

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
Wednesday 29th July 2020 7pm via Zoom**

Councillors Present:

Mrs D Wiltshire (DW)(Chairman)	Mr P Jeffery (PJ)
Mrs A Bennett (AB) (Vice chair)	Mrs K Delafield (KD)
Mr M Usherwood (MU)	Mr D Read (DR)
Roland Tarr -Dorset Councillor	
Mrs M Harding (Clerk)	1 member of public

2020/07-1 Welcome and to receive any apologies for absence- Mr N Hallett (NH) All were welcomed and zoom meeting rules read out.

2020/07-2 To receive declarations of interest and grants of dispensation- none

2020/07-3 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 26th June 2020

Proposed MU	Seconded AB	Resolved
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2020/07-4 Matters arising from the minutes for info only- none

2020/07-5 Democratic forum 15 minutes –

A resident spoke on several items concerning the BT phone box, the benches by the church in need of repair and not replacing then benches with plastic benches being kinder to the environment using sustainable products, lifting the mood of the village using colour. Replacing plastic bins with wooden bins, and reducing the speeds in the village. Cllrs explained about the BT phone box being on the agenda for discussion, a benches spec has been agreed to repair and maintain 2 benches taking them back to the original wood. The speed issue is also to be discussed on the agenda following the speed survey. The resident also commented on the sign by the Washpool, it was felt it was in the wrong place and should be relocated, Cllrs explained that it was placed there so it is accessible for all to read including those who require wheel chair access, also the sign had to be sited where the concrete would not disturb the listed structure.

Another resident asked about the current 2 vacancies on the Council and asked when co-option would take place, it was explained that when there is some sort of normality then the Council will discuss how it wishes to proceed with co-option. The resident explained that they had received information from some that may be interested in the role but the Council have not been approached by anyone directly. This item is not on the agenda but will be discussed at a future meeting.

A resident apologised about the confusion of the Himalayan Balsam siting.

2020/07-6 Finance

i. To consider the finance report of payments and receipts for June

Payee	Detail	Amount
July		
M Usherwood	Allotment expenses	37.08
M Harding	Zoom annual fee	90.51
M Harding	Salary/Exp	309.13
HMRC	PAYE	52.60
Receipts		
none		

All payments were made in line with internal controls, Internal Audit carried out no matters arising. Bank balances as at 29th July £14114.95

Proposed AB	Seconded KD	Resolved
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2020/07-7 Planning Consultations-**i. To give consideration to Planning matters-**

WD/D/20/001419- The Old Stables, Main Street, Martinstown- Alterations including replace French doors with larger door & alter & replace two existing roof lights and installation of roof light.

No objections to this application.

WD/D/20/001582-BT consultation, (not a planning application) regarding the removal of the telephone lines and then the phone boxes would be removed if not adopted by the community. DW explained the wording for the consultation and the need to justify the telephony need if you object. DW had asked several people in the village about their land line and mobile and if they would use the BT phone box in an emergency, 35 people responded all had responded that they have adequate landline and mobile service, and all except 1 explained they would not use it in an emergency. MU had also asked residents, 23 responses were on the same lines and similar comments. DW explained that there have been emergencies in the village and not many have had to use the phone box for emergency calls. KD explained that BT have not decided to remove the equipment and agreed that you can object to the Dorset Council to this consultation on telephony need. AB explained that this item has come around several times and as far as the line did not feel it was needed. DR explained that we do not need the line and is against the box being adopted. PJ the telephone line is not needed. KD expressed her concerned that Cllrs were carrying out surveys on this item and not discussing this with the rest of the Council. DW and MR explained Cllrs may canvas for opinions when considering an item.

A resident spoke on the telephone line, raising concerns regarding the elderly and from a business perspective and expressed that the telephone line should stay on a risk management perspective.

A resident commented that we do not know what is around the corner especially with the recent Covid situation and need to keep the line.

A resident spoke about the risk that mobile coverage could be taken out and we need to have a backup with the BT phone line.

MU explained that most people have a landline at home, if the landlines go down and if that is the case so will the phone box.

Cllrs asked, if we agree to keep the line, we cannot adopt the phone box for another use this was confirmed.

The Cllrs moved to a proposal -KD proposed that the PC object to the removal of the line, no seconder came forward.

A proposal to remove the telephony equipment

AB proposed and seconded by DR - 5 For 1 against (KD)

Adoption of the phone box: The box can only be adopted by the Parish Council or community group. Previously the Council have turned this down but now have 3 different families who have come forward to maintain the box. One resident already has paint available and is happy to coordinate the future maintenance and use. AB asked there is a group of people who have expressed a strong interest to look after the phone box what would the terms be to look after it. The PC would adopt the box, and community group would have an agreement with the PC to look after it going forward. If it is adopted it cannot be moved. If the community group change their minds it is likely that the PC will end up taking it on but it is hoped that future residents will join this group to continue to maintain the box. PJ disagrees with the adoption and believes it is an obstruction to the footway. A resident disagreed with this view. Some people have commented that the phone box is iconic monument.

KD proposed that the PC adopt the kiosk seconded by DW- Cllrs voted to adopt 4 For 2 against motion carried. There are several community members who have now come forward and who will be contacted once the adoption is complete.

- ii. To consider any other planning/enforcement or ongoing issues- None.

2020/07-8 To consider all correspondence received for decision, consultation and information (see list)-Items for noting:

- a. Item 10- Picnic on the Green-A resident spoke to the meeting about a small group of residents who have come up with a proposal for a green Martinstown. The aim is to make the village sustainable and greener. The group need to go to the residents to get their feedback, a questionnaire will be delivered to every household regarding sustainability, then aim to hold an early evening picnic on the 4th Sept from 5.30pm. There will be a mobile bar, picnic a talk about the project and talk about the results of the questionnaire. Transport, energy, wild flower meadows will be part of the discussions. The group want to get the permission from the PC to use the green for this picnic. All Councillors are happy with the use of the green, The Clerk will email the group regarding insurance and risk assessments. All social distancing will be in place.
MU spoke on the wild flower on the verges as in other areas. This was one of the ideas to add value to the project. Wild flower verges need to be managed and not just left. Dorset Council has been congratulated on their management of the verges in other parts of the County. KD commented about wild flowers and that some parts of Martinstown acts as a soft pavement so this will need a balance to aid accessibility. It was suggested that instead of the Best Kept Village it should be the Greenest Village.
- b. Item 3- Allotments up and running, water now on site and a third allotment holder has now taken on a plot so only 1 left to fill.
- c. Item 26- Decision notice WD/D/19/001775 Land North of Park Farm Close- Outline planning for 5 dwellings.

2020/07-9 Highways:

- i. **To receive the Traffic survey report-** The Parish Council had asked Highways to carry out a speed survey in the village to see if the SID can be used in another location, the survey had initially been delayed due to Covid but then carried out mid-July when traffic flow increased. The result showed that the speeds did not meet the criteria for a second SID location.
The measurements just inside the speed limit but the 85thile is just 29.8mph, with an average of 25.3mph. 95% of vehicles are doing 32.9mph or lower. This is only just inside the speed limit sign and many will be slower as they progress into the village, especially as they approach the pub and the bends. MU commented on the Speed camera van in the village and asked about having a survey in the middle of the village but the location he suggested was where it was placed. The SID team will be asked about the middle of the village. KD asked if there is anything we can do to create as though you have entered into the village. Gates, pillars or signs. A resident commented on the village entrances. The Clerk suggested that if people report speeding on the Police website this will trigger visits by the speed camera van. Another resident also commented on the locating of a SID in the middle of the village is that a SID can only be placed where it is safe to be deployed. It was also suggested to install a pinch point in the village but this may require street lighting. This will be followed up.
DR reported that the gravel on the highway between Batts lane and East lodge is still on the side of the road. RT to follow up.
- ii. **To receive any highways issues**
Cllr Tarr reported that the Highways officer has now been tasked with providing a quote for the works to install the bund. This will then be made into a scheme funding to be sought. RT explained that the contractors working locally are not able to assist as they are behind schedule due to Covid but when the Duchy have to re configure the roundabout they have to take into account cyclists, pedestrians etc. Litter is becoming a problem at the MacDonald's site again but litter pickers are

collecting it every day. AB asked when will the kerb be dropped on the other side of the entrance it was explained this will be done as part of the scheme.

**iii. To consider any other highways issues-
Speed Indicator Device report June 2020**

Total number of speed readings taken =	61 mph (6/6/20 17:54)
79,909	59 mph (20/6/20 17:21)
>30mph = 29,473	58 mph (26/6/20 08:27)
>40mph = 1,631	56 mph (25/06/20 07:42)
>50mph = 40	56 mph (30/6/20 01:21)
Average Recorded Speed = 34mph	56 mph (1/7/20 17:17)
Top recorded speeds:	

Speed Indicator Device report-July 2020

Total number of speed readings taken = 74,008	68 mph (9/7/20 22:27)
>30mph = 25,418	67 mph (21/7/20 20:59)
>40mph = 1,364	61 mph (12/7/20 17:30)
>50mph = 50	59 mph (6/7/20 23:44)
Average Recorded Speed = 34mph	58 mph (9/7/20 22:59)
Top recorded speeds:	55 mph (8/7/20 18:31)

n.b.
Number of speed readings does not equal number of vehicles.
Slower moving vehicles record more speed measurements than faster moving vehicles.
A vehicle travelling at 30mph will record 3 or 4 measurements, vs a vehicle moving at 50mph would only record a single measurement.

2020/07-10 RoW and Footpaths: to receive a report

Footpath behind the Church has been cleared. Tractors have not been using the bridleway lately. RT has explained that the bridleway behind the pub has not yet been cleared yet and will follow up.

2020/07-11 Parish Council Property:

The Contractor who has been asked to maintain the 2 benches is very busy and may well collect them from the village to carry out the works.

2020/07-12 To receive reports from:

- i. Village Hall representatives to consider the play area-** Playground is now open, VH is hoping to open in September Arts groups and those that can socially distance. MU was perturbed about the comments regarding of the opening of the play area on social media, considering the group are a voluntary group
- ii. Winterbourne Community Fund (was the Blanchard Trust)-** the fund has not had the demands put on it that was expected and welcome people who wish to apply.
- iii. Waste watch representatives-** There has been no suggested locations for the storage of the bins and papers
- iv. PCSO-** Report from Police on reported incidents from 01-03-2020 – 24-07-2020 in MARTINSTOWN Parish are as follows: -
 - Mar 20 – Burglary to outbuilding
 - Mar 20 – Theft of wood
 - May 20 – Theft chainsaw
 - May 20 – Theft of gardening equip

June 20 –Theft from car at a Beauty spot

Alerts issued/Notices/Campaigns, General alert regarding thefts at beauty spots, Nottingham Knockers, Grooming – young people awareness, Track and Trace Fraud, Amazon Prime Fraud, TV Licensing Fraud. Please continue to report any incidents or suspicious circumstances by either calling 101 or reporting online at 101@dorset.pnn.police.uk via the Dorset Police website on the “Contact Us” section. Information and advice is also regularly posted on the Dorchester Police facebook page and via DorsetAlert If anyone needs any crime prevention advice then please don’t hesitate to contact us. PCSO

2020/07-13 Items for the Parish Council meeting on Weds 26th August 2020

Website update, Dispensations, Councillor co-options.

2020/07-14 Democratic forum 15 minutes –

Chestnut tree on the green in Martinsfield looks dangerous this is Dorset Council responsibility. A Manhole cover is damaged and needs repair; this will be reported online.

A resident asked if Waste watch is still running, the bins have been taken away.

A resident had highlighted further dog mess. Also, the resident had asked if speed posters created by children could be put up in the village. It would only be possible on land controlled by the PC and where permission has been granted. It was suggested that painting chalk designs on the road to look at the speed issues. It is expressed that this could be feasible but the issue of closing a road needs a 6-week consultation period and is too dangerous for children. All Cllrs agreed to the suggestion of the posters by the children.

Meeting closed 8.40pm