

MOSTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chair: Robert Fry Clerk/RFO: Leanne Way

FULL COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Mosterton Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th November 2024 commencing at 7.00pm at The Village Hall, Main Road, Mosterton DT8 3HG.

Councillors Present: R. Fry, C.Lamb and G. Paget.

Officers Present: L. Way (Clerk/RFO)

Public Present: 5 members of the public

2024/11/01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr A.House and PCSO Alex Bishop.

2024/11/02 Disclosure of Interests

None.

2024/11/03 Minutes

Council resolved to approve the minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting held on the 10th of September 2024.

2024/11/04 Matters Arising

- **Update on the CCTV in the Play Area**

The cameras and notices will go up on the 15th of this month. Hopefully the volunteers will cut the hedge back surrounding the camera.

- **Community Heartbeat Charity**

The session was very successful and well attended. A Village Emergency Telephone System (VETS) has been set up which is designed to assist where possible in an emergency. 12 local people have volunteered to give their numbers to the ambulance service, they can be contacted to collect the defibrillator and take it where needed – this can be quicker than waiting for the emergency services to attend.

- **Update on the Electrical Charging Point**

A feasibility study of Axe Valley Close will take place and if all ok installation will take place in the New Year. This decision was all down to Dorset County Council and they will cover all costs.

2024/11/05 Public Forum

The village sign as you enter the village from Crewkerne was raised and how it is not visible as covered by growth. The position of the sign was discussed and how it would be better sited just outside of Moonridge Farm. The clerk will contact Dorset Council Highways.

Chairman:

Date:

Sewage overflow from the pumping station was raised and a resident has been in contact with South West Water and read out some data he was given. A total of 142 hours of sewage was released between 1st January and 8th September. Resident will forward all the information to the Clerk, and she will write to South West Water to raise our concerns about the high amount of sewage release and do they have any plans to do anything about it.

Clerk to contact Cllr House and ask him to look at the allotment fencing as about half a dozen posts need replacing.

2024/11/06 Dorset Council Matters

Cllr Craig Monks gave an update on early stages of consultation work about to start with regards to improved mobile phone coverage. Mosterton has been highlighted as being particularly bad with current coverage. An email should be received soon regarding setting up a meeting to discuss this further.

We have taken delivery of a bulk of trees as saplings that are approx 20/30 inches tall. We will be planting some of these trees with the schools and any remaining I will be in touch with you to arrange the delivery of some to Mosterton.

2024/11/07 Dorset Police Matters

PCSO Alex Bishop sent a report in his absence. See Appendix A.

2024/11/08 Planning Matters

None.

2024/11/09 Financial Matters

The following payments list was approved for payment.

Payments	
Work from Home Allowance	75.00
Salary Clerk – 2 Months	691.99
HMRC – 2 Months	173.00
Fry's Commercials	156.00
Public Works Loan	1104.10
Play area Signs	34.03
Redlynch Leisure	792.00
David Landscapes	710.00
Village Hall	40.00
Dorset Council (SID Repair)	54.00
One.Com	203.56
Community Heartbeat	210.00
Total	£4243.68

Receipts	
Interest – 2 Months	20.79
Precept 50%	7430.00

Chairman:

Date:

Total	£7450.79
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The bank reconciliation was approved and signed.

Total of Accounts £ 28,151.68

The Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2024 award for the Clerk/RFO was approved.

Clerk to check remaining term/amount of playgroup loan.

2024/11/10 Volunteers Update from Cllr Paget:

- Flower beds and troughs cleared and replanted, with winter and spring flowering plants
- Two engraved stones made and installed at the village hall garden and the King Charles tree on the village green.
- Hedge trimming along paths in the village, including up the main road from the shop. Where walkers had complained of brambles obstructing the pathway.
- Cut back brambles on pathway to playing fields, mentioned at last parish council meeting.
- Clearing of farm track between main road and Fair oak way, used by children and others as a short cut.
- Cleaning and repainting of the village stone on Mosterton Cross (If I have repainted it by then! That's the plan)

2024/11/11 Other Council Matters

- **Wessex Internet Introduction.**
Wessex Internet would like to bring full fibre broadband to Mosterton. Mosterton Parish Council have been contacted as they jointly own Orchard Way with Dorset County Council, and they can't do any work on this road without our permission. The plan is to put a fibre cable through Orchard Way, Ben Heath the Community Engagement Manager will be in contact to arrange a further meeting with Cllr Paget and Cllr Fry.
- **Village Noticeboard – discuss upkeep and advertising.**
Cllr Paget has volunteered to maintain the village noticeboard. It was agreed that thin cork tiles would be put onto the ply and this would make it easier to pin notices on and take off.
- **The hedge that surrounds the Electric Substation in Axe Valley Close.**
Cllr Paget will get the details from the station and inform the clerk so she can write and advise them the hedge needs cutting.

2024/11/12 Correspondence Received

All correspondence was discussed and will be dealt with in the appropriate manner.

2024/11/13 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 14th January 2025

Meeting Closed 7.55pm

Chairman:

Date:

Appendix A

On the 16th of October, there was a suspicious incident at the Spar shop. A male was seen snooping around the bins and when challenged, said he was homeless. He then drove off towards Crewkerne. A few days later, we had a call that there were two males riding a quad bike around the pub car park. It is not known if these are linked, but there has not been any further information. Please be vigilant. If you notice any suspicious activity, please contact us on 101, online at www.dorset.police.uk, or 999 if you believe a crime is in place.

On the morning of 22nd October, Officers were in Mosterton under the No Excuse campaign. One driver was issued one penalty notice for excess speed and one for using their mobile phone.

On the evening of 22nd October, Officers stopped a vehicle a couple miles from the village, that appeared to be driving erratically. The driver is being investigated for potential drug driving offences.

Due to a training day, I was unable to attend the Post Office Yesterday (Monday 11th), so I aim to be there on Monday 25th, from 1.30, should anyone wish to come and speak with me. The next date will be Monday 9th December, but in a change to the normal time, I will be there at 2.30.

Regards,

Alex.

Chairman:

Date: