

## Milton Abbas Village Meeting

Held On Zoom 08122021

The Village meeting was opened by Nigel Hodder (NH), who reminded attendees that the village meeting is not an official Council meeting, but a means of communication with residents.

### OPEN FORUM

Michelle Kean introduced herself and her husband Declan as the new owners of St James Cottage. Louise Freir introduced herself and Del as the owners of Strawberry Cottage.

### PLANNING

P/HOU/2021/04453 & P/LBC/2021/04454 St James Cottage, 46-47 Milton Abbas – Erect single storey extension (Demolish existing garage and lean to), carry out associated internal and external alterations and landscaping. MK explained that the back of the lhs of the house is a lean to which will be replaced with a glass box extension, retaining the garage doors to maintain the street view, so unless the doors are open, the extension will not be visible from the street. TI expressed concerns regarding the footprint of the extension, and also the potential for impact on the street scene if the garage doors are left open. TI cited a recent previous application refused for similar reasons. TI noted that the extension has double glazed feature and pointed out that the extension will be visible from the Church yard and existing footpath. MK advised that regulations require double glazing. TI proposed to object to the application on the basis of the glass wall behind the garage doors. Existing deadline for consultation 10<sup>th</sup> December. Cllrs agreed to liaise by email as to whether there was a majority opinion on the application or whether an emergency meeting may be required to form an opinion. The Clerk to obtain an extension to the deadline for comments.

P/HOU/2021/04572 Strawberry Cottage, 49 Milton Abbas – Erect garage and studio (demolish existing garage). LF explained that this application seeks to reinstate an expired permission from 2016. NH confirmed the PC had no objection to the 2016 application and Cllrs expressed no concerns to the present application.

P/PABA/2021/04928 Oxhouse, Delcombe – Erection of an agricultural building for the storage and housing of sheep on a temporary basis. Cllrs expressed no concerns regarding this application.

### JUBILEE PREPARATIONS

NH provided an update on the activities of the Jubilee Steering Committee headed by Mr M. McAvoy, including confirmation that the lottery funding bid has been granted in full to the value of £3,050. NH requested the Clerk to confirm when the money has been received into the bank account. Regular updates will follow in the Bulletin.

### NHS GARDEN

NH met with a snr member of the Milton Abbey School staff, who is keen for the Environmental Study Group to participate and the Head Gardener is happy to supervise. On this basis, NH proposes that whilst acknowledging the comments that have been received, the Parish Council should support this activity and proposes a budgetary contribution of £500 in 2022/2023 to support the venture. NH thanked Maggie Curtis for her idea, confirmed the school intend to start in Mid-January and that he will make regular visits to overlook.

### 2022/2023 BUDGET DISCUSSION

The Clerk confirmed that Cllr Cocking has confirmed his budget needs for the defibrillator and Fingerpost projects. The PCC have requested an increased donation and the Clerk has provisionally also suggested an increase to the immediately due contribution due to a recently received invoice. The Play Park have requested an increased contribution to maintenance of a larger area and a

provision for future replacement of existing equipment. SD suggested that the £200 existing reserve should be enough for the next year. The Clerk suggested that the Devolved Services Provision and existing reserves could be used to offset the new projects and increased requirements so that the Precept can be maintained at £15,700. Spreadsheets have been circulated by email and should be ratified at the meeting in January to submit to Dorset Council by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

#### URGENT BUSINESS

TI and KF raised the issue of ongoing accidents on the s bend leaving Milton Abbas towards Milborne St Andrew. NH has a meeting with Highways scheduled on 14<sup>th</sup> December, at which point he will raise the matter. TI requested that the road towards Milton Mills should be included in the review of an extended speed limit, since local residents have been raising this need at meetings for many years.