

STURMINSTER MARSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council on Thursday 1st April 2021 at
7.30pm on Zoom

Present: Chairman Cllr. Miss H Palmer; Cllr M Steel; Cllr Mrs S Cade; Cllr Jackson; Cllr H Fookes; Cllr S Gerry Cllr A Godfrey and Cllr L Seare

Also in attendance: Clerk Mrs Alison Clothier; Dorset Cllr R Cook

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC – There were 6 members of the public present.

2 members of the public present spoke and made the following points:

- There was a proposal for Bartons Ground to be a designated green space from the Elms Gardens Residents Association. They are happy to work with the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. The space is in the only local greenspace under threat of development.
- Another resident spoke about the importance of Bartons Ground to the village. It is a well used space. The Tree Protection Orders are being queried with Dorset Council.

1 **APOLOGIES – MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.**

There were no apologies.

2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

3 **POLICE REPORT**

The reports were circulated before the meeting and are attached as **Appendix 1.**

4 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 4th March 2021 were approved as true record of the meeting.

5 **MATTERS ARISING**

A report from the Clerk which had been circulated was read by the Clerk and is attached to these minutes as **Appendix 2.** Ongoing issues from the Clerks Report are:

- i. Pill Box
- ii. Playground
- iii. Neighbourhood Plan

6 **COVID 19**

- i) The work of the volunteer group has largely stopped. The link with the Corfe Mullen food bank remains with a volunteer delivering food there from the Co-Op on a weekly basis. There was a discussion about the return to meetings in the Hall from June but this will need lots of thought to allow for social distancing.

7 **AMENITIES AND FACILITIES**

- i Pill Box – a planning application has now been approved for the

	<p>interpretation sign. Clerk has had no response from the National Trust but will continue to chase progress.</p> <p>ii. Playground –The new toddler equipment has been fitted and is a welcomed addition to the playground. Clerk to chase missing washers from the slide with Huck. Playground inspection booked for May.</p> <p>iii. Noticeboards – the cork for the noticeboards has now been ordered and will be installed in Spring.</p> <p>iv. Churchill Close Green – the No Parking signs will be put up as soon as possible</p> <p>v. Maypole Green – the work will take place in Spring 2021.</p> <p>vi. Johnnies Ditch – no update.</p> <p>vii. Footpaths – there was no progress on the issue of moving the Bridleway at Mapperton. Cllr Cook was asked if he would look into this on behalf of the Parish Council. Clerk to give Cllr Cook a full brief of the issue however there is a large backlog of cases.</p> <p>viii. Churchill Arms – the application for an ACV was discussed and some helpful suggestions for amendments to the ACV form were given. Clerk to amend ACV form and circulate.</p> <p>ix. Bartons Ground – the Parish Council need to fence the land due to the agreement in the lease. The Local Greenspace proposal needs to come from the Neighbourhood Plan and this is something that is being investigated.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
8	<p><u>ENVIRONMENT</u></p> <p>i. Bin on Station Road – Clerk to ask an officer from DWP to come out and look at potential locations for the bin.</p> <p>ii. Drainage Ditches – work was due to take place in the week beginning 29th March.</p> <p>iii. Fly Tipping – the rubbish dumped at Cliff Arch that has fallen into the River Stour has been reported to the Environment Agency. Clerk to ask Dorset Highways who owns the bank for future reference. Fly tipping also reported at the Trailway and Market Street.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
9	<p><u>TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT</u></p> <p>i. A31/A350 – the A350 meeting concerned speeding through villages on the A350.</p> <p>ii. Highways – potholes – Clerk has asked the Community Highways Officer to conduct a survey of the village as there are many potholes. White lines at Church Street also need to be repainted. The potholes at Almer have been filled.</p> <p>iii. Removal of verge at King Street – awaiting result</p> <p>iv. Sign at Almer – the quote for the sign is £589.07. It was agreed to order the sign.</p> <p>v. Surfacing at Stourfield, Back Lane – still awaiting response from Dorset Council.</p> <p>ix. Aspen Tree, Church Street – this has been cut back.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
10	<p><u>REPORTS</u></p> <p>To receive reports from representatives of the following:</p> <p>i. Alms House Charity – nothing to report.</p> <p>ii. Memorial Hall – the group are planning for reopening. There is an appetite for setting up a Youth Group in the Hall with no charge for rental.</p> <p>iii. Sports Association – a member of the public had raised concerns</p>	

	<p>about an additional football pitch but this was not something that the Sports Association had been informed of or would be in favour of.</p> <p>iv P A C T – nothing to report</p> <p>v DAPTC - the meeting talked about climate change and training.</p> <p>vi Flood Wardens – nothing to report.</p> <p>vii Dorset Councillor – see Appendix 3. Cllr Cook had communications from residents about the Local Greenspace proposal at Bartons Ground and an ACV at the Golf Club.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
11	<p><u>FINANCE</u></p> <p>i Accounts for payment. To invoices and approve payments as per Schedule of payments. These invoices will be paid via bank transfer and the PDFs of the transfer will be printed out.</p> <p>ii. 2021 Insurance Renewal – Two quotes had been received and it was agreed to opt for the cheapest which was Zurich.</p> <p>iii. Risk Assessment and Asset Register – Clerk to send Asset Register to all Councillors for examination.</p> <p>iv. Grass/verge cutting contracts – Clarify how much the DC grass cutting contract will be and what this will be for. Councillors asked about planting wild flowers – Clerk to ask DC how much this would cost, potentially for the piece of land opposite the War Memorial.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
12	<p><u>COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER</u></p> <p>i. Dorset Council have acknowledged the delay in the transfers however there is no news on when the transfer will take place.</p>	
13	<p><u>LITTER PICK</u></p> <p>i. The possibility of a village litter pick is being discussed with DWP.</p>	
14	<p><u>OPEN MEETING</u></p> <p>i. It was concluded that the Open Meeting should be postponed to September 2021.</p>	
15	<p><u>NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN</u></p> <p>i) The Site Assessment Technical package has been received and is being assessed by the Steering Group.</p> <p>ii) The Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report, Local Greenspace Study and Footpaths and Cycleways Study are all underway. The next step will be an Options Consultation in Summer 2021.</p>	
16	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed Limit on Mill Lane – referred to Dorset Council • Abandoned Vehicles – noted • Citizens Advice Bureau – now amalgamated. 	
17	<p><u>PARISH MATTERS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drainage Ditch at Mapperton – who has the legal responsibility for the pond if there was an accident? Clerk to query. • National campaign to reduce 30mph areas to 20mph – Clerk to investigate. • Health Walk will restart under a new name – Ramblers Wellbeing Walk 	

- Timber railings on Station Road cut through need replacing.

The Parish Council meeting was suspended at 8.51pm whilst the Planning Committee took place. See minutes 1st April 2021 for details.

The Parish meeting re-convened at 9.05pm

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 6th May 2021 at 7.30pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.05

Signed _____ Chairman 6th May 2021.