

STURMINSTER MARSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council on Thursday 2nd September
2021 at 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall

Present: Chairman Cllr Palmer, Cllr. S Cade; Cllr M Steel; Cllr Jackson; Cllr S Gerry

Also in attendance: Clerk Mrs Alison Clothier

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC – There were no members of the public present.

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

There were apologies for Cllr H Fookes, 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 22nd July 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 **AMENITIES AND FACILITIES**

- i Pill Box – awaiting the placement of the sign by the National Trust.
- ii Playground – The works to the playground are ongoing. The playground has recently been mown and litter picked.
- iii. Noticeboards –The cork on the board opposite the school needs replacing.
- iv. Churchill Close Green – the fundraising event on the Green on the 18th September was discussed including the request to park on the Green and for alpacas to be allowed on the Green. Permission was granted for the alpacas but it was concluded that no parking would be allowed on the Green.
- v. Village Greens –
 - Maypole Green – repairs to be carried out in Spring 2022
 - To discuss a strategy for the maintenance of village greens – a meeting to be arranged with Dorset Council to discuss wild flower planting.
 - To discuss the Sturminster Marshall Village Project – Clerk and Chair to meet with the member of the public to discuss the project.
- vi. Johnnies Ditch – new sign in progress
- vii. Churchill Arms – the ACV application was refused.
- viii. Bartons Ground – the new sign was agreed and the Parish Council are

	<p>awaiting approval from Eton College to put this in place. The trees in Bartons Ground will be checked in the tree survey.</p> <p>ix. Youth Club - two informal games nights have been held which have been a success.</p> <p>x. Golf Club ACV – The ACV application was approved by Dorset Council. Driving Range – it was noted this is a serious complaint and could result in injury therefore the netting needed to be chased up by Highways.</p> <p>xi. Trees – Tree Survey to take place on 3rd September.</p> <p>xii. Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – as part of the Queen’s Green Canopy the Parish Council would like to plant some trees to mark the jubilee. It was concluded that a special oak should be planted – potentially in Walnut Tree subject to approval from Dorset Council</p> <p>xiii. Aster – it was noted with disappointment that the empty house in Townsend is being disposed of by Aster.</p>	
7	<p><u>ENVIRONMENT</u></p> <p>i. Bin on Station Road – There have been no further complaints about the litter in this area so the Parish Council will keep a watching brief.</p> <p>ii. Drainage Ditches – Moor Lane – some works has taken place but Clerk to establish when the remainder will be done. .</p> <p>iii. Anti-Social Behaviour – there have been no recent complaints.</p> <p>iv. Electric Car Charge Point – Clerk to write back to Dorset Council suggesting the Memorial Hall as a potential location.</p>	Clerk Clerk Clerk
8	<p><u>TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT</u></p> <p>i. A31/A350 – night road closures in September/October were noted for the A350 At Spetisbury. A loose manhole cover was reported on the A31.</p> <p>ii. Highways – no issues reported.</p> <p>iii. Removal of verge at King Street – awaiting result</p> <p>iv. Speed Indicator Device – the potential locations were discussed at it was concluded that the tubes would be placed by the 30mph sign on Straight Mile and by Long Drove on Mill Lane.</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 – this was noted.</p>	Clerk
9	<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 – AGM taking place in October</p> <p>iii. Sports Association – the football club have requested a meeting with the Parish Council regarding the ongoing maintenance of the Green. Clerk to arrange.</p> <p>iv. P A C T – meeting due in October</p> <p>v. DAPTC - meeting in November</p> <p>vi. Flood Wardens – nothing to report.</p> <p>vii. Dorset Councillor – see Appendix 3</p>	Clerk
10	<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. See Appendix 4.</p> <p>ii. Purchase of display boards- this was ratified at a cost of £247.00.</p>	Clerk

	<p>iii. The School Society application was discussed but it was agreed that more information was needed about the Forest School in order to approve the grant.</p> <p>iv. The consideration of the bus grant was deferred to the October meeting when further information will be available.</p> <p>v. Register Of Interest Forms – can be filled in from the 20th September.</p>	
11	<p><u>COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER</u></p> <p>i. The Clerk was asked to swear 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.</p>	
12	<p><u>EXTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT</u></p> <p>i. The return was presented and was approved and accepted by the Parish Council. The relevant information is published on the Parish Council website and on the noticeboard.</p>	Clerk
13	<p><u>COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW</u></p> <p>i. The review was discussed and it was concluded that no suggestions for boundary changes were put forward at this time.</p>	
14	<p><u>NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN</u></p> <p>i. Local Greenspace Strategy – Eton College and Dorset Council have been written to, informing them about the LGS proposals in the village.</p> <p>ii. The Options Consultation will start on the 13th September and will involve a questionnaire and consultation event on Friday, 24th September from 3-7pm. This will inform the community of all the work that has taken place so far, including the AECOM site assessment report. This was approved pending any comments received over email.</p>	Clerk
15	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car Park Permits - noted • New Housing Register - noted • Bus Improvement Plan - noted • North Dorset Trailway – Cllr Gerry to be a point of contact for the Group. 	
16	<p><u>PARISH MATTERS</u></p> <p><u>The Parish Council meeting was suspended at 8.52pm whilst the Planning Committee took place. See minutes 2nd September 2021 for details.</u></p> <p><u>The Parish meeting re-convened at 9.17pm</u></p>	
17	<p><u>DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING</u> – Thursday 7th October 2021 at 7.30pm</p> <p>There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.17</p> <p>Signed _____ Chairman 7th October 2021.</p>	

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