STURMINSTER MARSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes the Full Council on Thursday 1st September 2022 at 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall

Present: Chairman Cllr Palmer; Cllr S Cade; Cllr J Jackson; Cllr Purtill; Cllr H Fookes; Cllr M Steel; Cllr A Godfrey

Also in attendance: Clerk Mrs Alison Clothier

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

A member of the public spoke about the situation at Bartons Ground. The residents of Elms Gardens have been sent a letter and a Statement of Truth regarding the access drive to Bartons Ground and would like to know whether the Parish Council have any information about the ownership. The solicitors for Eton College have said that Bartons Ground has not been sold.

A member of the public spoke about concerns regarding the delay in the Dorset Local Plan and the risk of speculative planning applications.

1 APOLOGIES – MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

Cllr L Seare and Dorset Cllr Cook gave their apologies and these were accepted.

2 <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

There were none.

3 **POLICE REPORT**

See **Appendix 1**. No police officers attended the meeting.

MINUTES

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The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 14th July 2022 were approved as true record of the meeting.

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:

Clerk

- i. Playground
- ii. Neighbourhood Plan

6 AMENITIES AND FACILITIES

Playground – Southern Playground have sent a revised price for the repair of the nest swing system and the removal of the shelter. This comes to £5000. The Parish Council asked that the remaining task from the Play Inspection Report be added to this quote for consideration by email.

Clerk

- ii. Churchill Close Green -
 - The Agreement with the Football Club is being prepared.
- iii. Village Greens
 - Maypole Green a quote has been received for the bund at a cost of £1350 for a bund with grass seed. This was approved with the work either to be carried out in September or March.
- iv. Johnnies Ditch Clerk to chase progress on sign. A quote has been

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		received from Greenscape for £700 to cut back the vegetation and	Clerk
		reinstate a small post and wire fence to mark the boundary. This was	
		approved.	Clerk
	٧.	Bartons Ground – the queries for the members of the public were	
		discussed and it was concluded that the Clerk will write to Eton	
		College to establish whether the land was transferred. A copy of the	
		lease will be sent to the member of the public.	
	vi.	Youth Club - the group are investigating the costs of a youth worker.	
	vii.	Trees – Awaiting outcome of the tree survey on the Holme Oak at	
		Churchill Close. The Jubilee Tree has been watered over the summer	
		and is looking healthier.	
	viii.	Village Bier – Abbots Street Forge would still like to carry out the work	Clerk
		and will provide a quote.	
	ix.	Walnut Tree – The field is too overgrown at present to see the Walnut	
		Tree branch.	
	x.	Fingerposts – the work is complete and Councillors commented on	
		how well the new fingerpost fits in to the setting. The fingerpost by	
		the War Memorial will be looked at next.	Clerk
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7	ENVIRONMENT		
	i.	Drainage Ditches –quote received for the remainder of work at Moor	Clerk
		Lane for £750. This was approved.	
	iii.	Electric Car Charge Point – awaiting two additional quotes.	Clerk
	iii.	Graffiti – numerous incidents of black paint have been reported to the	
		Police. Clerk to ask Dorset Council on how to remove this.	
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host has been found for 2023. iii. Bridge Magazine – a meeting was held with the Bridge committee who are going to undertake survey of usage to support any application for Clerk funding. iv. Grants – it was agreed that the grant amounts from 2021 would remain the same for this year. The accounts would be needed from the School Society and St Marys Church before any grant could be awarded. School Society to be asked what they need specifically. It was concluded that in 2023 the deadlines will be set and adhered to. Wreath – Clerk to order the wreath as last year. Clerk ٧. Operation London Bridge – Clerk to order web package. vi. 11 **EXTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT** The return was presented and was approved and Clerk i. accepted by the Parish Council. The relevant information is published on the Parish Council website and on the noticeboard 12 **CALENDAR OF MEETINGS** Clerk to send out list of dates for the 2023 meetings. Clerk i. 13 **CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY** i. The Clerk will start to develop a Climate Change Action Plan alongside a member of the public. A Cllr will be needed to sit on the group. ii. The Emergency Plan will be updated following the comments from Dorset Council. 14 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN** The Neighbourhood Plan Grant for 2022/23 has been awarded. i. ii. The delay in the Dorset Council Local Plan has significant implications on the timescale of the Neighbourhood Plan. The preferred option for the group would be to progress with a plan that does not include sites and then add the sites at a later date, once the Local Plan has progressed. Locality have agreed that the group can spend the funding received on this approach. All in agreement to move forwards with this approach. **CORRESPONDENCE** 15 Cost of Living Crisis Support – posters on noticeboards Black Poplar Trees – ex cllr contacted for information BSIP Stakeholder Briefing Sessions - Cllr Steel to attend Weldmar Hospice - ask for Open Meeting **PARISH MATTERS** 16 Damaged Seat at Churchill Close - ask Mr Miller to repair The Parish Council meeting was suspended at 8.53pm whilst the Planning Committee

took place. See minutes 1st September 2022 for details.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 6th October 2022 at 7.30pm

The Parish meeting re-convened at 9.35pm

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Signed	Chairman 6 th October 2022.	