

## **STURMINSTER MARSHALL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall

**Present:** Chairman Cllr. Miss H Palmer; Cllr A Godfrey; Cllr M Steel; Cllr Mrs S Cade; Cllr L Seare; Cllr J Jackson; Cllr S Gerry and Cllr H Fookes

Also in attendance: Clerk Mrs Alison Clothier; Dorset Councillor Robin Cook

**MEMBERS OF PUBLIC** – There were 29 members of the public present.

- A school governor spoke about speeding outside the school. They are looking for support from the parish council. The Chair responded to say that the Parish Council had tried to put together a Speedwatch group but have had very few volunteers so far.
- A spokesperson for the young people attending spoke about creating a space for young people to spend time together in the village. They spoke about wanting to be a part of the community but they don't have anywhere else to go other than outside the hall. Cllr Gerry thanked everyone for coming and asked for ideas of what they would like and what would they want to do at a youth club. A skate park with a shelter would be positive. They just wanted somewhere to spend time. Some used the Corfe Mullen youth club and it was suggested that a bus service could be laid on for them in the short term. They would prefer a club in the village. Around 15 years ago there was a drop in service with a pool table and table tennis table but they had limited support from parents. There must be an adult present and this would need volunteers from the community. There is money for a youth club but need to set up a working party to try and move something forward. This is also something that could feed into the neighbourhood plan.
- An Elm gardens resident spoke regarding the potential development on Bartons Ground. There was concern over the notices that had been posted on the gate regarding the Deposit of Landowner Statement. The resident asked for more details about the lease, sports facilities and the consultation. It was also noted that recent drainage improvements have led to the ground being more waterlogged.
- The Churchill Arms Action Group introduced the landlord and landlady of the Pilot who are interested in taking on the Churchill Arms.

1 **APOLOGIES – MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.**

There were no apologies.

2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

3 **POLICE REPORT**

See **Appendix 1.**

4 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019 were signed as true record of the meeting by the Chairman.

5 **MATTERS ARISING**

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:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Highways Matters</li> <li>ii. Neighbourhood Plan</li> </ul>	Clerk
6	<b><u>AMENITIES AND FACILITIES</u></b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Pill Box – the Visitor Experience Officer at Kingston Lacy is drafting an interpretation board to include information on the Pill Box. This is likely to be installed in Summer 2020.</li> <li>ii. Playground – Monthly check complete. Resurfacing work complete. Clerk to ask contractor to do some remedial work on the area near the basket swing. Suggestions for the new equipment are; in ground trampoline; roundabout; single rockers; stepping logs and little play system. Cllr Steel to email all Cllrs about options.</li> <li>iii. Bartons Ground – The Parish Council have been offered a one year lease of Bartons Ground at a peppercorn rent. Clerk to obtain quotes for the golf course fencing. Clerk to ask Eton College to send a surveyor to mark the boundary.</li> <li>iv. Noticeboards – Mr Miller to look replacing the cork on the community noticeboard.</li> <li>v. Churchill Close Green – Clerk and Cllr Cade to meet with Community Highways Officer regarding parking on the 20<sup>th</sup> January. When the land is in the Parish Council ownership, Clerk to send a letter to all residents around the Green about parking on the Green.</li> <li>vi. Youth Club – arrange a working party for the Youth Club. Cllr Cook asked to be included on the meeting.</li> <li>vii. Trees – The Tree Survey has been received and circulated. It was commented that there were an unexpectedly large number of actions to be completed. Clerk to go back and ask for more details and ask for clarification.</li> <li>viii. Churchill Arms – the oral review is at 9am on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January. Cllr Cade and the Clerk will attend and a representative from the Action Group.</li> <li>ix. Stocks – the stocks have sunk in the recent bad weather. Clerk to ask Dave Miller to look at this.</li> </ul>	Clerk Cllr Steel Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk
7	<b><u>ENVIRONMENT</u></b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Flood Wardens – see <b>Appendix 3</b>. A thanks was given to Adrian Holden for his hard work. The ditches at Back Lane and Church Street to be investigated. Cllr Fookes has produced a flood advice report and suggested that an extra tab is put on the website. There has also been flooding at the Winterborne. The levels at Mapperton are high and the drainage is blocked underneath the road. Cllr Fookes to ask at Coombe Almer whether they are having issues with flooding.</li> </ul>	Clerk Cllr Fookes
8	<b><u>TRAFFIC &amp; TRANSPORT</u></b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. A31/A350 – A350 Group meeting is forthcoming. A350 Road closure on 27<sup>th</sup> March 9-3.30pm to go on the website. Overnight closure on A31.</li> <li>ii. Highways – Traffic Calming and Safety. Air pollution monitor could be used outside of the school with parents help. The school have suggested a meeting with PC, Cllr Cook, Police, Highways, school – it was suggested that this become a Working Party. Need evidence to prove that the traffic is speeding. The best way to get evidence are</li> </ul>	

9	<p>tubes across the road – Clerk to enquire about costs.</p> <p>v To consider the proposal for alterations to Moor Lane in line with correspondence from Dorset Council - Clerk has asked for follow up.</p> <p><b>REPORTS</b></p> <p>To receive reports from representatives of the following:</p> <p>i Alms House Charity – nothing to report</p> <p>ii Memorial Hall – no report</p> <p>iii. Sport Association – nothing to report</p> <p>iv P A C T – PCSO present.</p> <p>v DAPTC – Eastern Area DAPTC had taken place. Consultation on licensing will be taking place. Web awareness changes may cost £3000 – Clerk to investigate. On February 21<sup>st</sup> there will be a follow up to the climate change meeting.</p> <p>vi. Dorset Cllr Cook – see <b>Appendix 4.</b></p>	Clerk
10	<p><b>FINANCE</b></p> <p>i The Schedule of Payments were received, approved and the cheques were signed in accordance with the Bank Mandate. <b>Appendix 5</b> to these minutes.</p> <p>ii. DAPTC subscription. The costs were discussed and it was agreed that the subscription be renewed.</p>	Clerk
11	<p><b>BUDGET AND PRECEPT</b></p> <p>i. The summary of the precept is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The total precept for 2020/21 will be £47,997. This is a 27.61% increase on the previous year and will equate to an increase of £12.87 per year and to a total charge of £59.47 on an average Band D property.</li> <li>• The significant increases in the budget are from the Neighbourhood Plan, the purchase of a Speed Indicator Device, Playground Equipment, Professional Fees, Environmental Works (ditch clearance, signs) and a potential increase in the Clerks hours for the Neighbourhood Plan.</li> <li>• The Sports Association grant has now become a grass cutting invoice which has resulted in a decrease in the grant funding budget but this is just due to the movement of this budget.</li> </ul> <p>The proposed precept was discussed and it was felt that, although the proposed increase was higher than usual, the result would be of great benefit to the Parish. It was resolved to approve the budget and precept with all in agreement.</p>	
12	<p><b>COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER</b></p> <p>i. The solicitor for the Parish Council had been in contact to say that Dorset Council have no title to the slip of land at the south of the Play area. Apart from the play area this area has been subject to the Lease to the Sports Association since 1995. He suspects the Land Registry will register this land with possessory title only, but he will apply for absolute title. Possessory Title can be converted to absolute title after 10 years provided nobody else makes a claim for it. He believes this is the best way forward</p>	

13	<p><b><u>NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN</u></b></p> <p>i. The Dorset Planning Consultant has been appointment as the Neighbourhood Plan Consultant. The Parish Council approved the grant application for £1684 to start the project planning process and evidence base.</p> <p>ii. Savills – a meeting was held with the Neighbourhood Plan Group and Savills, on behalf of a landowner in the village. This was a for site of around 50 houses in the village. The information was taken on board and fed back to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.</p>	Clerk
14	<p><b><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bournemouth Airport Consultation - noted</li> <li>• Dorset Police Crime Commissioner - noted</li> <li>• Corfe Mullen Parish Council change of name - noted</li> <li>• Call for ideas on Climate Emergency - noted</li> <li>• Carbon Footprinting Toolkit - noted</li> <li>• Ask for Clive Initiative – asking to promote LBGTO issues on the website.</li> </ul>	Clerk
15	<p><b><u>PARISH MATTERS</u></b></p> <p>The Bridge over the Winterborne has loose railings – Clerk to raise with Rights of Way</p> <p>Book of Condolence – arrange a meeting with the Church regarding where any books will be held.</p> <p><b><u>The Parish Council meeting was suspended at 21:15pm whilst the Planning Committee took place. See minutes 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020 for details.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>The Parish meeting re-convened at 21.50pm</u></b></p> <p><b><u>DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING</u></b> – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7.30pm</p> <p>There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.50pm</p> <p>Signed _____ Chairman 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020</p>	Clerk