of the 30-mph roundel sign at the top of the post at the northern end of the village.

A resident asked about the potential development of a skatepark in the amenities area. There are no plans for this currently.

Concerns were raised about vehicles speeding at the southern end of the village where children are crossing the road to reach the school. The current crossing point was assessed by the Highways Department recently and deemed to meet the current regulations.

A resident asked if an area of the village green could be temporarily roped off to create an area for a 5km walk. This was agreed.

The level of silt under the bridge was noted as being of concern. The clerk will try to find out which agency is responsible for this and contact them .

It was agreed that following the transfer of the village green to the parish council, the clerk would write to Nantes solicitors to thank them for carrying out the legal work free of charge.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 14th May which will include the annual village meeting and the Parish Council AGM.

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