

MILTON ABBAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Online “Zoom” Meeting of the Parish Council
held on 4th May 2021 following the Annual Parish Council Meeting

PRESENT:

Mr P. Amor
Mr S. Driver
Mr T. Ives

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs E. Sellen (Clerk) and 5 members of the general public.

1. APOLOGIES

Mr S. Gould, Mr T. Khandwala, Mrs E. Parker (Dorset Councillor)

RW advised that the meeting would be recorded for the purposes of writing up the minutes and will be deleted afterwards.

1. DISPENSATIONS None.

2. OPEN FORUM

PA drew attention to the Village Consultation that Mr M. McAvoy has been working towards with support of DC, PA and other community organisations. DC explained that excluding the NDP Survey, specific village surveys occurred in 1996, 1998, 2001, 2006 and gathered detailed information about what provisions parishioners would like to see added to the village. MM has forwarded a new draft questionnaire to Councillors and requests the support of the Parish Council. Mrs F. Robinson concurred that this would be a beneficial exercise and suggested an article in The Bulletin would raise interest. DC & PA volunteered to produce an article for The Bulletin.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

4. MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

The minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 17th December 2020 had been circulated. It was proposed by RW and unanimously agreed by those who had attended the previous meeting, that they should be accepted as a true record.

5. MATTERS ARISING None

6. CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence had been circulated by email.

7. REPORT FROM DORSET COUNCILLOR

An email report from EPkr had been circulated to Councillors. Bids are being invited for the £3m Community Renewal Fund, for projects that focus on supporting people and communities most in need across the UK through investment in skills for local business, communities and place, supporting people in to employment.

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/business-consumers-licences/economic-development/submit-a-bid-for-the-community-renewal-fund.aspx>

Dorset Council has exceeded its target for providing new-build affordable housing in the county over the last 12 months despite the very challenging conditions. The council is currently working up a new Housing Strategy which will identify where there are gaps or mismatches in the type of housing, or housing related services, available across the Dorset Council area.

8. REPORTS

HOMEWATCH

Mrs Ellie Payne confirmed various emails had been circulated.

MATCH/JANE'S WOOD

EPn relayed confirmation that MATCH are still awaiting a relaxation of restrictions prior to announcing their AGM date. Charities Commission details are up to date.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

RW encouraged everyone to vote at the referendum on Thursday. It was agreed to remove the NP from the reports section of future agendas.

PLAYPARK

The Clerk confirmed a meeting is currently being organised and agendas will be posted.

TRANSPORT

NH confirmed a meeting on Monday 10th May to meet Mr S. Mephram (Dorset Council Highways) re Luccombe Farm and Long Ash.

WELCOME PACK

The Clerk had forwarded a new enquiry to TK by email.

CSW

FR confirmed that it is now possible to convene for Speed Watch sessions with social distancing measures in place. No sessions have been booked yet. The SID has now been returned to WS.

MILLENNIUM GREEN TRUST

EPn relayed a message from the MGT that Robbie and Max are still cutting the grass on the MG until the charity is closed down.

COVID19

NH we may still need to consider the impact of meeting face to face end of June/beginning of July. RW suggested the South Aisle may be a safer location given conditions. EP advised that the PCC are still awaiting guidance from the Diocese or Synod re hiring out facilities. This will be reviewed when received but EPn will contact the Clerk with an update when available.

TELEPHONE KIOSK

RW thanked FR for organising the purchase of the Kiosk. FR confirmed that SD will lead on this, but as yet, due to Covid little has moved forward. SD has done a survey for restoration and is looking for replacement parts. FR and SD to liaise outside of the meeting.

REPORTS FROM OTHER PC OFFICERS

DC confirmed Wessex Internet are still waiting for Govt approval for the Milton Abbas project.

9. PLANNING

Decisions None

Applications

P/HOU/2021/00261 St Catherine's House DT11 0AT - Erection of a single storey workshop building. It was proposed by NH, seconded by RW and unanimously agreed to recommend refusal as the scale of the workshop is disproportionate to the house and its surrounding landscaping. The property sits at the top of the hill, within the AONB, adjacent to the conservation area, on the outskirts of the Capability Brown Historic Park and Gardens and therefore the workshop will be clearly visible from a great number of view points. The proposed workshop being 20m x 10m x 6m is larger than the house; too large to be in keeping with the residential property; and it is not obvious how such a large property could be effectively screened in all seasons. It was also agreed that if the planning officer is mindful to approve the application the AONB and Landscaping Architects should be consulted prior to approval, and that a thorough site assessment should be carried out.

P/FUL/2021/00489 1 Catherine's Well Milton Abbas DT11 0AT - Erection of 1no. two storey dwelling. DC had carried out a site visit to compare the plans with the existing dwelling and provided drawings to identify considerable inconsistencies with what is proposed in the drawings and the dimensions of the site. Councillors agreed that the proposed dwelling will not fit within the existing boundaries. The 10 x 10m New House (per DWG MA/2A) is shown much smaller on the Site Plan and Front Elevation scaled drawings. The stated 2 x 4m wide driveways are also shown much narrower on the drawings. The boundary hedge is much closer to the house than is shown on the drawings. It was proposed by RW, seconded by DC and unanimously agreed to recommend refusal as the dimensions provided on the drawings are unclear and inconsistent making it impossible to properly assess the impact of this development. It was agreed that DC's drawings should be included within the PC response.

P/HOU/2021/00347 Luccombe Farm House DT11 0BD - Erection of ground floor single storey extension and erection of porch. It was agreed that there are no comments at this time.

A/2/2019/0824/OUT APP/D1265/W/20/3259557 Appeal - Land At E 381115 N 102318 Catherine's Well Milton Abbas - Demolish barns and develop land by the erection of up to 30 No. dwellings, form new vehicular and pedestrian access, public open space, landscape planting, pumping station, electricity substation, surface water attenuation, and associated infrastructure. (Outline application to

determine access, layout and scale). Appeal scheduled for 18th May online. The Councillors have submitted their objection to the Planning Inspector. NH volunteered to attend the online appeal. The Clerk will forward login details to NH.

General Planning Concerns

P/FUL/2021/01018 North Dairy Farm Access To North Dairy Farm Pulham DT2 7EA - Install ground-mounted solar panel photovoltaic solar arrays, substation, inverter stations, transformer stations, security fencing, gates and CCTV; form vehicular access, internal access track, landscaping and other ancillary infrastructure. RW explained that this is on the agenda to raise awareness within the Parish.

10. REVIEW OF DRAFT AGAR PRIOR TO INTERNAL AUDIT

The Clerk had circulated the draft annual return prior to submission to the internal auditor, including the bank statements, spreadsheets, explanation of variances etc. No amendments have been requested so this has been forwarded to the internal auditor. Following the internal audit, we will have to hold a public meeting to accept the internal audit report and approve the return, prior to the public inspection period (1st July).

11. INSURANCE RENEWAL

The renewal quotation has not yet been received from Came & Co, however as we are in the 3rd year of a 3 year Long Term Agreement, other insurance companies would be reluctant to provide a quotation without a justified cause for concern. The Clerk requested permission to accept the Came & Co quotation if it is within £100 of the previous year (£855) given our claim this year, which was unanimously agreed.

12. FINANCE

The Clerk had circulated the finance spreadsheet and scan copy of the bank statements by email.

1. Balances:

Current A/c	£35,147.69
Playpark A/c	£10,421.46
Nationwide A/c	£1,159.36

Cheques for authorisation:

Current Account

Mrs E Sellen Clerk's Salary April 2021	1304	£311.14
Mrs E Sellen Clerk's Expenses April 2021	1305	£24.39
Groundworks refund of NP Grant	1306	£487.26

13. CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS

For the benefit of Mr M. McAvoy who joined the meeting after the discussion of the Village consultation, DC provided a brief summary of the discussion and confirmed that it would be added to the agenda in July.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Councillors were reminded that the next ordinary meeting will take place in person on 14th July 2021.

There will be an extraordinary meeting to approve the annual return between the 21st and 30th June preferably the 23rd June.

There will be an online village meeting on Wednesday 9th June at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Signed:

(Presiding Chairman)

Date: