

MILTON ABBAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 14th July 2021
in THE SOUTH AISLE ST JAMES CHURCH, MILTON ABBAS, at 7.30pm

PRESENT

Miss K. Finlayson

Mr S. Gould

Mr N. Hodder

Mr T. Khandwala

Mr R. Woodhouse (Chairman)

IN ATTENDANCE Mrs E. Sellen (Clerk) and 6 members of the general public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Mr P. Amor, Mr D. Cocking, Mr T. Ives

2. DISPENSATIONS None

3. OPEN FORUM

Ms M. Curtis supplied additional information regarding planting of a wildflower garden, in reference to a previous request to install a wildflower garden in Milton Abbas to reflect community appreciation for NHS staff and other Key Workers efforts during the pandemic. NH confirmed that discussions regarding location etc are on going.

4. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 4th May 2021 had been circulated. It was proposed by NH, seconded by TK and agreed by those who had attended the APCM meeting, that they should be accepted as a true record.

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th May 2021 had been circulated. It was proposed by NH, seconded by RW and agreed by those who had attended the previous meeting, that they should be accepted as a true record.

6. MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING

The minutes of the extra ordinary meeting held on 28th June 2021 had been circulated. It was proposed by KF, seconded by NH and agreed by those who had attended the previous meeting, that they should be accepted as a true record.

7. MATTERS ARISING None

8. CORRESPONDENCE All correspondence had been circulated by email.

9. REPORT FROM DORSET COUNCILLOR None

10. REPORTS

HOMEWATCH

Mrs E. Payne continues to circulate advice and concerns by ellie-gram.

MATCH/JANE'S WOOD

MATCH have confirmed that their AGM will be held in November.

PLAYPARK

The Clerk confirmed that £1,079 had been received from Steeptonbill Farm Shop customer donations and had been paid into the Playpark Account towards a future skate park.

TRANSPORT None

WELCOME PACK None

CSW

FR advised that monitoring sessions have not yet recommenced, however a Speed Watch day has been announced for Sunday 7th September.

MILLENNIUM GREEN TRUST None

COVID19

NH explained that whilst the government decision to remove legal elements of the restrictions, the consequential advisories will cause some confusion. NH asked the Clerk to write to Milton Abbey School requesting an update on the reopening of footpaths.

TELEPHONE KIOSK

FR advised that work will commence on the kiosk as restrictions are lifted.

COMMUNICATIONS

Since the June Village Meeting, NH had circulated information about planning applications on the Community and Parish Council Facebook pages and Ellie-gram.

FR reported that inappropriate donations had been left by the Air Ambulance Collection Point, and since they were not collected by the charity, had been disposed of. FR offered to email details to NH so that an email could be circulated.

REPORTS FROM OTHER PC OFFICERS

TK has made some enquiries regarding Electric Car Charge Points and is trying to obtain some useful contacts. The landlord of the Hambro has agreed in principle to a charge point on the car parking area. The Clerk drew attention to an email from Dorset Council regarding electric car charge points. TK agreed to review.

11. PLANNING

Decisions

P/PABA/2021/01894 Delcombe Farm – Extend 2 sections of roofing to cover cattle feed yards – Prior approval not required

P/HOU/2021/00347 Luccombe Farm House – Erect ground floor single storey extension & erection of porch – Granted

P/FUL/2021/00600 Hewish Farm – Temporary change of use of land from agricultural to residential (siting of Shepherd's Hut) – Granted

P/FUL/2020/00019 Land at Little Westwood – Erection of 1no dwelling, garage, access and parking - Granted

Applications

P/PABA/2021/01894 Delcombe Farm – Extend 2 sections of roofing to cover cattle feed yards – this application had been reviewed by email and Councillors had agreed that no comment was required at this time.

P/FUL/2020/00019 Land at Little Westwood – Erection of 1no dwelling, garage, access and parking – this application had been reviewed by email and Councillors agreed that no comment was required at this time.

P/FUL/2021/00489 1 Catherine's Well – Erection of 1no two storey dwelling – Amended Plan dated 19/05/2021 – DC had communicated by email that the Architect no longer holds a professional registration. Whilst the applicant accepts that the previous plans were wrong and has submitted new plans to address concerns, it was mutually agreed that the new plans did not go far enough to address the lack of confidence. It was agreed that the same response should be submitted for the new plans.

P/FUL/2021/01456 Fishmore Hill Farm – Change of use from agricultural to equestrian and construction of all weather gallop. Ms S. Clark had attended to answer questions, however the Councillors agreed that they had no concerns with the application and agreed to submit no comment at this time.

General Planning Concerns None

12. ANNUAL RISK ASSESSMENT REVIEW

NH had reviewed the Risk Assessment and circulated to Councillors for comments. Other than the Social Media policy which should be updated following the appointment of a Communications Officer. It was proposed by NH and unanimously agreed that the document should be reviewed again in May 2022. With respect to Facebook posts, it was agreed that more research should be carried out to enable posting as "Milton Abbas PC".

13. PURCHASE OF GRIT BIN FOR LONG ASH LANE

Following a site meeting with Steve Mephram from Dorset Highways in May 2021, the bottom of the hill to Long Ash Farm had not scored highly enough to merit a Strategic Grit Bin, however there was evidence to suggest a grit bin would be appropriate at the site and could be filled once annually by Dorset Council. It was proposed by NH, seconded by SG and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should purchase a 200l capacity grit bin to the value of £200.

14. INSURANCE RENEWAL

Although it had been agreed during the May meeting to renew with the existing insurer, the renewal quotation when received was significantly increased without a satisfactory explanation. Following email communication, the Clerk had sought additional quotes and the insurance was moved to BHIB at a cost of £504 for the year. The Councillors unanimously ratified the decision to change insurers.

15. DORSET COUNCIL LAND TRANSFER PROCESS

NH explained that following an email from Dorset Council, the implications of purchasing land outside of St James Church should be given consideration as Dorset Council are now favouring wildflower verges, which is not appropriate for the location. Mrs E. Payne outlined many of the difficulties currently encountered by the PCC regarding Council land not appropriately maintained and encouraged the Councillors to identify who would be responsible for the pathways to the Church in the event that the land was purchased for the community.

16. PLATINUM JUBILEE ARRANGEMENTS

Mr M. McAvoy had circulated an email of arrangements to form a program of events to mark the Jubilee. MM advised that the Milton Abbey School are broadly supportive of hosting one day out of the four (Thursday to Sunday). MM advised that previously in 2012 a similar event had been funded largely by lottery donation, although there is no corresponding scheme in place at present. Consideration should also be given to the fact that facilities (such as portable conveniences etc) will likely be in acute demand so early action is vital to identify required funding, a suitable source of funding and adequate facilities. Formation of a Working Party is recommendable. RW thanked MM for his work to date and it was agreed that the email would be recirculated for consideration.

17. FINANCE

The bank balances and spreadsheet reports had been circulated by email.

Balances:

Current A/c	£46,169.96
Playpark A/c	£8,912.03
Nationwide A/c	£1,159.36

The following cheques were authorised:

Current Account

*DAPTC Annual Subscription	1307	£217.07
*Mrs E Sellen Clerk's Salary May 2021	1308	£311.14
*BHIB Insurance	1309	£504.00
Mrs E Sellen Clerk's Salary June 2021	1310	£311.14
Mrs E Sellen Clerk's Expenses May & June 2021	1311	£250.26
Darkin Miller Ltd Internal Audit	1312	£207.20
Tsfr Ppk VAT to Playpark Account	1313	£973.97
Tsfr Ppk Precept to Playpark Account	1314	£4,250.00

*Chqs 1307-1309 were signed at the June Extraordinary Meeting for expediency

18. CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS None

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Councillors were reminded that the next meeting would take place on 8th September 2021 and, there being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Signed:

(Presiding Chairman)

Date: