

MILTON ABBAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th October 2021
in the READING ROOM, MILTON ABBAS, at 7.30pm

PRESENT

Mr D. Cocking (Vice-Chair)
Mr N. Hodder
Mr R. Woodhouse (Chair)

Mr S. Driver
Mr T. Khandwala

IN ATTENDANCE Mrs E. Sellen (Clerk) and 10 members of the general public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Mr S. Gould, Ms K. Finlayson, Mr T. Ives, Mrs. Emma Parker (District Councillor). Mr P. Amor attended via Zoom.

2. DISPENSATIONS None

3. OPEN FORUM

The following points were raised:

Mrs P. Fifield requested that the hedges past The Old School, (especially the beech and yew/leylandii) should be cut back to regain the footpath. PA confirmed that they would be cut on the weekend.

PF asked whether it was permissible to remove hedging without planning permission (eg Little Westwood). RW and DC advised that planting is often a detail of the planning consent, and boundary hedges are covered but plants and shrubs are not part of planning consent. The Clerk will contact planning with respect to Little Westwood.

PF expressed concern regarding the trees which have been removed in the vicinity of the Abbey, particularly that there was a risk of a Melbury Abbas style landslide if they are not replaced. The clerk will contact the Milton Abbey School.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th July 2021 had been circulated. It was proposed by NH, seconded by TK, and agreed by those who had attended the previous meeting, that they should be accepted as a true record.

5. MATTERS ARISING

NH confirmed that following some discussions with Milton Abbey School, including a site meeting with Tracey Edwards, it has been confirmed that the public right of way (Monks Path [Queens Walk] to the Abbey Door) remains open. Since restrictions were lifted in July, the School have reopened the permissive path from the school end of Monks Path to the crossroads Diocese Track (Cornborough House to Hilton Road)/Lake Road entrance. The School don't own either the Lakeside Road or Diocese Track, however the short stretch across school property, from the school end of Monks Path to this 'crossroads'

area is accessible to walkers to travel on through to the two available choices. NH raised some concerns regarding the wording of 2 signs which do not appear to state access rights definitively. TE will consider this feedback as part of the site-wide signage improvements. NH asked TE to consider re-instating the Heritage Trail fingerpost which was removed at the start of lockdown. TE will endeavour to relocate the post and return it to its usual location.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence had been circulated by email or was available on the table.

The clerk drew attention to the following:

Circulation of emails relating to new Code of Conduct, Social Media and Co-option Policy templates.

Invitations to renew Declarations of Pecuniary Interest online have been emailed to all and are required to be submitted by 31st October.

A resident contacted the Clerk to advise that the Defibrillator is hidden from passing sight. The Clerk assured the resident that the Defibrillator is registered with SWAST who will provide directions to those who require access in an emergency. DC confirmed that its current location is deliberate.

A resident advised that she had recently slipped on the slabs at the bottom of the "Lovely Steps". The Clerk confirmed that residents had voluntarily attended to clean the slabs, and Dorset Council permit residents to carry out cleaning and gritting works to maintain safety.

Mr Martyn Banyard, representing Blacklane Developments had made an email enquiry regarding development of the Parish Council owned land beside the Surgery. This enquiry will be considered as part of the Community Land Trust process.

A Rights of Way consultation ending on 31st October has been publicised via Ellie-gram and on Facebook.

A road closure notice for the road to Hilton has been circulated for 26-28 October.

The Reading Room Committee agenda has been received ahead of their meeting on 19th October.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

A report from Mrs E. Parker (EPk) will be posted on Facebook and is available from the Clerk on request.

8. REPORTS HOMEWATCH

Mrs E. Payne (EPy) confirmed circulation of matters such as the ROW consultation, road closure notice, rural funding, CSW, Utility Suppliers Crisis amongst other items of local interest.

MATCH/JANE'S WOOD

EPy conveyed reports as follows;

Ms J. Harrison advises that MATCH intend to hold an AGM soon.

Mr. M. Maxwell confirmed no news re Jane's Wood.

PLAYPARK None

TRANSPORT None

WELCOME PACK

TK thanked Mrs F. Robinson regarding suggested Oil Club update and advised that he will amend the WP, update Facebook and email amended copy to NH and the Clerk for updating the Parish Council Facebook page and website.

CSW

FR advised that the CSW team will be in action again soon.

MILLENNIUM GREEN TRUST

EPy conveyed a report from MM to advise that he is still in the preliminary stages of dissolving the trust and will contact the PC as the process continues.

COVID 19

NH advised that the surgery have decided not to provide the booster Covid jab and residents are advised that the NHS will make contact people as they become eligible.

TELEPHONE KIOSK

SD has emailed a list of required materials for the safe repair of the kiosk. Councillors are requested to review the list and confirm their acceptance (or otherwise) by email, to be ratified at the November meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

NH advised that the Milton Abbas Community and PC Facebook pages have been updated with all planning applications since the last meeting, and the temporary road closure. These have also been circulated by Ellie-gram.

COMMUNITY LAND TRUSTS

NH continues to attempt to make contact with Mr Simon Parker since inviting him to attend a PC meeting to discuss setting up a CLT for Milton Abbas. NH has since forwarded the Blacklane Developments email to SP, but still awaits a reply. NH will contact Mrs J. Witherden from Milborne St Andrew, since she has suggested that they may be interested in a joint CLT.

PLATINUM JUBILEE ARRANGEMENTS See item 11

NHS WILDFLOWER GARDEN

NH advised that the Surgery have suggested that the Millennium Green may be a suitable location for the garden. Since it is not a budgeted project, query whether funding would be from reserves, or contributions. Potentially a project for Milton Abbey School students if there is interest, with supervision from the School, or local professional gardeners. Mr R. Golledge suggested that since the Surgery covers several parishes, maybe other Councils and organisations would also like to contribute time and/or finances. It was suggested that this feedback should be sent to Ms M. Curtis who suggested the garden, to see whether she would be interested in leading the project.

REPORTS FROM OTHER PC OFFICERS

DC advised that the paediatric pads have been replaced, and therefore all stock is in date.

DC advised that as per recent Ellie-gram circulation, the Wessex Internet grant application has been approved for Milton Abbas, however our location will require a different infrastructure to normal ventures and therefore there may still be

several months additional time required. Maildrops to residents have started and Wessex Internet require a 40% response rate to move forward. WI will host a Village Meeting later in the project.

TK advised that he has applied to the local LEP for a grant towards an electric charge point, however the LEP have confirmed that no individual responses will be guaranteed. TK will forward an article for NH to circulate regarding individual residents to also apply for a charge point through the same channel. Aside from the grant application, TK advised that there are three main charge point installation companies (Pod Point, British Gas & BP Chargemaster) and costs and equipment vary dramatically. 7kWh equipment providing 22hr charge, a faster set up to provide an 8hr charge, and 50-150kWh equipment which can provide a 2hr charge at £15,000. TK confirmed that the Hambro Arms are prepared to offer a location and 3phase power is already available.

9. PLANNING

Decisions

P/HOU/2021/00012 26 Catherine's Well – Erect two storey rear ext - Granted

P/FUL/2021/00111 Fishmore Hill Farm – Erect one dwelling with store and welfare room - Granted

P/HOU/2021/00261 St Catherine's House – Erection of single storey workshop - Granted

P/FUL/2021/01206 Dale Cottage – Erection of a single storey oak framed annex for residential accommodation - Refused

P/HOU/2021/1610 & P/LBC/2021/1611 51 Milton Abbas – Repair and raise chimney stack – Granted

P/HOU/2021/01632 Cornborough Milton Abbey School Access to Milton Abbey School – Erect single storey extensions & porch (demolish existing) – Granted

P/HOU/2021/01572 2 Milton Abbas – Repair and refurbish existing garage - Granted

P/PAPA/2021/02556 Land at Delcombe Wood Ibberton Hill to Woolland Hill jct and viewpoint to lane Woolland – Form Track – Prior approval not required

Applications

Applications already decided were not considered.

P/FUL/2021/01605 & P/LBC/2021/1606 58-59 The Three Bears Milton Abbas – Subdivision of dwelling to form two dwellings and erection of two storey extension (demolish single storey rear extension). It was proposed by RW, seconded by SD and unanimously agreed that the Council should recommend refusal solely on the basis of the front facing windows of the rear extension which can be seen from the street. Due to the fact that the proposed windows do not complement the existing windows, it will have a negative impact on the street scene.

P/LBC/2021/01814 & P/LBC/01815 Star-Gazy Cottage 60 & 61 Milton Abbas - Ext alts to remove existing cement and lime render, repair rotted timber window frames using traditional methods, render and paint ext walls. Mr & Mrs M. Garrett were in attendance and explained that although conservation had

recommended refusal on the basis of the proposed render mix, an alternative material has since been agreed along with a new method statement. Councillors had no further comments.

P/HOU/2021/01853 & P/LBC/2021/01861 2 Milton Abbas – Erect single storey rear extension and build retaining wall to rear. Councillors have no comments at this time.

P/HOU/2021/02021 & P/LBC/2021/02022 27 Milton Abbas – Raise chimney to 1.8m and repair the chimney's lean. Reinstate 5 bar timber gates to driveway and erect garden studio. Councillors have no comments at this time.

P/HOU/2021/02188 & P/LBC/2021/02189 The Old Gatehouse, Deer Park – Erection of single storey pool house with associated landscaping. Councillors have no comments at this time.

P/HOU/2021/02190 Little Westwood – Form vehicular access. It was proposed by DC and unanimously agreed that this should be a Highways issue.

General Planning Concerns

P/PAPA/2021/02556 Land at Delcombe Wood Ibberton Hill to Woolland Hill jct and viewpoint to lane Woolland – Form Track – Prior approval not required. An email had been received from a resident pointing out that it was their understanding that new tracks in Delcombe Woodland require planning permission because of the valley's Grade II listing. As John Phibbs recently explained to residents, the North End is the most obvious sense of the climax of the drive around Delcombe Valley. The soil does not hold its shape up there. Extensive track making would make it very difficult to find the route of the Brownian drives again and the beautiful topography could be mashed up. The resident enquired "With the need for prior approval apparently to be legally determined can we be confident that this time the Local Authority will consult with Historic England whose listings are critical to the protection of the Milton Abbey landscape - and of so many more of course?". This email was shared with Councillors and the West Planning team at Dorset Council for comments.

10. CODE OF CONDUCT

Following circulation of the Dorset Council proposed Code of Conduct template for town and Parish Councils, it was proposed by RW, seconded by DC and unanimously agreed that it should be adopted immediately.

11. PLATINUM JUBILEE LOTTERY BID

Mr M. McAvoy, NH and others of the Platinum Jubilee Steering Group had met to form an activity plan, which differs a little from the one that had been previously circulated. Sources of funding are not yet apparent, but it is anticipated that Lottery funding will be made available nearer the time. The Community Fund have volunteered £500 from their own funds, MM has sourced £500 from elsewhere. The overall budget is currently between £3,000-£5,000. It was proposed by NH, seconded by RW and unanimously agreed that NH will draft a bid for funding on behalf of the Parish Council, to be reviewed by the PC prior to

submission and that the PC will use the grant money to pay for elements of the celebrations as per the application.

12. GRIT BINS

NH confirmed that as per email communications a grit bin had been purchased and located at Long Ash Farm, awaiting delivery of grit from Dorset Council in October. Email agreement was unanimously ratified.

13. CLOUD TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL

Due to the fact that the Clerk is leaving the 01258 local area, the Parish Council number cannot be continued as a landline number. Various signs and notices include the existing 01258 880383 number. The play park signs cost £100+VAT to renew during the previous change of Clerk in 2013. It was proposed by RW, seconded by NH and unanimously agreed to port the 880383 number to "The Number People" as a VoIP number to be retained by the Parish Council at a cost of £1/pcm.

14. FINANCE

Balances:

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| Current A/c | £43,235.22 |
| Playpark A/c | £10,000.03 |
| Nationwide A/c | £1,159.36 |

The following cheques were authorised:

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| DAPTC Code of Conduct Training | 1316 | £30.00 |
| Cllr Mr D. Cocking Defibrillator Expenses | 1317 | £78.00 |
| Mrs E Sellen Clerk's Salary August 2021 | 1318 | £311.14 |
| Mrs E Sellen Clerk's Salary September 2021 | 1319 | £311.14 |
| Mrs E Sellen Clerk's Expenses July – Sept 2021 | 1320 | £234.28 |

15. CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS None

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Councillors were reminded that the next meeting would take place on 10th November 2021 and, there being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:47pm.

Signed:
(Presiding Chairman)

Date: