

# MOSTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chair: Robert Fry Clerk/RFO: Leanne Way

## FULL COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the full Parish Council Meeting of Mosterton Parish Council held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023 commencing at 7.00pm at The Village Hall, Main Road, Mosterton DT8 3HG.

**Councillors Present:** R. Fry (Chair), C. Lamb (Vice-Chair), A. House, G. Padget, S. Earlam

**Officers Present:** L. Way (Clerk/RFO)

**Public Present:** 6 members of the public

### 2023/063 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from PCSO A. Bishop & Cllr R. Knox.

### 2023/064 Declarations of Interests and Grants of Dispensation

None.

### 2023/065 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023 which had previously been circulated to all members were agreed by the council and signed by the Chairman.

### 2023/066 Matters Arising

- The CCTV for the play area will be discussed at the next meeting in January after the budget has been set for 24/25.
- The recent traffic survey was previously circulated to members. James Hussey from Dorset Council is currently conducting a review of the data and a request for a 40mph buffer on the southern end of the village.
- Update from Tony Burden in reply to the Parish Council requesting that the 30mph sign at the north end of the village be moved further up the A3066 (See Appendix A).
- Cllr S. Earlam to respond to T.Burden in response to his email, Chris Loder to be copied in.

### 2023/067 Public Forum

A resident raised concerns regarding the layby as you leave the village going to Beaminster, the council are putting their rubbish there and it is now growing grass and is an unsightly mess – Clerk to report.

### 2023/068 Chairmans Report

Cllr R. Fry commented how nice it is to have a full board of Councillors.

### 2023/069 Dorset Council Matters

Nothing to report.

### 2023/070 PCSO Report

A report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting and its contents noted (See Appendix B).

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### 2023/071 Planning Matters

Application No: P/CLE/2023/06271

Location: Cherrytrees Main Road, Mosterton, DT8 3HG

Comment: No comment to make on this Certificate of Lawfulness

New Tree Preservation Order: TPO/2023/0063

Location: Land at New House Farm, Mosterton, DT8 3HE

Comment: Cllr R.Fry to investigate further for discussion at next meeting in January

### 2023/072 Financial Matters

The following payment list was approved

Supplier	Description	Amount
Playgroup	Public Works Loan	1104.10
Clerk	Work from Home Allowance 3 months	75.00
Fry Commercial	Various	188.48
David Landscapes	Grass Cutting	530.00
One.Com	Website	174.76
Leanne Way	Clerk – 2 months	513.84
Village Hall	Meeting	20.00
HMRC	Tax 2 Months	122.20
Life Education	Donation	100.00
DAPTC	Cllr Training	84.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>£2912.38</b>

Receipts	Description	Amount
Dorset Council	Precept	7147.50
Interest		24.89
<b>Total</b>		<b>£7172.39</b>

**Total of both Accounts as 14/11/2023**

**£27,258.06**

- Clerk asked to bring to the next meeting a proposed budget for the 24/25 precept.
- The Financial Regulations were approved and signed by the Chairman.

### 2023/073 Other Council Matters

- The following roles and responsibilities were appointed to the Councillors.  
Planning – Cllr R. Fry & Cllr G. Padget  
Rights of Way – Cllr A. House & Cllr G. Padget  
Highways – Cllr S. Earlam  
Recreation – Cllr C. Lamb
- Reported the noticeboard glass was jammed, the clerk to contact the company that installed it to come out and repair.
- Clerk to email Cllrs names & roles to W.Benge for the next issue of the village newsletter.

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- Road safety concerns were discussed regarding concerns for the school children of the village. It was raised how the village would benefit from a 20mph speed limit from the shop to just beyond the school, this would ensure a safer route for not only the primary school children walking to and from school but also the older children walking to and from the bus stop.
- 20mph speed zone to be investigated further. Cllr S. Earlam to draft a questionnaire for the village asking for feedback/support for the 20mph speed limit in the village.
- The lack of signage making drivers aware that there is a bus stop by the school is concerning and was discussed that warning signs to alert drivers of the school children would also be beneficial and make the area safer for the school children.

**2023/074 Correspondence Received**

The correspondence report had been circulated prior to the meeting and the following needed discussing

- The Mosterton Church yearly share of the allotment charges were approved and was agreed to pay £182.50 donation
- Dorset Council asked for a short questionnaire to be completed on trees – Cllr C. Lamb agreed to complete this
- Decided a notice would be put on the noticeboard next year asking anyone who was planning a firework display to give prior warning – this would allow residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people. Reminding also not to use the village green.
- Clerk investigating if all the footpaths within the parish boundary are registered as public rights of way – the government have set a deadline of 2031.

**2023/075 Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**Meeting Closed** at 9.15pm

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## APPENDIX A

### Tony Burden Email

Dear Mosterton Parish Council,

Thank you for this correspondence and photos.

Please note that we attempted to identify a suitable location for moving the 30mph slightly out of the village when the MPC first made the request and the location – as seen in the photo - was part of our considerations.

I acknowledge that the location is next to the village nameplate and therefore could be seen by some as a natural terminal (start) point for a 30mph limit but regrettably it is not as straightforward as it might seem. Speed limits should be self-explaining and seek to reinforce people's assessment of what is a safe speed to travel. Another key factor when setting a speed limit is what the road looks like to the road users. Drivers are likely to expect and respect lower limits and be influenced when deciding on what is an appropriate speed, where they can see there are potential hazards, for example when entering a village. The suggested location is too far out of the village with limited hazards and would not provide a consistent message between speed limit and what the road looks like, and for changes in speed limit to be reflective of changes in the road layout and characteristics. This looks and feels like a country road and motorists would not understand the reasons why it was 30mph.

As part of these considerations, it is also important to recognise that if we took the gamble and made this change, we would need to move the 30mph terminal signs from their current position at the start of the village to the new location. This means that the effectiveness of the signs at the start of the village would be lost leading to a risk that rather than reducing speeds we could see motorists not respecting the speed limit (for reasons stated above) and speeds could increase coming into the village. It is important that on behalf of local residents and other road users that we do not take this risk. To this end I can advise that we have arranged for a cut back of the hedge so that visibility of the 30mph sign is clearer and we are also going to add a more conspicuous yellow coloured backing to the 30mph signs on both sides of the road.

To reduce speeds coming into the village and at the request of MPC we supported the 40mph buffer suggestion and have gone to public consultation. This order has now been made and I await an update as to when the works will take place. I hope that this will be recognised as a positive step, and I will be interested in feedback once the new limit is in place. Details can be found at this link [Comment on moving Traffic Regulation Orders - Dorset Council](#).

Separate to this we are also assessing the MPC request for a 40mph buffer at the other end of the village and I have acknowledged this week's confirmation to go ahead with the speed survey to assist this assessment.

In relation to the 'white line issue' I have agreed that there is benefit in widening them back out with the intention behind this to direct vehicles away from the edge of the carriageway. It must

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not be seen as creating a 'virtual footway' because there is not enough road space to create a virtual footway. I do not have an exact date for this work but in liaison with the Service Manager for Network Operations I can advise that the old line will need to be removed and therefore it is not a routine operation. The plan is to tie this in with a wider line removal programme and this work is aimed to be completed this autumn.

I hope this has helped to answer your questions.

## **APPENDIX B**

### **PCSO Alex Bishop Report**

Around the 18<sup>th</sup> of October, a farmer in Mosterton reported vehicle tyre marks throughout a field and the body of a deer being found. It is possible this was linked to poaching, however, due to the types of marks and the deer being untouched, I believe this was young people using the field for racing around and doing "doughnuts".

I have received a complaint of a young person in the village, taking a glass bottle from a recycling bin and chucking it in the air, which smashed on someone driveway. It was not believed this was done to target the resident in anyway, just a mindless act.

For information, there were a couple of incidents near Bridport last month where unknown offenders attempted entry into an outbuilding of one farm. However, there was someone staying in the building, who reacted to the offender's gaining entry, before they ran off. There was also another incident just outside Bridport, where unknown offenders broke into an outbuilding, disturbing the owners who reacted. Unfortunately, they managed to get away with a chainsaw, but made off quickly once the owner was disturbed. Rural crimes like this have been very low for some time, but this shows that there are still potential offenders ready to take opportunities. Please be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to us. You can either call 101 or report online at [www.dorset.police.uk](http://www.dorset.police.uk). If you believe a crime is in progress, please call 999 immediately.

By the time of the meeting, I will already have had my engagement in the village, but my next one will be at the Post Office on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December, at 1.30pm.

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