

STURMINSTER MARSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes the Full Council on Thursday 9th June 2022 at 7.30pm at the
Memorial Hall

Present: Chairman Cllr Palmer; Cllr S Cade; Cllr J Jackson; Cllr Purtill, Cllr L Seare ; Cllr M Steel

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

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC – There was 1 member of the public present.

A member of the public was present to hear feedback from the Climate Change Seminar.

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APOLOGIES – MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

Cllr A Godfrey and Cllr H Fookes gave their apologies and these were accepted.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

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POLICE REPORT

See report attached as Appendix 1. Sturminster Marshall is now under the Verwood/Blandford rural team.

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MINUTES

The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 5th May 2022 were approved as true record of the meeting.

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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. Highways
- ii. Neighbourhood Plan

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AMENITIES AND FACILITIES

- i. Playground – The Huck team have visited the site and quoted over £5,000 to carry out the works detailed in the inspection report. This work would require three quotes so the Clerk will contact PBS.
- ii. Noticeboards – The noticeboard repairs will be carried out as soon as possible.
- iii. Churchill Close Green –
The Sports Association have made the decision to keep their assets including the bank account. Clerk to arrange meeting with the Football Club to agree terms of a lease and discuss items such as removal of railings, summer camp and number of pitches.
- iv. Village Greens –
 - Maypole Green – the Dorset Council Highways Team have rejected the idea of a bund with stones within it.
 - To discuss the Sturminster Marshall Village Project – the project is now in place. In all future projects the Clerk will pay invoices directly.

7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> v. Johnnies Ditch – Clerk to check fencing with Conservation Officer. vi. Bartons Ground – TPO’s have been put in place on various trees by Dorset Council in Barton Ground. A local resident has suggested a bat survey and the Clerk will ask Dorset Wildlife Trust if they will carry out a free survey. Dorset Council have been asked for permission to put the bench on Charborough Green. vii. Youth Club - the group are investigating the costs of a youth worker. viii. Trees – Clerk and Chair to met with Aster Housing Association on Friday 6th May and they will carry out a tree survey on the Holme Oak. ix. Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – a very successful event was held on Sunday 5th June and a wash up meeting will be held to finalise matters. x. Village Bier – Clerk has contacted the blacksmith to see if he is able to carry out the work. Kingston Maurward college may take this on. xi. Walnut Tree – Councillors to check that branch is still in Walnut Tree Field. xii. Fingerposts – in progress xiii. Book Box – the restoration work to the Book Box will be completed as soon as possible. xvi. School Swimming Pool – the swimming pool will be closing. This decision did not reflect the wishes of the Parish Council. 	Clerk
8	<p><u>ENVIRONMENT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Drainage Ditches –Awaiting quote for the remainder of the ditch at Moor Lane. iii. Electric Car Charge Point – the quote was discussed but in order for the Parish Council to be involved in the project they would like to see 3 comparable quotes. iii. Pack Horse Bridge – Clerk to obtain update from Community Highways Officer iv. Dogs – no further reports received. 	Clerk
9	<p><u>TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A31/A350 – Clerk to ask National Highways to cut the Roundhouse Roundabout. ii. Highways – Resurfacing taking place at Almer and Mapperton. iii. Junction at Badbury Lane (B3082) – Clerk to report lights to Dorset Highways. 	Clerk
10	<p><u>REPORTS</u></p> <p>To receive reports from representatives of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Alms House Charity – no update ii. Memorial Hall – AGM took place on the 16th May. Several projects in place including decorating toilets, car charging poing and youth club. iii. Sports Association – this will now be a yearly update. iv. DAPTC - all Cllrs to look at training v. Flood Wardens – no update vi. School – no update ii. Dorset Councillor – see Appendix 3. 	Clerk
	<p><u>FINANCE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Accounts for payment. To receive 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. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. To discuss taking ownership of the Village History Site – quote now received at £175 per year. Cllr Purtill to look at alternative options. iii. To discuss the Risk Assessment and Asset Register – Risk Assessment now received. The Co-Op noticeboard needs to be mended and several benches need some maintenance. Bartons Ground fence to be added to the asset register. 	Clerk
11	<p><u>BENCH POLICY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To consider a Bench Policy – a draft policy was circulated. It was RESOLVED to adopt this policy. 	Clerk
12	<p><u>CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Chair and Clerk took part in Climate Change Emergency training which was very useful. Resources are available to measure the Parish Council carbon footprint and examples of climate change action plans were discussed. Clerk to circulate meeting notes to all Cllrs. 	
13	<p><u>INTERNAL AUDIT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To receive the report from the internal auditor - this was circulated before the meeting. Councillors noted the positive nature of the report. 	
14	<p><u>EXTERNAL AUDIT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To approve the Annual Governance Statement - The Accounting Statements were approved by council and recorded as a minute statement. ii. To approve the accounting statements for 2021/22 - The annual governance statement was approved by council and recorded as a minute statement. 	
15	<p><u>NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A meeting has been held with AECOM regarding the Master Planning technical package and this is now underway. A workshop event will take place in late June/early July. The Parish Council approved a budget to this event to provide catering. 	
16	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity Enhancements – this was noted • Gigaclear Letter – this was noted. 	
17	<p><u>PARISH MATTERS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBQ on the Green – Clerk to write to organiser to arrange a meeting before the next event. 	
18	<p><u>The Parish Council meeting was suspended at 9.10pm whilst the Planning Committee took place. See minutes 9th June 2022 for details.</u></p> <p><u>The Parish meeting re-convened at 9.51pm</u></p>	

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 14th July 2022 at 7.30pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.51

Signed _____ Chairman 14th July 2022.

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