

	<p>STURMINSTER MARSHALL PARISH COUNCIL</p> <p>Minutes the Meeting of the Full Council on Thursday 1st February 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 A Godfrey and Cllr J Jackson</p> <p>Also in attendance: Mrs A Clothier (Parish Clerk); Dorset Cllr R Cook</p>	
1	<p><u>MEMBERS OF PUBLIC</u> – There was 1 member of the public present.</p>	
2	<p><u>APOLOGIES – MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.</u> Cllr H Fookes gave her apologies, and these were accepted by the committee.</p>	
3	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> There were none.</p>	
4	<p><u>POLICE REPORT</u> See Appendix 1. Meetings with rural crime team are available.</p>	
5	<p><u>MINUTES</u> The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 4th January 2024 were approved as true record of the meeting.</p>	
6	<p><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 	
7	<p><u>AMENITIES AND FACILITIES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Playground – The monthly inspection highlighted that the children’s double swing needs oiling. The fallen sign was reported to Highways. ii. Churchill Close Green – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Football Club licence – meeting next week on 7th February. Cllr Godfrey to Chair. Railings and parking on the Green need to be raised and the need to clarify the situation with summer school and the tournament. Cllr Steel to attend. iii. Trees – Holme Oak has been trimmed. Three trees were planted on Churchill Close Green. The works to the trees in the Conservation Area will take place in February. The Walnut Tree field cedar tree has been cleared of brambles. iv. Defibrillator at Mapperton – the defibrillator is in place and training will take place on 28th February. Clerk to invoice Cllr Seare and Drax Estate for the donations. Clerk to find out the life span of the defibrillator. v. Actions from Risk Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maypole Green Noticeboard – this is now installed. vi. RAF Plaque – the registration on War Memorials online is complete. vii. Footpaths - fingerpost – awaiting quote. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>viii. Citizens Advice Bus – starting in the village hall car park from 10-12. Church and school to be contacted.</p>	
8	<p><u>ENVIRONMENT</u></p> <p>i. Drainage Ditches – works in Moor Lane to be completed in early February.</p> <p>ii. Climate Change Action Plan – the Parish Council has qualified for 2 days of time from Low Carbon Dorset who will give advice on works that can be carried out to reduce our carbon footprint.</p> <p>iii. Flooding – nothing to report</p> <p>iv. Broadband – a meeting with Gigaclear has taken place and the powerpoint circulated to Parish Councillors. As part of the installation they are offering one free connection for a community building.</p> <p>v. SGN – a further meeting has been held with SGN and the pipe replacement is now delayed due to issues with the current gas pressure. Clerk to ask for a date in early Spring.</p> <p>vi. Wessex Water – Clerk to chase response regarding recent sewerage works</p> <p>vii. EV Charge Point – Clerk to look for Memorial Hall Deeds at Dorset Council Archive Centre</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
9	<p><u>TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT</u></p> <p>i. A31/A350 – SGN closure now finished.</p> <p>ii. Highways – meeting with Dorset Council took place on 31st January. Some of the drains are blocked but Dorset Council will only look proactively at the bus route – anything else is reactive and needs to be reported. All drains now marked up for cleaning following the meeting. Clerk to ask Flood Team to check the drains. Properties with overgrown hedges are being written to ask them to cut back. Newton Road potholes and drainage were looked at. School sign at the Churchill Arms will be replaced in a different location. Hedge by Old Police House to be reported. Clerk to write to Aster about No 19 Churchill Close - overgrown hedge.</p> <p>iii. Speeding on Mill Lane – the signs will be reprinted due to a change in location.</p> <p>vi. Bailie Gate Roundabout – ongoing</p> <p>v. Local Transport Plan – Cllrs to look at this and feedback.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
10	<p><u>REPORTS</u></p> <p>To receive reports from representatives of the following:</p> <p>i. Alms House Charity – nothing to report</p> <p>ii. Memorial Hall – nothing to report.</p> <p>iii. DAPTC - no meeting planned for the Eastern Area.</p> <p>iv. Flooding – nothing to report</p> <p>v. School – nothing to report.</p> <p>vi. Speedwatch – Newton Road will be the next location at an earlier time.</p> <p>vii. Dorset Councillor – See Appendix 3</p>	
11	<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.</p>	

	<p>ii. To discuss taking ownership of the Village History Site – all the hosting has been moved onto one site. A thank you was given to Mr Purtill for organising the transition for the Parish Council.</p> <p>iii. To ratify the purchase of the new printer – this was purchased at a cost of £363.24. The Clerk thanked the Parish Council for the purchase of the new IT equipment as this has had a positive impact on the role.</p>	
12	<p><u>ELECTIONS</u></p> <p>i. The Election timetable was highlighted and the dates were read out. The nominations forms are now available and the slots in March can be booked to submit the forms. Clerk and Chair to advertise the nomination process through the website and Bridge Magazine.</p>	
13	<p><u>NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN</u></p> <p>i. The Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted and is out to consultation until 1st March 2024. It is the first Plan in the old East Dorset Area to be submitted. Dorset Council have sent through a list of possible Inspectors for the Plan - the CVs were circulated in advance of the meeting. The Neighbourhood Plan Group have considered the CVs and recommend the following preference:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Andrew Mead, 2. Jill Kingaby 3. Wendy Burden. <p>It was resolved to approve the recommendation from the Neighbourhood Plan Committee with all in agreement.</p>	
14	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D Day Celebrations – email forwarded to the Church • Help and Kindness Poster – Clerk to print off and put it in the noticeboards • BBQ on the Green – Clerk to contact the Safety Advisory Group with the concerns and copy in highways and property. • Maypole – Clerk to contact the school society regarding the Maypole event. • Dorset Adult Social Care Workshop – noted. • NALC updated Standing Orders and Financial Regulation – to be put on the Agenda for March. • Speaker for Open Meeting – Clerk to ask SGN. • Litter Pick – suggested date of 6th April 2024. Clerk to double check with Dorset Waste Partnership. • Clerk to report the drain by the Post Box in Mapperton – it is collapsed or blocked 	
15	<p><u>PARISH MATTERS</u></p> <p><u>The Parish Council meeting was suspended at 8.40pm whilst the Planning Committee took place. See minutes 1st February 2024 for details.</u></p> <p><u>The Parish meeting re-convened at 9.20pm</u></p> <p><u>DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING</u> – Thursday 7th March 2024 at 7.30pm</p> <p>There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.20</p> <p>Signed _____ Chairman 7th March 2024.</p>	

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