

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 9th January 2024 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.

Officers Present: L. Way (Clerk/RFO)

Public Present: 1 member of the public

2024/076 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from PCSO A. Bishop.

2024/077 Declarations of Interests and Grants of Dispensation

None.

2024/078 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th November 2023 which had previously been circulated to all members were agreed by the council and signed by the Chairman.

2024/079 Matters Arising

- Clerk to contact Colin asking him to replace inside of damaged noticeboard.
- Clerk to follow up rubbish in lay-by as no action from Dorset Council.

2024/080 Public Forum

- Following on from Dorset Council's correspondence regarding the 30mph sign, a resident mentioned the location where Dorset Council thought of putting the 30mph (but decided against it due to motorists not being aware they were entering a village). That it would make sense moving the Mosterton Village sign there as it is clear land and no danger of the sign becoming covered by undergrowth and would be clearly visible to motorists (with agreement by the landowner).
- A resident highlighted the terrible trouble they had with the recent flooding in the village and how the residents helped them keep the surface flooding from reaching their property. Unfortunately, it was this resident that had the pipe stolen that was being used to drain the flood water from their garden. The Clerk will write to Dorset Council to revisit the communication from 2021 regarding the drainage in Cheddington Lane, it got to the point where a date was set for the work to be done but did not go ahead.

2024/081 Dorset Council Matters

Nothing to report.

2024/082 PCSO Report

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

Chairman:

Date:

2024/083 Planning Matters

New Tree Preservation Order: TPO/2023/0063

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

Comment: Cllr R.Fry followed up and no comments to submit.

Application: P/HOU/2023/07214

Location: 30 Orchard Way, Mosterton, DT8 3LT.

Proposal: Erect New Porch

Comment. Cllr R.Fry to speak to the neighbours & see if any comments.

2024/084 Financial Matters

The following payment list was approved

Supplier	Description	Amount
PCC Mosterton	Share of Allotment Fees	182.50
Dorset Council	Traffic Survey	330.00
Fry Commercial	Various	115.20
HMRC	PAYE	206.60
Clerk	Salary 2 mths/Accrued Holiday	851.39
Village Hall	Meeting Hire	40.00
Clerk	3 x mths work from Home	75.00
DAPTC	SLCC	450.00
Total		£2250.69

Receipts	Description	Amount
Interest		14.03
Total		£7172.39

Total of both Accounts as 09/01/2024

£25,021.40

- A full breakdown of the proposed budget for 24/25 was previously circulated and all present Councillors agreed that a precept of £14,860 was to be requested from Dorset County Council.

2024/085 Policies

The following policies were reviewed and approved by Council.

- Standing Orders
- Financial Regulations

2024/086 Other Council Matters

- The Installation of an Electrical Charging Point in Mosterton was discussed and after a lengthy discussion was agreed that the Clerk would write to Dorset Council to arrange a meeting to find out all obligations. Proposed site the entrance of Ferret Way by the Green Box.
- Email from Dorset Council regarding 40mph request for the southern end of the village (See Appendix B) Clerk to email questioning the point they made about remarking the roads as they are not clear and need to be repainted.
- Discuss possible location of storage for sandbags in the village & plan of action to help deal with any future flooding in the village. Cllr A.House agreed to store 10/15 sandbags at his residence Downbarn Farm. Clerk to inform Dorset County Council to arrange. Clerk to put a list together of useful numbers if flooding occurs.

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- Cllr G.Padget to bring costs to the next meeting for installation of solar CCTV at the Play area.

2024/087 Correspondence Received

No report.

2024/088 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 12th March 2024

Meeting Closed at 8.10pm.

APPENDIX A

Happy New Year to you, I hope Christmas went well.

On the 7th December, there was a report that a hose, being used to pump flood water from a garden to a drain had been stolen. This was from a premises near Chedington Lane.

There were several Road Traffic Collisions (RTCs) over the Christmas period. I would like to take this opportunity to advise people to be careful on the road and consider planning journey's ahead of time, particularly around the severe weather we have been having. The more common factors that cause collisions are often easy fixes drivers can take. Firstly, adjust your driving to the conditions. When the road and weather are clear and dry, you should allow a 2 second gap between you and the driver in front, this should double to 4 seconds, when conditions are wet, or increase to 10 seconds in ice and snow (you can check the highway code for further details on braking distances). Many people fail to adjust to conditions and do not allow adequate stopping distances. Secondly, consider road positioning. Many people will often take a "racing line" around a corner, cutting over the white line. This can often put you in the way of on coming traffic and mean taking evasive action (especially if you come across a large vehicle). In lanes with no road markings, it becomes even more important to consider positioning. Finally, speed. Many people do not adjust their speed for the conditions. Simply remembering to slow adequately before a corner will allow better reaction time, if you come across oncoming traffic, or even other road users, such as horse riders, or cyclists. Keeping a lower speed will also mean better traction when driving through larger puddles/floods, or when driving over mud/grit washed from the fields and verges. I do not mention this to teach anyone to suck eggs, but usually the cause to collisions are very simple errors that can be avoided. Please be safe on the roads.

I was due to attend the Post Office on Monday 8th, but I will be on a training course , so I will attend on Monday 22nd Jan instead, from 1.30pm.

Regards and happy New Year to all.

Chairman:

Date:

Alex.

APPENDIX B

Dear Parish Clerk,

Thanks again for getting in touch regarding a 40mph buffer on the southern end of the village.

Dorset Council's approach to setting speed limits can be found here - [Our approach to setting speed limits - Dorset Council](#), this states that the following factors are taken into account:

'Before introducing or changing a local speed limit, we want to make sure that the expected benefits exceed the costs. Many of the costs and benefits do not have monetary values associated with them, the following factors are taken into account when considering speed limit requests:

- Collision and casualty savings
- Conditions and facilities for vulnerable road users
- Impacts on walking and cycling and other mode shift.
- Congestion and journey time reliability
- Environmental, community and quality of life impact

Quality of life impact may include emissions, severance of local communities, visual impact, noise and vibration and costs, including of engineering and other physical measures including signing, maintenance and cost of enforcement.'

With regards to a 40mph limit - This should be considered where there are bends, junctions or accesses, substantial development, a strong environmental or landscape reason, or where there are considerable numbers of vulnerable road users.

As part of the proposal, I have analysed the speed survey data that was carried out 10TH and 15th September 2023. I have also looked in depth at the road layout, of which you'll be aware has a low amount of roadside development, accesses, and junctions. The layout of the road and visibility is good for most of the section that the proposed 40mph would cover. I have also looked the last 5 years' worth of injury collisions using data verified by Dorset Police.

I have judged this request separately to the speed reduction that we have already approved on the Northern side of the village, and I am satisfied that my findings do not show a need to reduce the speed limit on the southern end of the village and therefore it isn't something Dorset Council will be taking forward at this time. In 2021 the road safety team had new yellow backed chevrons placed at the Whetley Cross bend and had the 3-2-1 slow markings and bars on approach refreshed.

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Dorset Council will also be making changes to the white lining through part of the village, we will widen out the edge line to direct vehicles towards the centre of the road. The space behind the line will not be advocated as a footway, but the narrower indicated road width will hopefully cause drivers to be more cautious and whilst this has taken slightly longer than anticipated it is hoped these works will be carried out by our lining contractor in the new year.

I hope you find this information helpful,

Kind Regards,

James Hussey |

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