## STURMINSTER MARSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes the Full Council on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall

**Present:** Chairman Cllr Palmer; Cllr S Cade; Cllr L Seare; Cllr M Steel; Cllr A Godfrey; Cllr H Fookes, Cllr Purtill and Cllr J Jackson

Also in attendance: Clerk Mrs Alison Clothier;

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

Comments were made on Bartons Ground and the fact that this is now being offered for rent. The fence has been broken and Eton College now have the responsibility for mending it. It was questioned whether Bartons Ground will be proposed as a Local Green Space and it was confirmed that it is in the Neighbourhood Plan. The land at the end of Sheriden Way was queried and why this has not been developed when it has a planning permission. Land banking is an issue that has been raised with the MP and Dorset Council. Finally the advertising for Moonacre on the A31 was queried and this will be reported to enforcement.

1 APOLOGIES – MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

Dorset Cllr Cook gave his apologies and these were accepted by the committee.

2 <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

There were none.

3 **POLICE REPORT** 

See **Appendix 1**. A speeding car has been reported in King Street/Newton Road.

4 MINUTES

The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 were approved as true record of the meeting.

5 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 – The works to the playground are largely complete and will be finalised within the next few weeks. Dorset Council to be asked for a quote for the playground surfacing.

Clerk

- ii. Churchill Close Green
  - i. Football Club agreement the issue of the railings was discussed in detail however Parish Councillors felt that keeping the openness of the Green outside of the football season was important. It was emphasised that the Green was for the whole village to use. It was resolved to ask the Football Club to remove the railings outside of the football season with all in agreement.

Clerk

		ii. Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund – it was agreed that the Parish	
		Council would apply for this fund.	
	iii.	Trees – There has been no response from Aster regarding the request	Clark
		for the Holme Oak tree report. Clerk to ask Dorset Council for a tree survey.	Clerk
	iv.	Village Bier – a quote had been received for the repair at a cost of	Clerk
		£3900. It was felt that this could not be taken from the precept and	O.G. II
		grant would have to be found. A place to safely store the Bier would	
		be needed. There is a need to consult Parishioners on whether they	
		would like to see this restored.	
	v.	Gardening Group – an initial meeting has taken place and several	
		people have volunteered for the group. A WhatsApp group will be set	
		up to arrange future meetings.	
	vi.	Charborough Way Bench – Dorset Council have been chased for a	
	vii.	response.  Defibrillator at Mapperton – the Spar community fund has been	
	VII.	applied for.	
	viii.	King's Coronation – it was felt that something should be planted to	Clerk
		commemorate the Coronation. There was a suggestion of wild flower	
		planting on Railway Drive and potentially a tree on Churchill Close	
		Green providing the honey fungus issue could be resolved.	
	ix.	BBQ on the Green – a meeting with the BBQ on the Green organisers	
	x.	had been held to raise the issues regarding parking and litter.  Village Greens – it was resolved to give permission for a BBQ on Stocks	
	^.	Green on Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September.	
	xi.	Maypole Dancing – the email received from the school society	Clerk
		regarding the change of venue for the maypole dancing was discussed.	
		Cllrs agreed that an email be sent to the school society and the Head	
		teacher to explain that members of the public are welcome to attend	
		any Parish Council meeting and do not need to be invited. The Parish	
		Council are happy to be informed of events and to give permission for	
		events where relevant but do not get involved with the organisation.	
		This is the case with BBQ on the Green, the Football Tournament and various other village fetes which are all organised and run by	
		volunteers.	
7	ENIVIDONIMENIT		
/	ENVIRONMENT		
	i.	Drainage Ditches – awaiting works at Moor Lane.	
	ii.	Flooding – nothing to report	
	iii.	Climate Change Action Plan –action now adopted. Clerk to look into	
	i	carbon literacy toolkit.	Clerk
	iv.	Electric Vehicle Charging Points – the Parish Council have submitted an Expression of Interest for a charge point at the Memorial Hall.	Cierk
		an expression of interest for a charge point at the memorial fram.	
8	TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT		
	i	A31/A350 – the A350 group have dissolved and will be returning £100	
		to the Parish Council.	
	ii.	Highways – nothing to report.	
	iii.	Request for 20mph zone – Clerk to organise an initial working group	
		meeting.	
	v.	Definitive Map Modification Order – the order for Mapperton was discussed but the detail was not available on the website and would	
		need to be examined before a decision was made. The order for	
		Sturminster Marshall was discussed and it was felt that this may lead	
		to motorbikes using the route.	
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9	REPORTS				
	To receive reports from representatives of the following:	Clerk			
	i Alms House Charity – nothing to report				
	ii Memorial Hall – there has been some interest in management roles				
	but the committee are still looking for a Chair.				
	iii DAPTC - the event of the 9 <sup>th</sup> March was very useful and informative.				
	iv Flood Wardens – nothing to report.				
	v. School – the end of term service was held in St Marys Church.				
	vi Dorset Councillor – See <b>Appendix 3</b>				
10	<u>FINANCE</u>				
	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.				
	ii. To discuss taking ownership of the Village History Site – this is				
	ongoing. iii. Service Level Agreement for Churchill Close 2023/24 – there was a				
	iii. Service Level Agreement for Churchill Close 2023/24 – there was a small increase in the cost of the agreement but it was felt that this is				
	working well and is good value for money. All in agreement to sign the				
	SLA for 23/24.				
	iv. Risk Assessment/Asset Register – Clerk to send Asset Register to Mr	Clerk			
	Standing for the Risk Assessment.				
	v. External Hard Drive/New Lap top – following the replacement of the				
	hard drive on the Parish Council computer it would be advisable to				
	purchase an external hard drive to save the data. A new laptop will be				
	looked at with an external screen.				
11	NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN				
	i. The Plan is in the final draft stage and will be sent to the SEA team at				
	AECOM.				
	ii. The end of year grant report has been approved.				
12	CORRESPONDENCE				
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	Bartons Ground – as discussed in public comments				
	<ul> <li>Health Walk – this will not be restarted.</li> </ul>				
13	<ul> <li>Hedgehog Highway – Chair to put in the Jottings</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>Emergency Alerts – 23<sup>rd</sup> April</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>Bridge Magazine – the print run for the Bridge has been reduced.</li> </ul>				
	PARISH MATTERS				
	A new vicar is starting in September.				
	The Parish Council meeting was suspended at 9.04 whilst the Planning Committee took place. See minutes 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2023 for details.				
	The Parish meeting re-convened at 9.28pm				
	DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7.30pm				
	There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.28				

Signed	Chairman 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2023.	