

MOSTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chair: Robert Fry Clerk/RFO: Leanne Way

FULL COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting of Mosterton Parish Council held on Tuesday 9th July 2024 commencing at 7.00pm at The Village Hall, Main Road, Mosterton DT8 3HG.

Councillors Present: R. Fry, A. House, G. Paget, C.Lamb, C.Monks (Dorset Council)

Officers Present: L. Way (Clerk/RFO)

Public Present: 3 members of the public

- 2024/07/01 Apologies for Absence**
Apologies were received and accepted from PCSO Alex Bishop.
- 2024/07/02 Disclosure of Interests**
None.
- 2024/07/03 Minutes**
Council resolved to approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 18th of June 2024.
- 2024/07/04 Matters Arising**
- **Update on the CCTV in the Play Area**
Cllr Fry confirmed the post has been made for the CCTV to be fixed onto. Cllr Paget will enquire if the quote still stands for the CCTV cameras, it was agreed if there were no significant rises then we would go ahead and order 2 cameras.
The new swing has now been fitted.
The Company that installed the zipwire has been slow at coming back regarding the cost of replacing the decaying parts that urgently need replacing - Clerk will chase.
 - **SID**
The SID is still out of action, we are hoping the fault will be repaired soon.
- 2024/07/05 Public Forum**
The large areas of grass owned by either Dorset Council or Magna Housing need a cut – Clerk to email them.
- 2024/07/06 Dorset Council Matters**
Cllr Craig Monks gave a report. See Appendix A.
- 2024/07/07 Dorset Police Matters**
PCSO Alex Bishop sent an update on the aggravated burglary at the shop, Luke Spencer was convicted on four counts of burglary, including at Mosterton Stores in April. He was sentenced to 3 years and 1 month, having spent time on remand following the incident.
- 2024/07/08 Planning Matters**
No planning applications received.

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2024/07/09 Financial Matters

The following payments list was approved for payment.

Payments	
Community Heartbeat – Defib	151.20
Salary Clerk – 2 Months	577.24
HMRC – 2 Months	131.80
Fry’s Commercials	291.60
Internal Audit	400.00
Playsafety Ltd	132.00
Volunteers	96.78
David Landscapes	553.00
Village Hall	20.00
Work from Home Allowance – 3 Months	75.00
Total	2428.62

Receipts	
Interest – 2 Months	27.36
VAT Reclaim	447.63
Allotment	30.00
Total	504.99

The bank reconciliation was approved and signed.

Total of Accounts £ 25,989.13.

It was agreed by all to donate £250 to Parrett and Axe Primary School as they are in the process of refurbishing the Reception/Year 1 class toilets.

2024/07/10 Other Council Matters**Update on the electrical charging point in the village**

Cllr Fry and Cllr Paget met with Dorset County Council to discuss possible locations in the village. The area most favoured by DCC is halfway along Axe Valley Close, on the opposite side of the road to the houses. Cllr Fry pointed out that this area gets busy at school start and finish times, due to parents parking there and that residents are very much against it being installed in this area.

The other site proposed was to the side of the large vehicle entrance gate of the play park, but this site has not yet been agreed by DCC as being suitable.

Residents have mentioned the possibility of the charging point being installed at the Village Hall or the Pub Carpark, but both these sites have been dismissed due to either the size or by the owners.

Although the Parish Council can comment and advise, the final decision will be down to DCC.

Play Area Repairs

Clerk to chase quote for the repair of the Zipwire.

Defibrillator Course

The cost was agreed to hold a defibrillator course in October – Clerk to arrange.

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Post Repairs

Cllr Fry and Cllr House will repair the metal fixing on the post at the entrance of the park footpath.

2024/07/11 Correspondence Received

All correspondence dealt with prior to the meeting.

2024/07/12 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 10th September 2024

Meeting Closed 7.55pm

Appendix A

Here is my report for your attention.

1. Appointment to Committees.

I am pleased to announce that I have been appointed to the Southern and Western Planning Committee as well as the Licensing Committee. Representing our area on the Planning Committee is a significant responsibility, and I am committed to ensuring our community's interests are well-represented. However, to avoid any potential pre-determination issues, I do not intend to attend Parish or Town Council planning meetings.

2. Youth Grants Panel.

I have been asked by the relevant portfolio holder to join the Youth Grants Panel, a position I am delighted to accept. Youth and community support is a subject of great importance to me, and I look forward to fostering a healthy cross-party debate on how we can enhance our support for these groups. The previous Conservative administration significantly increased the youth grant budget by 100%, and I am committed to maintaining or even increasing this level of support.

3. Appointment to WATAG.

I am also happy to report my appointment to the outside agency Watag, as rural transport is a key priority for me. Recently, I chaired a meeting with First Wessex and have been in discussions with officers and the portfolio holder for transport about expanding weekend services to our ward. I am also happy to report that following a meeting with Dorset community transport I can confirm that they will be providing a service following Axe Valleys announcement to withdraw services to the area.

4. Dorset council highways Maintenance and Car Park Pilot Scheme.

I have been actively working with local highways officers to ensure that road maintenance and upgrade works are underway. Residents should notice ongoing and upcoming works throughout the ward. Regarding the recent car park pilot scheme, I have expressed concerns about its potential impact on wider services or costs to residents. While I support proposals that could benefit Dorset residents, I am worried that this scheme lacked proper debate and consultation. The lost income may lead to efficiencies in essential services like highway maintenance, waste management, travel, and leisure services. Moreover, the absence of a clear plan or measurable outcomes makes it difficult to evaluate the scheme's success. A more thoughtfully designed process could have better served our local residents rather than focusing on tourists. Additionally, if charges rise or services are cut to fund cheaper parking elsewhere in Dorset, it will be detrimental to our residents.

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5. Beaminster updates.

In Beaminster, I am looking into the issue of the railings near Prout Bridge and have engaged with officers about liabilities and possible repair options whether this is Dorset council responsibilities or not. Additionally, I have enquired into the installation of bins on Tunnel Road and near the Clipper Tea site, responding to residents' needs. However, this request requires action from the Town Council for ordering and emptying the bins. Perhaps this can be discussed further by the Town council. I am also supporting Hogshill Mead residents in their efforts to install drop-down kerbs.

6. Mosterton updates.

In Mosterton, I have raised the question of implementing a staggered speed limit to the south of the village, similar to the recent changes in the north. Despite a study indicating no need for this change, I continue to advocate for road safety. It also appears that I have succeeded in having some waste material removed from the layby at the village entrance.

7. South Parrott and Chedington updates.

The footways officer in South Parrott has highlighted funding issues for necessary footway works in the village. I am following up on this matter with the relevant officers.

8. Community Orchard Project.

I am excited to announce an initiative I have been working on with a local resident for some time to plant a community orchard in Beaminster with approximately 350 trees total being delivered to us later this year, including fruit trees. Should Mosterton, South Perrott, or Chedington wish to join in this effort, we will have plenty of trees to establish community orchards in these villages as well. Lastly, I have held two surgeries in Beaminster since being elected and intend on launching the Beaminster ward community forum which will take place every other month in locations across the Ward. These meetings will be community-led and will provide an informal setting to raise issues. I also hope to invite guests from the Council such as lead officers to add value to these meetings. I will update you with more information soon on this.

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