

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>STURMINSTER MARSHALL PARISH COUNCIL</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Minutes the Full Council on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 at 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall</p> <p><b>Present:</b> Chairman Cllr Palmer; Cllr S Cade; Cllr L Seare; Cllr M Steel; Cllr A Godfrey; Cllr H Fookes, Cllr Purtill and Cllr J Jackson</p> <p>Also in attendance: Clerk Mrs Alison Clothier; Dorset Cllr Cook</p> <p><b><u>MEMBERS OF PUBLIC</u></b> – There were two members of the public present.</p> <p>The Chair of Governors spoke about the recent Ofsted Report for the First School which has been graded as Requires Improvement. The Governors feel that the report has many positives and that the headteacher has made real improvements to the school. The parent interviews were very positive. The issues were largely with the wider curriculum and how well the new staff knew about these topics. Parish Councillors are very welcome to look around the school.</p> <p>A member of the public spoke about the Climate Change Action Plan and was frustrated by the lack of progress on this document. An email has been sent to the Parish Council on possible ways forward and this was circulated to Parish Councillors and the Neighbourhood Plan Group.</p>	
1	<p><b><u>APOLOGIES – MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.</u></b></p> <p>There were no apologies.</p>	
2	<p><b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></b></p> <p>There were none.</p>	
3	<p><b><u>POLICE REPORT</u></b></p> <p>See <b>Appendix 1.</b> Cllr Cade and Cllr Palmer attended the Police meeting Verwood and the village is now under the Wimborne team.</p>	
4	<p><b><u>MINUTES</u></b></p> <p>The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023 were approved as true record of the meeting.</p>	
5	<p><b><u>MATTERS ARISING</u></b></p> <p>A report from the Clerk which had been circulated was read by the Clerk and is attached to these minutes as <b>Appendix 2.</b> Ongoing issues from the Clerks Report are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Playground</li> <li>ii. Neighbourhood Plan</li> </ul>	Clerk
6	<p><b><u>AMENITIES AND FACILITIES</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Playground – The monthly check has been completed and no issues were raised. Cllr Steel has continued research on the matting and is awaiting further quotes. The playground repairs are delayed due to a timber supply issue.</li> <li>ii. Churchill Close Green – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Football Club agreement – feedback from the Football Club had been received on the draft agreement, which was</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Clerk

	discussed. The agreement was amended to take out mention of moving goalposts and be more specific about railings being moved out of league season. Wording was added to say that the Football Club will deal with parking issues to the best of their ability. Finally the wording on siting pitches was changed to allow the club to rotate the smaller pitches. All were agreement to send this amended version to the Football Club. The issue of the lease was discussed and the football club will be asked to look into this and to see whether it will be possible for the Parish Council to apply for FA funding.	Clerk Clerk
	iii. Trees – Cllr Cook gave an update on the Holme Oak. Aster have completed an inspection and found that the tree has no health or safety concerns and there is no work planned for it. Cllr Cook to speak to the DC tree officer to see if anything else can be done.	Cllr Cook
	iv. Village Bier – Mr Greenwell has given a provisional quote of around £3000. A formal quote will be sent through and discussed at the next meeting.	
	v. Memorial Planter – the quote for the repair of the planter is £460. Greenscape have provided two quote options for the planting however the Parish Council felt that the community might want to help with the planting so an article will be put in the Bridge and on Facebook to see if there are any volunteers. Clerk to contact the family who requested the memorial to say that the cost will be £460 plus a plaque and a small contribution to any particular plants that they might like in the planter.	Clerk
	vi. Ginnys Lane – the path was looked at with the Community Highways Officer and it was felt that this was appropriately surfaced.	Clerk
	viii. Charborough Way Bench – no update.	
	ix. Defibrillator at Mapperton – the cost of the new defibrillator will be around £1900 plus delivery and fixing. Clerk to look into grant opportunities.	
	x. King’s Coronation – the two events will now be held on different days and the Parish Council were in agreement to grant permission for these events.	
	xi. BBQ on the Green – Clerk to contact Dorset Council to outline concerns with parking, noise and litter.	
7	<b><u>ENVIRONMENT</u></b>	
	i. Drainage Ditches – awaiting works at Moor Lane.	
	ii. Flooding – photos of the flooding to be added to the website. The flood warden had produced a summary of the flooding in January – see <b>Appendix 3</b> . It was noted that Shapwick have had effluent running on the road.	
8	<b><u>TRAFFIC &amp; TRANSPORT</u></b>	
	i A31/A350 – closure of A31 in February.	
	ii. Highways – Potholes repaired on Church Street. Bailie Gate Roundabout – Cllr Cook has chased this matter for the Parish Council and is awaiting a response.	
	iii. Request for 20mph zone – Cllr Cook outlined that he would support these schemes were appropriate. Clerk and Cllr Cade to attend a meeting on this held by Dorset Council on 7 <sup>th</sup> February. They will question whether the existing traffic surveys will be relevant for the application.	

9	<p><b><u>REPORTS</u></b></p> <p>To receive reports from representatives of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i Alms House Charity – meeting in February</li> <li>ii Memorial Hall – meeting in February</li> <li>iii DAPTC - no update.</li> <li>iv Flood Wardens – as above</li> <li>v. School – the school day is changing from 8.45-3.15. The next Ofsted will be within 18 months. Cllrs asked whether there was a plan in place to improve the matters raised by the inspection and this was the case. Governors also have an action plan to strengthen the framework of Governance.</li> <li>vi Dorset Councillor – Cllr Cook outlined the proposals with Council Tax and second homes, which is proposed by national Government. This may help to free properties for local people.</li> </ul>	Clerk
10	<p><b><u>FINANCE</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 <b>Appendix 4.</b></li> <li>ii. To discuss taking ownership of the Village History Site – this is ongoing.</li> <li>iii. Bridge Magazine – the Bridge Magazine committee have been informed of the Parish Council’s decision to need provide funding.</li> <li>iv. To receive and approve the quarterly report and bank reconciliation – this received and noted.</li> <li>v. To ratify the purchase of new printer cartridges – this was approved.</li> <li>vi. To note the change in external auditors – the change to BDO was noted.</li> <li>vii. Review Standing Orders and Financial Regulations – no changes were proposed.</li> </ul>	Clerk
11	<p><b><u>LITTER PICK 2023</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. This will be held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 2pm. Clerk to contact DWP.</li> </ul>	
12	<p><b><u>CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Climate Change Action Plan – Clerk to adapt the Climate Change Action Plan from Char Valley. Cllrs to look through all the documentation sent through. Cllr Jackson to attend the Climate Change group meetings.</li> <li>ii. The Emergency Plan has been updated.</li> </ul>	
13	<p><b><u>OPEN MEETING 2023</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The Museum Director for East Dorset was suggested as a guest speaker. Clerk to send date to Cllr Cook so that he can request they attend. Weldmar Hospice and Margaret Green have also offered to speak.</li> </ul>	
14	<p><b><u>NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The group are currently in the process of drafting the Plan which will come to Parish Council in April. It was proposed that some of the grant funding previously allocated to printing be used on Ms Witherden</li> </ul>	

15	<p>editing the Plan. This was agreed.</p> <p><b><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting with MP – Cllr Palmer and Cllr Cade to attend.</li> <li>• Grit Bins – the Parish Council would need to pay for any grit bins and the community would have to spread the grit. The ice on Church corner was unusual.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>PARISH MATTERS</u></b></p> <p><b><u>The Parish Council meeting was suspended at 9.25pm whilst the Planning Committee took place. See minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 for details.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>The Parish meeting re-convened at 9.41pm</u></b></p> <p><b><u>DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING</u></b> – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 at 7.30pm</p> <p>There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.41</p> <p>Signed _____ Chairman 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023.</p>	
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