

STURMINSTER MARSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council on Thursday 22nd July 2021 at
7.30pm at the Memorial Hall

Present: Chairman Cllr. S Cade; Cllr M Steel; Cllr Jackson; Cllr H Fookes; Cllr S Gerry;

Also in attendance: Clerk Mrs Alison Clothier;

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC – There were 2 members of the public present.

1 member of the public present spoke and made the following points:

- The Dorset Local Plan has been delayed until Spring 2022 and the member of the public was interested to hear the Parish Council's view on this.
- There was a request for an update on the Barton's Ground Local Greenspace and the Golf Club ACV.
- The member of the public was also interested to hear about electric car charging points which are to be discussed on the main agenda.

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

There were apologies for Cllr Palmer, Cllr L Seare and Cllr Godfrey and Dorset Cllr R Cook

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 6th May 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 link with the Corfe Mullen food bank remains with a volunteer delivering food there from the Co-Op on a weekly basis.

7 **AMENITIES AND FACILITIES**

- i Pill Box – awaiting the placement of the sign by the National Trust.
- ii Playground – The accompanied playground inspection took place in May. The missing cap covers have been replaced. The loose fencing has been reported to the Police and has a crime number. The playground report was discussed and the following points were made:
 - Loose fittings on fencing to be tightened

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roof of shelter to be cleaned • Three base swing – worn bushes to be looked at and rotting timber to be treated • Grass mats to be reset particularly at the spiders web and slide • Basketball net – sharp corners to be removed. 	Cllr Steel and Clerk
iii.	Noticeboards – the cork on the board opposite the CoOp has been replaced. The cork on the board opposite the school needs replacing.	Clerk
iv.	Churchill Close Green – the No Parking signs have been put up and the letter to the residents of the Close sent out. Two complaints were received about the letter asking residents to not park on the Green. Complaints have also been received from residents about parking on the days that football takes place – particularly by the away teams. This needs to be discussed with the Sports Association and Football Club. A fundraising event has been proposed on the Green on the 18 th September and the Parish Council have been asked for permission for the event to take place. This was agreed by the Parish Council. The Council have also been asked to help promote the event and to take a stall which was agreed in order to promote the work of the Parish Council.	Clerk
v.	Maypole Green – it was concluded that the work should now take place in Spring 2022 and the Clerk will need to request permission for part of King Street to be shut whilst this is taking place.	Clerk Clerk
vi.	Johnnies Ditch – the existing sign has been broken in transit. It was agreed to ask a local resident to make a new sign or a suitable joiner if this was not possible.	Clerk
vii.	Footpaths – there was no progress on the issue of moving the Bridleway at Mapperton and this will now be taken off the Agenda. The access to Footpath 1 is now resolved.	
viii.	Churchill Arms – the ACV was completed and submitted however the building now has permission to be converted into a house so this may affect the result of the ACV application.	
ix.	Bartons Ground – the fence line has been marked out by Fisher German. The quote by the fencing contractor is over 6 months old and will need to be updated as the price of timber has increased. The work will take place in Autumn. The trees in Bartons Ground need to be checked for Ash dieback. CF Selby and Son will dig out the ditch.	
x.	Youth Club - a positive meeting was held on the 8 th July regarding the Youth Club. The group are hoping to see evening activities such as rounders and young people are taking part in organising this. There were calls for the Parish Council to find somewhere for young people to ride motorbikes but this is not within the remit of the Council	
xi.	Golf Club ACV – A letter of support has been sent to the group from the whole Parish Council and the ACV has been submitted and acknowledged. Driving Range – it was noted this this is a serious complaint and could result in injury therefore the netting needed to be chased up by Highways.	Clerk
xii.	Trees – SSE completed works on trees within the Conservation Area in May and they did not need permission to do this. Tree Survey – this is now due and the Clerk was instructed to approach Dorset Council to action this.	Clerk
xiii.	Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – as part of the Queen’s Green Canopy the Parish Council would like to plant some trees to mark the jubilee. Councillors were asked to consider where the trees could be located and whether any events could be organised.	

8	<p>xiv. Aster – it was noted with disappointment that the empty house in Townsend is still unused. Clerk to write to Aster to ask about their intentions and also to Dorset Council to make them aware.</p>	Clerk
	<p><u>ENVIRONMENT</u></p> <p>i. Bin on Station Road – Awaiting an officer from DWP to come out and look at potential locations for the bin.</p> <p>ii. Drainage Ditches – Moor Lane – some works has taken place but Clerk to establish when the remainder will be done. Mapperton – farmer to provide a fence around the drainage pond in order to reduce risk.</p> <p>iii. Anti-Social Behaviour – loud music has been reported in Walnut Tree Field.</p> <p>iv. Fly tipping – reported on Newton Road, Churchill Close and Dullar Lane.</p>	Clerk
9	<p><u>TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT</u></p> <p>i A31/A350 – night road closures in September/October were noted for the A350 At Spetisbury</p> <p>ii. Highways – the recent bad weather has seen more flooding at Jubilee Gardens – the depth of the flooding would damage electric cars in particular.</p> <p>iii. Removal of verge at King Street – awaiting result</p> <p>iv. Sign at Almer – this is now in place.</p> <p>v. Surfacing at Stourfield, Back Lane – still awaiting response from Dorset Council.</p> <p>vi. King Street Road Closure and High Street Road Closure – Clerk to establish what works Wessex Water are carrying out.</p>	Clerk
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 – Covid guidelines are now only advisory. AGM Autumn</p> <p>iii. Sports Association – nothing to report</p> <p>iv P A C T – meeting due in October</p> <p>v DAPTC - the meeting was changed at the last minute which meant Cllrs did not attend.</p> <p>vi Flood Wardens – nothing to report.</p> <p>vii Dorset Councillor – see Appendix 3</p>	Clerk
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. The June and July payments were approved. See Appendix 4.</p> <p>ii. The Quarterly Report and Bank Reconciliation were circulated before the meeting (see Appendix 5). These were approved.</p> <p>iii. The 2021/22 Grants were discussed. It was proposed that the CAB are awarded an extra £50 in comparison to last year based on the help they give the community. The School Society will be given £500 to go towards the up keep of the swimming pool. The remaining grants will remain the same. All in agreement.</p> <p>iv. The consideration of the bus grant was deferred to the September meeting when further information will be available.</p> <p>v. The Risk Assessment was examined and it was concluded that the following need to be looked at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seat on Stocks Green 	Clerk

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seat at Bartons Ground • Station Road planter <p>Clerk to ask Dave Miller to action.</p>	
12	<p><u>COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER</u></p> <p>i. The Clerk was asked to sign a Statutory Declaration regarding past use of the Green in relation to the small portion that is not owned by Dorset Council. This was ratified. Completion will take place as soon as possible.</p>	
13	<p><u>CODE OF CONDUCT</u></p> <p>i. The new Code of Conduct was circulated before the meeting. All in agreement to adopt this policy.</p> <p>ii. Register of Business Interests – Cllrs were reminded to complete this at the earliest opportunity.</p>	
14	<p><u>NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN</u></p> <p>i. Local Greenspaces Strategy – Parish Councillors were asked to approve a letter to Eton College outlining the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group’s intent to allocate this land as a local greenspace. The risks involved in this approach were discussed including the possibility that access may be denied to the public on this site. It was concluded this there was no alternative if this project was to move forwards and the letter was approved.</p> <p>ii. Programme and progress on evidence base - The Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report, Local Greenspace Study, Locally Important Buildings Study and Footpaths and Cycleways Study are all underway. The AECOM Site Assessments document is complete. The consultation will take place in September 2021 and will involve an event at the Memorial Hall. The grant package has been approved and received.</p>	Clerk
15	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dorset Council Town and Parish enquires number – this was noted • Review of Parliamentary Constituencies – Cllrs to consider a response • Parking Changes – deadline for comments has passed • Complaints regarding Maypole/Stocks Green – proposed the Grass Management Programme be added as an Agenda item in September • Bus Service Improvement Scheme - noted • Rights of Way Improvement Plan – questionnaire expected in August/September • Electric car charge points – to be added as an Agenda item in September. 	
16	<p><u>PARISH MATTERS</u></p> <p><u>The Parish Council meeting was suspended at 9.15pm whilst the Planning Committee took place. See minutes 22nd July 2021 for details.</u></p> <p><u>The Parish meeting re-convened at 9.58pm</u></p>	
17	<p><u>DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING</u> – Thursday 2nd September 2021 at 7.30pm</p>	

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.58

Signed _____ Chairman 2nd September 2021.

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