

	<p style="text-align: center;">STURMINSTER MARSHALL PARISH COUNCIL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Minutes the Full Council on Thursday 5th January 2023 at 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall</p> <p>Present: Chairman Cllr Palmer; Cllr S Cade; Cllr L Seare; Cllr M Steel; Cllr A Godfrey and Cllr J Jackson</p> <p>Also in attendance: Clerk Mrs Alison Clothier;</p> <p><u>MEMBERS OF PUBLIC</u> – There were two members of the public present.</p>	
1	<p><u>APOLOGIES – MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.</u></p> <p>Cllr H Fookes, Cllr Purtill and Dorset Cllr Cook gave their apologies, and these were accepted.</p>	
2	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></p> <p>There were none.</p>	
3	<p><u>POLICE REPORT</u></p> <p>See Appendix 1. Cllr Cade and Cllr Palmer to attend the Police meeting in Verwood on 6th January.</p>	
4	<p><u>MINUTES</u></p> <p>The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 1st December 2022 were approved as true record of the meeting.</p>	
5	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Playground ii. Neighbourhood Plan 	
6	<p><u>AMENITIES AND FACILITIES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Playground – The monthly check has been completed and no issues were raised. Cllr Steel has researched surfacing however some quotes have come back in at £8,000. The advice from the play companies is to replace what is there already. ii. Churchill Close Green – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Football Club agreement – Clerk to chase this for the February meeting. iii. Trees – the Clerk will chase Aster regarding the inspection of the Holme Oak on Churchill Close. iv. Village Bier – Mr Greenwell has looked at the bier and will send a quote to Cllr Jackson for the renovation. v. Memorial Planter – the Clerk has requested a quote for both the repair of the planter and the restocking with plants in order to get a price to the member of the public. vi. Johnnies Ditch – the sign is complete and will be fixed on the fence as soon as possible. Clerk to chase Mr Miller for a date. vii. Ginnys Lane – A response from Rights of Way has been received regarding adding gravel or a similar material to the footpath and they 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>have concerns about access for other users. Cllr Palmer to find out more information about the surfacing required.</p> <p>viii. Charborough Way Bench – a location for the bench was put forward to Dorset Council and this will be by the Jubilee Tree. Cllrs raised the point that this might be in the way of the marquee for BBQ on the Green. Clerk to chase a meeting with the organisers of the event and there are concerns about the size of the event on this Green.</p> <p>ix. Defibrillator at Mapperton – the Clerk has contacted the Community Heartbeat Trust for a quote.</p> <p>x. King's Coronation – two request for events have been received. One is for a large screen on Churchill Close Green on the 6th May – this was agreed providing the football club are consultation. The second is on the 8th May on Maypole and Stocks Green and this was agreed. Clerk to reply to the emails.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
7	<p><u>ENVIRONMENT</u></p> <p>i. Drainage Ditches – awaiting works at Moor Lane.</p> <p>ii. Flooding – several groundwater flood warnings have been received. The ditch at Millmoor is full – flood warden to look at.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
8	<p><u>TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT</u></p> <p>i A31/A350 – closure of A350 in January.</p> <p>ii. Highways – Potholes reported on Church Street</p> <p>iii. Request for 20mph zone –this matter was discussed in detail following several emails from members of the public. It was emphasised that the publicity on this matter from Dorset Council has been misleading as there are many criteria that areas need to meet to qualify for the 20mph zone. Clerk and Cllr Cade to attend a meeting on this held by Dorset Council on 7th February. They will question whether the existing traffic surveys will be relevant for the application.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
9	<p><u>REPORTS</u></p> <p>To receive reports from representatives of the following:</p> <p>i Alms House Charity – meeting in January</p> <p>ii Memorial Hall – the Hall committee have successfully applied for a £5000 grant for the youth club, which will be launched in February. Cllrs asked that all youth groups are thought about and that the club does not clash with other groups in the Hall. There have been boiler and heating issues.</p> <p>iii DAPTC - no update.</p> <p>iv Flood Wardens – as above</p> <p>v. School – no update</p> <p>vi Dorset Councillor –see Appendix 3.</p>	
10	<p><u>FINANCE</u></p> <p>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. The purchase of the VAT software for £29.95 was ratified.</p> <p>ii. To discuss taking ownership of the Village History Site – this is ongoing.</p> <p>iii. Bridge Magazine – a letter had been received from the Bridge magazine committee which is attached as Appendix 5. A detailed discussion was held on the funding request which totalled £3,000 for the next financial year. The Parish Council felt, having looked at the</p>	

	<p>Parish Magazines from Red Post and Lytchett Matravers, that print costs and runs could be reduced. Adding £3000 to the precept to fund the magazine when it does not serve the whole Parish is difficult and Pamphill and Shapwick need to be asked to contribute. A small grant would be considered.</p> <p>iv. Memorial Policy – this was agreed.</p>	Clerk
11	<p><u>PRECEPT AND BUDGET</u></p> <p>i. The total precept for 2023/23 is proposed at £55,522.00. The proposed increase in precept is 0.54%. This is an increase of £0.52p (0.77%) on a Band D property. The changes are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in Clerk's Salary to allow for national payrise • Increase in audit fees • Increase in grants due to Cost of Living crisis • Decrease from last year's budget for repairs and maintenance due to loss of Bartons Ground and review of reserved budgets on seats, trees and The Pound • Decrease from last year's budget for capital expenditure on noticeboards, Elections and EV Charge points. The EV charge point cost is likely to be met by Dorset Council. There is an increase in the play area budget as some items in the play area will need replacing. • A budget has been created for the King's Coronation. 	Clerk
12	<p>The precept and budget for 2023/24 were agreed. Clerk to complete precept return.</p> <p><u>CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY</u></p>	
13	<p>i. Climate Change Action Plan – awaiting date for Climate Change seminar.</p> <p>ii. The Emergency Plan is being updated.</p>	
14	<p><u>NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN</u></p> <p>i. The group are currently in the process of drafting the Plan which will come to Parish Council in April.</p>	
15	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community and Culture Project Fund – noted • Email regarding agenda items – dealt with under 20mph zones above • Mini Roundabout – Clerk to respond to say that we are not licensed to work on the roundabout • Fostering Information – to go into the Bridge <p><u>PARISH MATTERS</u></p> <p><u>The Parish Council meeting was suspended at 8.30pm whilst the Planning Committee took place. See minutes 5th January 2023 for details.</u></p> <p><u>The Parish meeting re-convened at 8.55pm</u></p> <p><u>DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING</u> – Thursday 2nd February 2023 at 7.30pm</p> <p>There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.55</p>	

	<p>Signed _____ Chairman 5th January 2023.</p>	
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