

	<p style="text-align: center;">STURMINSTER MARSHALL PARISH COUNCIL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Minutes the Meeting of the Full Council on Thursday 4th January 2024 at 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall</p> <p>Present: Chairman Cllr Palmer, Cllr S Cade, Cllr M Steel, Cllr L Seare, Cllr Purtill, Cllr H Fookes; Cllr A Godfrey and Cllr J Jackson</p> <p>Also in attendance: Mrs A Clothier (Parish Clerk)</p> <p>1 <u>MEMBERS OF PUBLIC</u> – There was 1 member of the public present.</p> <p>A member of the public commented on the Front Lane speed restrictions and asked for an update on this. This will be discussed on the main agenda. The following points were also made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were too many advertising boards outside the NISA • Flyposting – there are a profusion of fly posts from village organisations. • Trailway – what was the aim of the groundworks that were done on the Trailway carried out by Dorset Council and can a concern be registered about this. The Neighbourhood Plan Local Greenspace policy makes mention of the value of the flora and fauna in the trailway. Some of these were brambles that were strangling the trees. <p>2 <u>APOLOGIES – MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.</u> Dorset Cllr R Cook gave his apologies, and these were accepted by the committee.</p> <p>3 <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> There were none.</p> <p>4 <u>POLICE REPORT</u> See Appendix 1. Attempted burglary at the Spar on New Year’s Eve.</p> <p>5 <u>MINUTES</u> The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 7th December 2023 were approved as true record of the meeting.</p> <p>6 <u>MATTERS ARISING</u> A report from the Clerk which had been circulated and is attached to these minutes as Appendix 2. Ongoing issues from the Clerks Report are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Churchill Close Green ▪ Neighbourhood Plan <p>7 <u>AMENITIES AND FACILITIES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i Playground – No issues were highlighted from the monthly inspection. The graffiti has been cleaned off. Playground sign has been knocked down – Clerk to report this to Highways. ii. Churchill Close Green – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Football Club lease – The Football Club are receiving legal advice on the licence. This needs to be signed asap. Statement of Truth submitted. iii. Trees – Holme Oak – The Parish Council agreed to use JT Tree and Hedge Works for the Conservation Area trees and Leaks Tree Care to 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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	<p>carry out the Holme Oak work. Clerk to check with Dorset Council about the legality of carrying out the work to the Holme Oak. The cedar tree in Walnut Tree Field will be cleared by Dorset Council Trees at Churchill Close – due to be delivered and planted.</p> <p>iv. Defibrillator at Mapperton – The defibrillator has been ordered and the Parish Council is awaiting delivery.</p> <p>v. Actions from Risk Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maypole Green Noticeboard – this is due to be delivered as soon as possible. <p>vi. RAF Plaque – the registration of this memorial is being investigated.</p> <p>vii. Footpaths – Clerk has confirmed with the finger post manufacturer that the Parish Council would like a cross style post. Awaiting quote.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
8	<p><u>ENVIRONMENT</u></p> <p>i. Drainage Ditches – awaiting works at Moor Lane.</p> <p>ii. Climate Change Action Plan – the DAPTC are canvassing other Parish Council's to see if any consultants can be recommended. Clerk to ask Jo Witherden. Action Plan will be reviewed next month.</p> <p>iii. Flooding – the Wessex Region Flooding Report has been received. The Aquifer is fully recharged and the risk of river flooding has increased. Properties are starting to pump. Highways are working towards improving drainage at the hotspots. Wessex Water has a programme of sealing the sewerage network from the effects of groundwater flooding.</p> <p>iv. Broadband – Clerk to arrange meeting for January.</p> <p>v. SGN – two meetings have been attended by Cllrs regarding the replacement of the pipe at the junction of Station Road and the A350. Roadworks will be in place until the middle of February. The collapsed manhole will also be replaced. Dullar Lane will be completely closed for the duration of the works. Work will start on the 22nd January. Cllrs to attend the next site meeting on 11th January. Local residents are getting frustrated with waiting at the lights.</p> <p>vi. Wessex Water – sewerage has been pumped out at High Street and Church Street. Clerk to ask about this work.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
9	<p><u>TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT</u></p> <p>i. A31/A350 – Beacon Hill Closure – this will take place at the same time as the SGN works. There is flooding by Slip and Slide field on A31. Clerk to speak to Corfe Mullen as the works here are causing excessive flooding.</p> <p>ii. Highways – next Speedwatch session to be arranged in January.</p> <p>iii. Speeding on Mill Lane – Mark Adams from Dorset Council has requested a quote for two cattle signs for Mill Lane to slow down traffic.</p> <p>iv. Pedestrian Crossing Request – the member of the public has been contacted to ask for more evidence of community support</p> <p>v. Front Lane – a quote has been received for speed strips for £275 and then £200 for further surveys. Cllrs felt that two surveys – one at Front Lane and one at Back Lane should be ordered and to ask for the survey to take place in March.</p> <p>vi. Bailie Gate Roundabout – Dorset Council have contacted the Parish Council regarding a proposal for lavender and wild flowers with a sculpture in the middle – possibly connected to the milk factory or the railway. It was agreed that this would be a nice welcome to the village. There was a suggestion to create a village project and ask the community what they would like to see. Clerk to respond with</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

	these suggestions.	
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 – nothing to report ii Memorial Hall – meeting being arranged to talk about the hiring arrangements. Youth Group to start again. The front door is very dangerous. The motorhome awning is going to be removed. EV Charge Point – the Parish Council has received confirmation that Dorset Council would like to move forwards with the EV charge point. Clerk to progress with the grant application. iii DAPTC - the Armed Forces Covenant Pledge will be put on the Agenda for the next year. iv. Flooding – Flood wardens report straight to the Police. Meeting to be organised. v. School – nothing to report. vi Dorset Councillor – See Appendix 3 	
11	<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. ii. To discuss taking ownership of the Village History Site – all the hosting will be moved into one site. iii. To receive the quarterly report and bank reconciliation – all in agreement. 	
12	<p><u>ELECTIONS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Election timetable was highlighted and the dates were read out. 	
13	<p><u>BUDGET AND PRECEPT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The budget and precept spreadsheets were circulated in advance of the meeting. The changes were as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in core expenditure costs to meet with inflation including Clerks Salary, insurance, audit, and phone (£3,005). • Increase in administration costs including legal and professional fees and website costs, including a new accountancy package (£1,839) • Increase in parish grass cutting costs (£1,000). • A small budget increase to repair and maintenance to for the gardening group projects (£300) • There is no increase to the capital reserves as this will be covered by the CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) contribution. <p>The Parish Council felt that the above suggestions were in line with the Council's goals for 2024/25 and the increase of 5.42% was proposed and agreed.</p> 	
14	<p><u>NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Neighbourhood Plan was due to go out for Submission Consultation on 12th January however, Dorset Council have raised an issue with the SEA. This was carried out for the Parish Council by consultants so the comments have been taken back to them to amend and a new consultation date will be agreed. 	

<p>15</p>	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dorset Council survey on walking and cycling • Local Transport Plan – 18th January – 4pm. Clerk to attend. • Multi-Agency Devolution Proposal – Cllrs registered their concern of creating an even larger organisation. 	
<p>16</p>	<p><u>PARISH MATTERS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armed Forces Covenant – to go on the Agenda for February • Bartons Ground – the ford is flooded and structures have been built – Clerk to report to enforcement • Printer – a purchase of a new printer for £363.24 has been agreed by email due to malfunctions with the current printer. <p><u>The Parish Council meeting was suspended at 8.39pm whilst the Planning Committee took place. See minutes 4th January 2024 for details.</u></p> <p><u>The Parish meeting re-convened at 9.00pm</u></p> <p><u>DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING</u> – Thursday 1st February 2024 at 7.30pm</p> <p>There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.00</p> <p>Signed _____ Chairman 1st February 2024.</p>	