

MOSTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 9th March 2021 at 7.00pm via Zoom

Present; Cllr. Neil Hickman (Chair), Cllr Angela Bullock, Cllr Rob Fry, Cllr Chris Lamb, County Cllr Rebecca Knox, and 5 members of the public.

Item No.		Action
	<p>PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF ITEMS ON AGENDA A resident talked about the planning application which has been submitted in respect of WD/D/003117 Broadoak Farm Watery Lane Mosterton.</p>	
2021/013	<p>APOLOGIES / DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST / GRANT OF DISPENSATIONS – Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Jim Cooper & PCSO Alex Bishop. A grant of dispensation has previously been agreed by all councillors for Cllr Jim Cooper, who is unable to join virtual meetings due to the speed of internet connections in his area of the village.</p>	
2021/014	<p>REPORTS FROM DORSET COUNCILLOR AND LOCAL POLICE OFFICER</p>	
a)	<p>PCSO Alex Bishop sent his apologies for being unable to attend and sent a report. See end of minutes.</p>	
b)	<p>Dorset Councillor - Cllr Knox talked about the future of meetings at parish and local government level and the possibility of some meetings remaining virtual, after the end of the current Covid restrictions. Cllr Knox highlighted the ongoing consultation regarding the Local Plan. The main issues to potentially affect Mosterton could be around second homes and empty properties. The public consultation ends on 15th March. Cllr Knox reported that the Health Service and Social Care are currently working very well collaboratively throughout the pandemic, and they are looking at how to continue this going forward, in conjunction with acute medical services. Cllr Knox asked if the DAPTC are sending useful information through to the parish council. The Clerk confirmed we receive regular updates. However, Cllr Hickman is not receiving invitations for Chairs' event. Cllr Knox will look into this.</p>	RK
2021/015	<p>APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 12th JANUARY 2021 The minutes were approved, subject to amendment to remove Cllr Fry from the list of councillors present at the meeting, proposed by Cllr Hickman, and seconded by Cllr Lamb and will be signed by Cllr Hickman.</p>	
2021/016	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12th JANUARY 2021 Play area fencing – please see Item 6 Play area repairs – Cllr Fry reported that these items remain outstanding.</p>	RF
2021/017	<p>A3066 HIGHWAY Clerk reported that a meeting with Highways Department has been rearranged following the recent lockdown, to coincide with the school drop off run, at 8am on Friday 19th March. Clerk will</p>	

	give an update at the next meeting.	
2021/018	<p>PLAYAREA</p> <p>Replacement Fencing at rear of play area</p> <p>3 quotations were obtained. However, one contractor has subsequently said they are unable to carry out the work. Prices for materials only have been obtained, should the parish council decide to carry out the work themselves.</p> <p>Following a review of the quotations and a discussion, it was agreed to proceed with the quotation from David Landscapes, all present in agreement.</p> <p>Caretaker Role</p> <p>The Clerk reported that a Caretaker, Paul Hayes, has been appointed to the role on a self-employed basis.</p> <p>Any other matters</p> <p>Clerk reported that she has a rough quotation for a replacement of the large play structure. The approximate cost is around £23,000.</p> <p>Cllr Fry reported there is still a bag of bark mulch to be spread. Cllr Fry and Cllr Hickman will arrange to spread this as soon as possible.</p>	RF/NH
2021/019	<p>VILLAGE GREEN</p> <p>Tree planting Scheme – Cllr Lamb has been investigating the possibility of planting some small saplings along the riverbank on the village green, in order to prevent further soil erosion from occurring. The plan is to plant 12 trees along the edge of the river, 6 Goat Willows in the corner and possibly 10 trees by the road.</p> <p>It was agreed to plant the 12 trees along the river and the 6 Goat Willow in the far corner of the village green, but not to plant any trees alongside the pavement until residents whose views may be affected have been consulted.</p>	
2021/020	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>Dorset Council Community Governance Review Emails</p> <p>Request for Financial Donations from charity #willdoes</p> <p>Clerks & Councils Direct Newsletter</p> <p>Local Council Review Newsletter</p>	
2021/021	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>a) Applications handled since last meeting</p> <p>b) Decisions notified by WDDC since last meeting</p> <p>c) New application to be considered - WD/D/20/003117 Broadoak Farm Watery Lane Mosterton Dorset DT8 3HG. Erection of Agricultural workers dwelling together with parking, landscaping and access and Erection of replacement barn.</p> <p>After confirming that the property would not be using the mains sewerage system, all councillors present were in agreement that the planning application should be supported as it is within the development approved within the village plan. Cllr Bullock will contact the 2 residents who are potentially affected and report any concerns back to the Clerk. Assuming there are not significant concerns raised, the parish council will submit comments to support the planning application.</p>	AB

	<p>(Subsequently, no concerns were raised, and comments were submitted to support the planning application.)</p> <p>d) Other Planning Matters – None</p> <p>The Clerk expressed frustrations about the new planning portal and lack of communication from the planning department. Cllr Knox agreed to pass these concerns on to the planning department.</p>																	
2021/022	<p>FINANCE</p> <p>Financial Status Mosterton Parish Council at 9th March 2021</p> <p>Treasurer’s account</p> <p>Payments made since last meeting</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Play area & Village Green maintenance</td> <td>132.49</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ICT inc. software &, Zoom subscriptions for meetings & website</td> <td>50.39</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk salary & Pension (January & February)</td> <td>530.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk’s expenses (inc. mileage to attend extra meetings)</td> <td>5.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Allotment (part payment towards work on new plots & fencing)</td> <td>1000.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>Income Since last meeting</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>VAT refund</td> <td>1552.32</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Allotment rents</td> <td>135.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mosterton Preschool – Loan & Admin fee</td> <td>1114.10</td> </tr> </table> <p>Balance at 4th March 2021 £26,551.27</p> <p>Next PWLB payment due on 1st April 2021. Mosterton Preschool has already made the associated payment to the Parish Council.</p> <p>Amenities account</p> <p>Balance as at 4th March 2021 £6,113.12</p> <p>Mosterton Preschool have made a donation of £20 towards the Amenity Fund.</p> <p>Interest accruing at rate of approximately £0.05 per month.</p>	Play area & Village Green maintenance	132.49	ICT inc. software &, Zoom subscriptions for meetings & website	50.39	Clerk salary & Pension (January & February)	530.40	Clerk’s expenses (inc. mileage to attend extra meetings)	5.40	Allotment (part payment towards work on new plots & fencing)	1000.00	VAT refund	1552.32	Allotment rents	135.00	Mosterton Preschool – Loan & Admin fee	1114.10	
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2021/023	<p>ANNUAL REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF STATUTORY DOCUMENTS</p> <p>The following document was circulated to all councillors ahead of the meeting for review.</p> <p>Social Media Policy</p> <p>The above document was approved as circulated.</p>																	
	<p>PUBLIC DISCUSSION TO RAISE ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS/GENERAL MATTERS</p> <p>A resident raised a concern that on the triangle at the Whetley Cross junction, trees are being planted, which could affect the vision for drivers. Dorset Council Highways</p>																	

<p>Department will address the matter.</p> <p>It was noted that a tractor recently stolen was seen driving through North Perrott, at about 10.30pm.</p> <p>Cllr Lamb suggested that the parish council consider putting an advertising board on the village green opposite the shop, and charging local business to advertise on it to generate income. After a discussion it was agreed to put a post on the parish council Facebook page to gauge interest in the idea.</p> <p>A resident raised a concern about the current use of virtual meetings, and the possibility some residents may struggle to attend, making them less inclusive. The resident suggested that the meetings should return to the village hall at the earliest opportunity, and the parish council should consider ways in which to raise its profile.</p> <p>A resident noted that the parish council spends a large proportion of its funds on the maintenance and improvement of the play area, which is predominantly used by younger residents. The resident noted that not much is done to support for the more elderly in the village and asked that the parish council consider what it can do to support the more elderly residents.</p>	
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Meeting closed at 8.24 pm.

Date of next meeting: To be confirmed

Report from PCSO Alex Bishop

On Monday night, just after 10pm, there was a theft of a tractor from an isolated area on the edge of the village. The tractor was not easy to move and probably created a fair bit of noise and the lights were not working properly. If anyone has any information about this crime, please callus on 101, or email via our website – www.dorset.police.uk and quote occurrence number 55210034457.

We have had a couple of calls relating to suspicious behaviour of a local male, who has been seen approaching properties and looking in windows. This is a reoccurrence of similar behaviour a while ago, which appeared to have stopped. Whilst this is concerning for some, there has been no suggestion that the male is aggressive, or has been committing any criminal offences, in fact when approached, the male leaves without fuss and there have been no subsequent reports of theft or burglary. If anyone witnesses any such suspicious activity, please contact us on 101. Should you believe a crime is in progress, please call 999.

Regards to all, Alex.

Alex Bishop PCSO 5404

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Signed

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