

STURMINSTER MARSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 17th
January 2022 at 7.30pm at Sturminster Marshall Memorial Hall

Present: Chairman Cllr Palmer, Cllr. S Cade; Cllr M Steel; Cllr Jackson; Cllr H Fookes, Cllr L Seare

Also in attendance: Clerk Mrs Alison Clothier

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

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

Cllr Godfrey have his apologies, and these were accepted by the committee.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

4 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 2nd December 2021 were approved as true record of the meeting.

5 **AMENITIES AND FACILITIES**

- i Sturminster Marshall Village Project– this project was discussed in detail following the project outline received (see **Appendix 1**). It was concluded that a scaled down version of the nature trail using the South East Dorset Urban Fringe project leaflet as a basis would be a good short term goal for the Jubilee. This could be called the Platinum Jubilee Trail. As the funding needed would not be limited it may be possible to carry this out by applying for funding from Cllr Cook. Cllrs noted that they did not want any structures on the conservation area Greens or Pack Horse Bridge. It was also noted that the Golf Course, Bartons Ground and the Old School may not be suitable. The seat at Walnut Tree was discussed and it was concluded that a rustic seat would be in keeping with the area and this could be another short term project to take forwards. Cllr Cade to ask Bailie Gate Warehouse if they can store the wood.

In the medium term the living sculpture at Bailie Gate Roundabout and the mosaic on the wall at the NISA were projects which would be looked at.

The Parish Council did not want to take forwards the ideas for carved wooden panels, planters or new village signs. There are no public sites for tree planting in the Parish.

A Yarn Project was also discussed and it was concluded this would be a good idea to suggest to the Platinum Jubilee Group.

- ii. Johnnies Ditch Sign – the sign was looked at and it was concluded that a new printed sheet which could be attached to the sign is needed due to the damage to the existing one. Clerk to ask Tradewind Graphics.

6 **FINANCE**

- i. To discuss taking ownership of the Village History Site – it was agreed

	<p>that the Parish Council would take financial responsibility for maintaining the Village History site as this is an important resource for local people. Clerk to contact the suggested web host for a quote.</p>	Clerk
7	<p><u>BUDGET AND PRECEPT</u></p> <p>i. The total precept proposed for 2022/23 is £55,222 The proposed increase in the precept is 9% or £5.49 per annum per household (for a Band D property). The proposed changes are in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk’s Salary and Expenses – there is an increase of £500 per year to allow for the national pay increase. • Services – grass cutting has been increased by £2000, to account for an increase in the cost of maintaining Churchill Close Green now that it is in Parish Council ownership. There is a £2000 increase in the Environmental Works budget to allow for further ditching works, and the repair of the Book Box. • Repairs and Maintenance – £5,600 has been added to the reserves for play area repairs, seats, posts and signage (particularly finger posts), Barton’s ground and trees. This will increase the total reserves for repairs and maintenance to £15,551 • Capital Reserves – £6550 is added to the capital reserves for new noticeboards, new playground equipment, Elections, a Speed Indicator Device, costs associated with the Neighbourhood Plan, the defibrillator (pads and batteries) and office equipment. This will increase the total capital reserves to £31,855. <p>It was RESOLVED to approve the budget and precept without change.</p>	
8	<p><u>DCAN LETTER</u></p> <p>i. The Parish Council has been asked to register support for a letter to Dorset Council from DCAN regarding Local Plan housing numbers. The letter was originally from both CPRE and DCAN however CPRE have withdrawn their name from this. The Parish Council concluded that until this withdrawal of support can be resolved then the letter would not have the Parish Council’s support.</p>	
9	<p><u>DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING</u> – Monday 3rd February 2022 at 7.30pm</p> <p>There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.31</p> <p>Signed _____ Chairman 3rd February 2022.</p>	

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