

MOSTERTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Held on 14th May 2024 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Councillors Present: Rob Fry, Andy House, Chris Lamb, Gerry Paget

In attendance: Dorset Councillor Craig Monks and 8 residents.

1. Welcome

Cllr Rob Fry welcomed all to the Annual meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mosterton Rambling Club.

3. Community Reports

Mosterton Art Group – no representative present

Parrett & Axe Primary School

Mr Smith reported that the school had a positive SIAMS inspection back in September, this is a requirement to ensure they are fulfilling their obligations as a Church of England School. The Dorset Council has funded solar panels for the roof which feeds back into the grid. They continue to remind parents to park responsibly around the school. MP Chris Loder visited the school, and he was shocked to learn that they receive half the funding per child compared to a London School, regardless of this they have still managed to produce a balanced budget. On Friday 21st June they are holding their 'super stride day' where they are raising money to build a cabin in the grounds for the forest school. All welcome to attend the Summer Fayre being held on Sunday 23rd June which will have a BBQ, bar, farm animals and much more. All in all another very successful year with very dedicated staff and governors.

Village Hall

Sarah Chaffey paid respect to the sad loss of Barbara Goode who was the treasurer of the village hall and how she has left a huge hole in the community. New committee members have joined and one of them has taken on the role as treasurer. The post office is at the hall every Monday (apart from Bank Holidays) and many volunteers help to serve tea and cake. The hall is very well used with various groups hiring the hall, please see their website for details. In the Winter they held super Thursday where people would get together and have a bowl of soup and a chat, this was so successful it has now turned into a fortnightly lunch club. Themed supper evenings and quiz nights are also held, along with many Christmas and Easter events. The hall has been fortunate to secure national lottery funding to refurbish the kitchen, this will happen in August when the hall will be shut for 3 weeks, the Post Office will continue to operate on Mondays during this time. Next year is the village hall's 60th birthday!

Gardening Club

Sue Burnand spoke of how they currently have 27 members and a committee of 5. Acknowledgement went to Barbara Borough and how she will be very missed. The club is usually held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month and often have speakers. The summer show is being held earlier this year on Saturday the 3rd August due to the village hall being shut for kitchen refurbishment. At Christmas they hold a workshop and always welcome new members to join or visit.

Ramblers - No representative present but report sent

Our small friendly group, currently around 20-strong (of whom now only 3 are Mostertonians!) meet on alternate Wednesday mornings for local walks (west Dorset/east Devon/south Somerset), typically 4-6 miles, easy paced, lasting about 3 hours, usually followed by a convivial lunch (optional) - pub/cafe/BYO picnic. We also have occasional social gatherings (tea parties, New Year lunch, AGM supper), a summer outing further afield and an annual 5-day residential walking holiday. We are all over-50s (some well over!) but all ages are welcome - sorry, no dogs. For more information contact Christine on 01460 76405 or Roger on 01308 861001, rogerhudspith@btinternet.com

The Fred Young Trust

Sharyn Brown reported the charitable trust was set up in 1992 when a local farmer called Fred Young decided that he wanted to leave some land to generate some regular income to fund hard times for residents aged 70 years or over. During the last few years money has been used helping residents meet the costs of heating, electricity, healthcare and including getting a mobile hairdresser for people with less mobility. Funds are available if you know someone who needs a little help, and it is all in confidence.

Mosterton PCC

Sharyn Brown spoke of how St Mary's Church was built in 1833 and stands in the centre of Mosterton. Regular services are held on a fortnightly basis and special services are held at Easter, Harvest and Christmas etc which all are welcome to attend. The church is open every day and does get used quite often. Every Friday morning a coffee morning is held 10am to 12.30pm which is a great place to meet up to have a chat with friends and neighbours. The school children are welcomed in the church to celebrate Easter, Christmas and the school leavers at the end of summer term – they often leave their lovely artwork on display for all to see and enjoy. Thanks were given to all that help in anyway with the day to day running of the church. There is currently one space available on the mowing rota – if anyone is interested and has an hour or two free once every six weeks please contact Graham Fry.

Mosterton Preschool – No representative present

Mosterton Craft Group – No representative present

Mosterton Volunteers

Jamie Ayers reported that the volunteers have had a very successful year, they've kept the numbers up and expanded the tasks they do and achieve. Thanks were given to the support they receive from the council, donations from the shop and general support from the village. A lot of grass cutting has taken place, litter picking, painting of the play area equipment/wooden fences in the village. The support they've had has enabled them to purchase various equipment which has been very helpful. Many social gatherings have also taken place within the group. New volunteers are always welcome, if you can't make Tuesdays the equipment is free to use at any time.

Speedwatch

Bill Benge reported due to not being able to operate in the rain many sessions have unfortunately been cancelled. Hopefully now due to the brighter months the team will be able to meet regularly, and they are pleased to say they are getting good support from Dorset Police, they have been more visible in the village. Mosterton was one of the first villages to have the auto watch camera which logs all speeds 35mph plus and works basically on the same basis as Speedwatch.

4. Electrical Vehicle Charging Point

Cllr Fry has been engaging with the residents regarding installing the charging point in Axe Valley Close, the response wasn't all positive, so the Councillors have decided to invite Matt back from Dorset Council to look at another location.

5. Public Forum

No points raised

6. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 9th July 2024

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm