

**MOSTERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 following on from the AGM via Zoom**

**Present;** Cllr. Neil Hickman (Chair), Cllr Rob Fry, Cllr Chris Lamb, and 2 members of the public.

| Item No. |   | Action                   |
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|          | <p><b>PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF ITEMS ON AGENDA</b><br/>                     A resident raised concerns about the size of the increase in this years precept. The parish council noted the concerns of the resident. . It was noted that £6,000 has been included towards the future purchase on a replacement play structure, and that other options for funding the remainder for the purchase will be investigated.</p>   |                          |
| 2021/030 | <p><b>APOLOGIES / DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST / GRANT OF DISPENSATIONS</b> – Apologies were received and accepted from County Cllr Rebecca Knox, Cllr Angela Bullock, Cllr Jim Cooper &amp; 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>   |                          |
| 2021/031 | <p><b>REPORTS FROM DORSET COUNCILLOR AND LOCAL POLICE OFFICER</b></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 Knox sent her apologies.</p>   |                          |
| 2021/032 | <p><b>APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021</b><br/>                     The minutes were approved, proposed by Cllr Hickman, and seconded by Cllr Lamb and will be signed by Cllr Hickman.</p>   |                          |
| 2021/033 | <p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021</b><br/> <b>Play area repairs</b> – Cllr Fry reported that the brake has been repaired, and photos taken of the previously broken part, which will need a replacement mechanism. The clerk will arrange the purchase of the replacement parts.<br/>                     It was reported that the rubber surrounding the chain is not in need of replacing.<br/><br/>                     Cllr Fry reported there is still a bag of bark mulch to be spread. Cllr Fry and Cllr Hickman will arrange to spread within the next week.<br/><br/> <b>Feedback on consultation regarding notice board on village green.</b><br/>                     The clerk reported that one resident has been in contact to express concerns about the installation of an advertising board on the village green. It was agreed to leave this idea for the time being.</p> | <p>VR<br/><br/>RF/NH</p> |
| 2021/034 | <p><b>A3066 HIGHWAY</b><br/>                     Update including SID<br/>                     Clerk reported that a meeting took place with the Highways team, and as a result a second SID has been purchased. The Highways Department has agreed to cover the costs of installing 2 further SID posts in the centre of the village to allow the SIDs to be mounted to give drivers information on the speed at which they are traveling, which ever direction they are traveling through the village.</p>  |                          |

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|                 | The clerk reported that the extra lining on the road towards Beaminster is scheduled to take place in the next 6 weeks, and that work to upgrade existing and install additional signage including chevrons will take place, but has yet to be scheduled by the Highways Department.  |   |
| <b>2021/035</b> | <p><b>Support for local community groups</b></p> <p>A resident noted that lots of villagers have suffered isolation as a result of the recent lockdowns, and there are a number of new residents in the village. The resident suggested that an information sheet is produced about the various groups which operate in the village. It was agreed that the parish council would cover the cost of printing of the information sheet. The resident and clerk will liaise further.</p>   |   |
| <b>2021/036</b> | <p><b>PLAYAREA</b></p> <p><b>Stile or gate between play area and football area</b></p> <p>Cllr Lamb has noticed that children are climbing over the fence between the play area and the playing field. It was agreed to remove a section of the cross rails to allow easy access so that children do not climb the fence. The opening needs to be 3 meters clear of the gym equipment. Cllr Lamb will visit the site to assess where the gap could be safely created.</p> <p><b>Replacement fencing</b> – The clerk reported that the replacement fencing along the back of the playing field has been completed. Some minor repairs had to be made to the side fences before the work could be completed.</p> <p><b>Fencing between park and Axe Brook House.</b></p> <p>The clerk reported that children are climbing the fence to the right of the play area, into private land. It was agreed to speak to the owners about putting up some signs to reduce the problem.</p> <p><b>Caretaker role update</b></p> <p>The caretaker role is working well, and there was a discussion about extending the role outside of the play park to the rest of the village. Some residents felt that the precept should not be used to deal with littering and dog fouling. It was agreed to purchase 3 dog waste bag dispensers to place around the village, and to trial the extension of the caretaker role.</p> <p><b>Location of roundabout and relocation of rocker</b></p> <p>The clerk has met with the contractor, and the roundabout will go where the small spinner is currently located, with the spinner moving to the left of the small slide.</p> <p>It was noted that wheelchair access to the park from the main road may be tricky. The clerk will look into this.</p> <p><b>Any other matters – vandalism wood thrown at cows</b></p> <p>There have been report of young people crossing from the play area into the field to the left, leaving rubbish and throwing items at the cows behind the teen shelter. It was agreed to get the fence shored up, and to consider the installation of CCTV in the area at a future meeting</p> | <p>CL</p> <p>VR</p> <p>VR</p> <p>VR</p> |
| <b>2021/037</b> | <p><b>VILLAGE GREEN</b></p> <p>Tree planting - Cllr Lamb reported that the tree planting along the riverbank went well. However, the planting took place just before a very dry period and not all the saplings have survived, so some will be replaced. The clerk noted that Cllr Jim Cooper had been contacted by one walker</p>  |   |

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|                 | <p>who was unhappy that the trees had been planted along the riverbank. It was noted that there is a lot of silt building up under the bridge. The clerk will contact the Environment Agency.</p> <p>With regard to planting trees along the pavement line, she has written to the residents who this may affect. One resident has replied stating that they would be opposed to any trees being planted along the pavement line. It was agreed that no further trees would be planted on the village green at this time.</p> <p>The clerk reported that a resident has emailed to suggest that the village green be fenced in to prevent access. It was agreed that the traveller currently on the green is a regular visitor, and that there is no need currently to fence in the village green.</p> <p>Cllr Fry reported that it is hoped that Band of the Green will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> September.</p>   |  |
| <b>2021/038</b> | <p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b></p> <p>Email for Chris Loder MP about Dorset National Park – comments submitted 22/04/2021</p> <p>Email from Chris Loder about campaigning for the extension of laws in order for virtual meetings to continue</p> <p>Email from Chris Loder about broadband speeds survey – advertised on website and Facebook page</p> <p>Email from Cllr Rebecca Knox about consultation on Local Authority remote meetings</p> <p>Email of introduction from Michael Dooley, High Sheriff of Dorset</p> <p>Email from resident voicing concerns about plans for caravans to be sited on land behind Meadowside</p> <p>Email for resident objecting to trees being planted alongside the pavement on the village green</p> <p>Email from resident objecting to idea of advertising board on village green</p> <p>Temporary road closure order of MOSTERTON DOWN LANE &amp; POTWELL FARM ROAD, MOSTERTON</p> <p>Temporary road closure order consultation for MOSTERTON CROSS</p> <p>Email from resident regarding fencing to the right of play area and children accessing a private garden</p> <p>Email from Mosterton Preschool asking to use playing field for outdoor jumble sale - it was agreed that this could take place subject to evidence of Public Liability insurance evidence, with a daily hire fee of £40.</p> |  |
| <b>2021/039</b> | <p><b>PLANNING</b></p> <p>a) Applications handled since last meeting</p> <p>P/NOTP/2021/01061 Removal of 3 public phone boxes. 2 comments from councillors in favour of removal. No other comments received so no comments submitted</p> <p>P/HOU/2021/00500 Minors Main Road Mosterton 2 storey extension to ancillary accommodation</p> <p>Comments received from 3 councillors in favour of the proposed application. Submitted comments in favour on 29/04/2021</p> <p>b) Decisions notified by WDDC since last meeting</p> <p>P/PAPA/2021/00788 Broadoak Farm Watery Lane Construction of agricultural road</p>   |  |

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|                 | Prior Approval required<br><br>c) New application to be considered None<br><br>d) Other Planning Matters – None |          |
| <b>2021/040</b> | <b>FINANCE</b><br>Treasurer's account<br><br>Payments made since last meeting                                   |          |
|                 | ICT inc. Zoom subscriptions   | 28.78    |
|                 | Allotment fencing balance   | 325.00   |
|                 | Grant to St Mary's PCC (2/3 of allotment rents)   | 160.00   |
|                 | Trees for planting on village green   | 18.00    |
|                 | Purchase of SID   | 2994.00  |
|                 | Dorset Council – emptying of bin Naomi Close  | 68.25    |
|                 | Transfer to Amenity account   | 6,000.00 |
|                 | Public Works Loan Board repayment   | 1104.10  |
|                 | Play area & Village Green maintenance & repairs including Caretaker   | 722.50   |
|                 | Fencing around play area  | 2277.50  |
|                 | Office Expenses   | 35.14    |
|                 | Clerk salary & Pension (March & April)  | 530.40   |
|                 | Clerk's expenses (inc. mileage to attend extra meetings)  | 80.40    |
|                 | Annual Employers Contribution to pension  | 443.69   |
|                 | Income Since last meeting   |          |
|                 | Precept – 1 <sup>st</sup> half of annual payment  | 9147.50  |
|                 | Allotment rents   | 105.00   |

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|  | <p>Balance as at 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021 <span style="float: right;">£23,323.51</span><br/> Next PWLB payment due on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021.</p> <p><b>Amenities account</b><br/> Balance as at 30<sup>th</sup> April <span style="float: right;">£12,133.22</span><br/> This includes a transfer of £6,000 from the Treasurers account, for the new play structure, to ring-fence the funds. Interest is accruing at rate of approximately £0.05 per month.<br/> The above payments were all agreed, proposed by Cllr Hickman and seconded by Cllr Fry.</p> |  |
|  | <p>PUBLIC DISCUSSION TO RAISE ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS/GENERAL MATTERS<br/> Cllr Fry reported that he has cut the grass on the village green and around the pumping station.<br/> It was agreed to include the purchase of a new notice board and support for the village hall on the agenda of the next meeting.</p>  |  |

**Meeting closed at 8.53 pm.**

Date of next meeting: To Be Confirmed

Report from PCSO Alex Bishop

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> March, we had a report of the theft of a tractor on the outskirts of the village. The tractor was quite recognisable as rare and it is believed to have been seen driving through North Perrott late that evening, followed by a 4x4 vehicle. Unfortunately the person that saw the tractor in North Perrott did not realise it was stolen and did not get any further information.

On 15<sup>th</sup> April, we had a report of dangerous driving through the village. This has been tasked to the No Excuse team to do any follow ups. If anyone wants to report any similar offences, you can report it to us online at [www.dorset.police.uk.uk](http://www.dorset.police.uk.uk) or via the Dorset Road Safe website, [www.dorsetroadsafe.org.uk](http://www.dorsetroadsafe.org.uk) if you have any dash cam footage, this can be added to any reports to evidence any complaints.

Regarding a previous report of Nitros Oxide cannisters being found in the playing field, I have done several patrols in the evenings when working. I have not seen anyone around, or noticed any further cannisters being left there. I brought this to the attention of the school as well and did a talk to the older kids about it.

We are still being advised to hold off any face to face engagements until the end of June, however once this changes, I should be going back to the Post Office once a month for a surgery. I will let you know when this changes.

Regards to all.

**Alex Bishop PCSO 5404**

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Signed

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