

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council

Wednesday 11th December 2019

Main Hall, MS Centre, Church Lane, West Parley.

Present: Councillors: Philip Bamborough (chairman); David Allen; John Barber; Barbara Manuel; Andrew Parry (DC); Diana Penwill (vice); Mark Wadeson

In attendance: Linda Leeding (Clerk)

1. **APOLOGIES.** Cllr Mary Court;
2. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST.** None.
3. **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 20th NOV 2019.**
The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting and were accepted as an accurate record (11323-11326).

MATTERS ARISING

Outstanding matters included members informing Dorset Cllr Parry their views on the service provided by the Dorset association of Parish and Town Councils (DaPTC); members agreeing response to WP Memorial Hall Committee; members to inform Clerk of budgetary considerations. From previous: date and speaker for the Annual Parish Meeting.

5. **PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.** None.
6. **DORSET COUNCILLOR REPORT** (circulated prior to the meeting).
Dorset Councillor Parry explained that he would raise highways concerns with Mike Potter following 4 incidents in as many days on the village's roads; including a resident being injured on New Road.
7. **CLERKS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE** (circulated prior to the meeting).
The Clerk provided an overview of the report. The Chairman stated that the WPRA Volunteers have been offered further decking boards and could undertake remedial works on the boardwalks, which he has offered to be stored in the Compound (where we tell them). Cllr Barber added that if they are using concrete to secure the support posts, the Council must ensure specific concrete is used in close proximity to TPOd trees. The Chairman also added that the WPRA are chasing to restart work in the woods. **ACTION:** Clerk to progress when time permits. Cllr Penwill asked if we had received the ditches report from Dorset Council. **ACTION:** Clerk to chase DC officer.

ITEMS FOR DECISION

8. **To exclude the Press and Public in accordance with Section 1, subsection (2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960. (for item 9)** None.
9. **CLERK JOB EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL**
The Clerk left the room for the duration of the discussion (19:48-20:00hrs) whilst members discussed matters.
10. **BUDGET SETTING 2020/21**
The Clerk talked through the document, circulated prior to the meeting, and commented on the need for revenue from the clubhouse eg Football, cricket, petanque, walkers etc. An option to ensure the car park is funded is to charge, however this was contrary to opinion in the Resident Consultation. Cllr Manuel raised tree planting, following a request to erect a field maple (which was agreed in principle by DC) which has a positive effect on the carbon footprint.

Earmarked reserved were discussed and will be reviewed in January. Staff costs are the Councils biggest expense. **ACTION:** Clerk to add Budget, Precept and earmarked funds to January Agenda.

11. HIGHWAYS

The Clerk sought update from Dorset Councillor Parry following a resident complaint about the speeding on Dudsbury Road. **ACTION:** Cllr Parry to progress speedwatch.

12. PLAY AREA IMPROVEMENTS

Cllr Barber provided an overview following contractor meetings onsite to facilitate the evaluation for the PocketParkPlus finding. **ACTION:** Cllr Barber to forward quotes. The Clerk asked whether remedial works were required following the play area inspection and Cllr Barber confirmed that they were to be done in 'a reasonable time' and as some will be replaced in the near future, it was acceptable to not progress repairs. Members all agreed.

13. LAND AND PROPERTY

Cllr Bamborough suggested that as time was pressured in full Council meetings, that Land and Property matters could be discussed after the Planning Committee meeting with and decisions being taken to full council. It was resolved that all members of Council would therefore be on the working group and members agreed to discussion timings. The previous pressure to agree a constitution to attain CASC status (80% rate rebate) has been eliminated as the Valuation Office Agency (VOA) have deleted the premises from the rating list, due to the poor condition of the premises. The Council must take reasonable steps to replace / repair, submit planning application and seek funding. Still awaiting confirmation on Council Tax for the flat but hope it too will be deleted. The concept of a Management Committee of 5 Cllrs and 4 sports representatives has been informally accepted by HMRC to achieve the CASC status in the future. Cllr Penwill added that individuals should not have a 'leg in each camp' and Council must retain the majority control. The Chairman gave an overview of their tour of KGV sports pavilion and all were impressed with the facility, funded by a loan. Cllr Barber asked if a consultation would be required to determine the way forward, members agreed.

Cllr Parry's brother attended the clubhouse to give a 'professional' view on use of the space but was shocked at the disrepair. It was questioned whether the foundations could take a second floor, but the surveyor had eluded to this being possible previously, although no testing had been undertaken. Cllr Bamborough suggested a meeting with the surveyor to ask all the questions raised (eg if building is salvageable (cost) and demolition / rebuild cost) but some Cllrs felt the foundations needed to be physically tested for strength / depth. Other thoughts included adding a second floor for storage with the capacity to convert in the future, and another was the need to repair the old damaged drains. **ACTION:** Clerk to send the Chairman the Drain report. The repair or rebuild cost is likely to be in the region of £1m.

Cllr Barber left the meeting at 21:19hrs.

14. CHEQUE SCHEDULE (circulated prior to the meeting)

Cllrs resolved to authorise the payments as detailed, along with the monthly bank reconciliation.

Insert chqs

15. PLANNING MATTERS

The Chairman, in the absence of the Planning Chairman, asked Council to approve the minutes of the 4th December Planning Committee meeting (pages 11327) which were agreed without amendment. There were no applications to discuss.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND INFORMATION

16. ACTIVITY PLAN (circulated prior to the meeting)

The Clerk talked through this month's outstanding and completed items. A handful of items require progress.

17. COUNCILLORS LEAD AREAS (circulated prior to the meeting)

This month's report had entries from Cllrs Bamborough, Penwill, Barber, Manuel & Court, with no questions raised.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the Monthly Parish Council meeting was set as Wednesday 15th January 2020 at 19:30 hrs (7.30pm), the Main Hall, MS Centre, Church Lane, West Parley. The Planning Committee scheduled for 8th January 2020.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.35 hrs.