

	<p style="text-align: center;">STURMINSTER MARSHALL PARISH COUNCIL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Minutes the Meeting of the Full Council on Thursday 7th March 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 and Cllr J Jackson</p> <p>Also in attendance: Mrs A Clothier (Parish Clerk); Dorset Cllr R Cook</p> <p>1 <u>MEMBERS OF PUBLIC</u> – There was 1 member of the public present. They raised three points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new telegraph pole had been put up on Maypole Green • Maypole Dancing – two years ago the maypole dancing went ahead on Maypole Green but there were health and safety concerns. The tradition of the maypole goes back to 1101 – would be very sad to lose this. The school have suggested that the oldest class will go down and dance on the 1st May. They think it would be better to shut off Front Lane and King Street for 2 hours – rerouting the bus to Balls Lane. 10 households have been informed and are in support. The next move is to get support from the Parish Council to go ahead with it – it will be completely organised by the group and they are not looking for financing. School society to write to the Clerk for permission to use the Green on May 1st. Marshals will be needed to stop the parking.. Dorset Council normally ask for 12 weeks to reroute the bus route however Cllr Cook to look into this for the group. Add to agenda for April. • Front Lane – traffic hazards letter. The Parish Council have ordered the speed survey which will take place in March. Clerk to chase. <p>2 <u>APOLOGIES – MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.</u> Cllr A Godfrey 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. Theft from Red Lion Pub. Cllr Cook spoke to the local policing team and reflected that Sturminster Marhsall should be included in the town council meetings.</p> <p>5 <u>MINUTES</u> The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 1st February 2024 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> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">i Playground – The monthly inspection was completed and no issues were raised. The Parish Council need to progress the purchase of the tumble bars. Cllr Steel to obtain an updated price and bring back to</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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	<p>the April meeting. Dorset Council have been chased on the playground surfacing quote.</p> <p>ii. Churchill Close Green –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Football Club licence – The meeting with the Football Club was held on 7th February. Several issues were raised but the removal of the railings were a major concern for the Club. the Parish Council’s solicitors’ advice is that the railings will need to come down for period the break in football seasons. The Football Club will need to find storage for this month. It was noted that the terms of the licence are favourable as there is no rent being charged for the pitches. The licence will need to be signed by 31st March. The Parish Council will also need to see the accounts for the Club as they are paying for the grass cutting for the football pitches. Clerk to draft an email reply to circulate to Cllrs. • Farnfields – querying money owed for Land Registry which is being investigated. <p>iv. Mapperton Defibrillator – in place and registered with the ambulance service.</p> <p>vii. Footpaths - fingerpost – the proposed quote was agreed with a combination of short and long text. Resolved with all in agreement.</p> <p>viii. Memorial Hall – The Chair, Secretary and Treasurer will all stand down in May. An article looking for new committee members will go in the Bridge. Clerk to check the Memorial Hall constitution to see if the Parish Council would be under any obligation to run it. Cllr Cook advised the Parish Council to approach Dorset Volunteer Centre to see what the situation would be if no one will run the Hall.</p> <p>viii. Maypole – the Parish Council would like to see the Maypole dancing continue on the Maypole. It was concluded that the group can investigate the road closure with the help of Cllr Cook. Dorset Council will Need to know the date, how long and which roads need to be closed. Add to the Agenda for April.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
8	<p><u>ENVIRONMENT</u></p> <p>i. Drainage Ditches – Moor Lane has been cut back and the contractor asked whether he should cut down the low hanging tree near the golf course entrance. This was discussed and concluded that it should be left for now. Cllr Cook had an email about Moor Lane flooding – the ditches were checked and a job raised to check the gullies.</p> <p>ii. Climate Change Action Plan – a meeting with Low Carbon Dorset was held on 26th February. The main advice that they can give is about energy saving alterations to the Memorial Hall and grants that can help with this.</p> <p>iii. Flooding – a meeting will be arranged with the Flood Wardens. A local resident will be contacted about the signs.</p> <p>iv. Broadband – a schedule of works have been received however the works taking place are not in line with the schedule of works.</p> <p>v. SGN – no update</p> <p>vi. Wessex Water – sewerage came up from the manhole in King Street which was reported.</p> <p>vii. EV Charge Point – Despite queries with the Archive Centre and Dorset Council the Deeds to the Memorial Hall have not been located. The Parish Council does have a copy of the Declaration of Trust from 1965 and we are enquiring whether this will help the situation.</p> <p>viii. SSE –a complaint has been sent to SSE about the new telegraph pole on Maypole Green</p>	
9	<p><u>TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT</u></p>	

10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i A31/A350 – new sign has been put up on the A350 at Jubilee Cross. Parish Clerk to ask for the finial. iii. Speeding on Mill Lane – the signs will be reprinted due to a change in location. iv. Bailie Gate Roundabout – no update <p>REPORTS</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 – as above iii DAPTC - Cllrs event on 7th March. Cllr Walsh gave a speech – included information on the the Local Plan. Dorset Council are looking to adopt the Local Transport Plan in 2025. Information was given on the proposed National Park in Dorset. iv. Flooding – a thank you to Mr Holden for sending detailed emails. A report was read out detailing the recent flooding events (See Appendix 3) . v. School – the school is organising a science day in March. The big focus is on E-Safety and they are reaching out to parents. School attendance meets national guidelines. vi. Speedwatch – Newton Road will be the next location at an earlier time. vii Dorset Councillor – See Appendix 4 	
11	<p>FINANCE</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. The payments were agreed. ii. To approve the payment of the Youth Club fund to the Memorial Hall Committee. The transfer of £1402.29 to the Memorial Hall to pay for Youth Club services was agreed. iii. To approve the appointment of Alan Breakwell for the Parish Council internal audit. This was agreed. iv. To discuss the Asset Register and Risk Assessment. The Asset Register was circulated in advance of the meeting. The proposed changes were agreed and the new screen added to the list. The youth shelter will be taken off. The Risk Assessment is being prepared and will be deferred to the April meeting. v. To discuss the renewal of the Parish Council Insurance – the Parish Council is at the end of the 3 year agreement with Zurich. It was proposed to approach the broker BHIB for some quotes. vi. Village Greens – to ratify purchase of posts for protection of Greens at a cost of £225. This was agreed. 	
12	<p>STANDING ORDERS/FINANCIAL REGULATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Standing Orders. A new version of the Standing Orders was circulated in advance of the meeting. This uses the latest NALC template so will bring the Standing Orders up to date. It was proposed that the Standing Orders were adopted and this was agreed. ii. Financial Regulations. A new version of the Financial Regulations was circulated in advance of the meeting. This uses the latest NALC template so will bring the Financial Regulations up to date. It was proposed that the Financial Regulations were adopted and this was agreed. It was noted that the 	

	<p>adoption of these Regulations will mean changing Parish Council bank accounts as the Natwest account no longer meets with the requirements for internet banking. Recommendations from other Parish Councils have shown Lloyds to be the recommended bank for this type of account. Parish Clerk to look into Lloyds bank current account and a savings account as it will be important to maximise the interest for the reserves. All in agreement.</p> <p>13 <u>NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN</u></p> <p>i. The Neighbourhood Plan - Mr Mead has been appointed as examiner and 10 responses have been received on the Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan group will now commence work on the examination.</p> <p>14 <u>LITTER PICK</u></p> <p>i. The confirmed date for the Litter Pick is Saturday 6th April at 2pm. Clerk to send out advertising. The school litter pick will take place on Saturday 16th March is was recommended that they look at Charborough Way Estate.</p> <p>15 <u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Safety Plan - noted • County of Culture Opportunity - noted <p>16 <u>PARISH MATTERS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new playground sign is facing the wrong way • Church Fete – 15th June. The Parish Council opted to not have a stall this year. <p><u>The Parish Council meeting was suspended at 9.20pm whilst the Planning Committee took place. See minutes 7th March 2024 for details.</u></p> <p><u>The Parish meeting re-convened at 9.38pm</u></p> <p><u>DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING</u> – Thursday 4th April 2024 at 7.30pm</p> <p>There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.38</p> <p>Signed _____ Chairman 4th April 2024.</p>	