

MILBORNE PORT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17th JUNE 2014 AT THE TOWN HALL

AT 7.30PM

Present: Mr J Farley (Chair), Mr M Ritchie, Mrs M Lock, Mrs P Alexander, Mr E Davis, Mr C Laughton, Mrs W House, Mr R Biss, Mrs R Douglas and Mr J Edmonds

Also Present: Emma Curtis – Clerk

Public Question Time

There were 19 members of the public in attendance.

The Chairman ascertained that all members of the public present were there to see the presentation from Mark Scoot of Amethyst Planning regarding potential development on land at Gainsborough. Therefore, instead of Public Question Time, the Chairman confirmed he would allow questions after Mr Scoot's presentation.

Mr Laughton gave the Council an update following a meeting recently held with Mr Laughton and Mr Lock and two members of SSDC in the lead up to South West in Bloom. He confirmed that following the meeting Chris Cooper, from Streetscene would endeavour to help clean and tidy the village as much as possible prior to SWIB judging. This would hopefully include bins being painted and removal of graffiti. Mr Laughton also commented that during the meeting they walked along the stream running through the Bellway estate and it was agreed that this was a great natural habitat and it was hoped this could be utilised somehow in the village. It was agreed by all to enquire about the Ranger Service available through SSDC and invite the Ranger to come and talk at a Parish Council Meeting.

The Chairman thanked Mr Laughton, Mr Lock, Mrs Lock and Mrs Alexander for all their hard work towards this year's SWIB. Mrs Lock commented that the new mosaic outside the chip shop had been paid for and commissioned by the WI and was designed and made by Sue Scott.

Receive reports from District Councillor Lucy Wallace, County Councillor William Wallace and PCSO Callum Davis

No reports received

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr R Duckworth, Mr R Lockey, Mrs S Shingleton, District Councillor Lucy Wallace, County Councillor William Wallace and PCSO Callum Davis
2. **Declarations of Interest** were received from Mr Ritchie, agenda item 8.1, *property owner*, Mrs Douglas, agenda item 4, *resident of Gainsborough* and Mr Laughton and Mr Farley, agenda item 6, *school governors*.
3. **Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20th May 2014** were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. Presentation from Mark Scoot of Amethyst Planning regarding potential building on land at Gainsborough

Mr Scoot introduced himself and confirmed that he was from Amethyst Planning and working on behalf of the owners of the land at Gainsborough, Waddeton Park Ltd. He stressed that no planning application had been submitted as yet, and he was there to seek resident and Councillor views and ideas on plans they may be submitting. Mr Farley commented that at this meeting the Council would just view and listen to Mr Scoot's presentation, and any opinion and comments on the proposal would be made at the next Planning Committee Meeting on Tuesday 1st July 2014.

Mr Scoot confirmed that his company had been working closely with the Planning and Highways departments at SSDC and looking at technical issues affecting the site. The design team had then drawn up some possible plans on how the site could be developed. Mr Scoot informed the meeting that initial plans meant the current boundary at the site would be retained and new access to the site would be opposite Plover Road. He confirmed that Waddeton Park Ltd would be applying for Outline Planning Permission for a Care Home for 40-60 residents aged over 55 and 54 houses ranging from 2 to 5 bedrooms. Mr Scoot concluded his presentation by saying once planning permission was granted the site would be sold to builders who would develop the site accurately as in the plans. He mentioned the Care Home would bring in jobs to Milborne Port and may include an allotment area and that all contributions for funding requested by SSDC would be met, the large tree on the plot would be retained and new play areas implemented.

Following the presentation, Mr Farley invited Council members to ask questions. Mrs House asked for confirmation that the tree would be retained; this was confirmed by Mr Scoot. Mrs Lock expressed concern that the Care Home was a ploy to win public support and would not be implemented in to the site as Cavanna plans to integrate the new Doctors Surgery in to their site had fallen through. Mrs Alexander asked Mr Scoot how builders could legally be held to build the plans exactly, to which Mr Scoot answered that if need be an S106 scheme would hold a full legal obligation. Mr Edmonds asked if the houses would be town houses or two storeys, Mr Scoot replied, two storeys. Mr Laughton asked if traffic issues had been factored in to the planning as he felt that the Care Home would be better as an A & E department due to the increased amount of traffic expected. Mrs Alexander mentioned that new access to the site would be straight on to the road as there is no pavement, making it very dangerous.

The Chairman then invited members of the public to ask questions. One lady asked if it was sensible to have a Care Home near new play areas, as the elderly do not want noise. Another woman commented that she had been a resident of Milborne Port for many years and had seen lots of changes and green fields taken up with new buildings seeing the loss of green space. A new lady to the village mentioned the lack of pavement along one side of Gainsborough commenting that no way would mothers with pushchairs be able to safely walk down the road. A gentleman questioned whether there had been a traffic report completed with current traffic volume and projected volume. Mr Scoot confirmed this had been done and would send it to the Parish Council along with copies of the plans for

residents to view. Another resident asked whether the tree in the field had a Tree Preservation Order, to which it was confirmed it doesn't, and commented it needed one. The same resident also questioned discrepancies in Mr Scoot's presentation as first he said "Care Home" and then later went on to say "Sheltered Housing" for the over 55's. Mr Scoot was asked to clarify, which he didn't, which it would be as either would create a huge parking issue for residents and staff. A gentleman felt that as the "Care Home" or "Sheltered Housing" couldn't be confirmed, it was unfair to seek opinions on issues and plans which may change. A lady mentioned that there was already a Care Home down Gainsborough with only one resident. Other areas of concern raised by the public included drainage issues down Gainsborough, lack of footpaths, the school bus stop being on the corner of Gainsborough, the amount of housing for sale (and not selling) currently in Milborne Port, comments from the Parish Plan about retaining green spaces and the lack of landscape and visual impact assessment detailing impact and capacity to accommodate on the doctors surgery and school.

Mr Farley concluded this discussion by stating a comment and opinion from the Parish Council would be produced at the next Planning Committee meeting.

5. Churchyard Paths following letter from Mr Mike Mortimore

Mr Farley read an email from Mr Mortimore regarding the condition of the churchyard pathway running from the door to Bathwell Lane. Mr Biss felt the best way to rectify the draining issue would be to chew up and gravel the pathway. It was agreed by all to gain quotations for this work to be conducted.

Action – Clerk to gain quotations for the chewing up and gravelling of the pathway

6. Consider donation for Milborne Port Primary School Community Swimming Pool

Mr Loughton and Mr Farley abstained from this discussion. It was proposed by Mr Biss and seconded by Mrs Douglas that a donation be made to the school for the community swimming pool. A discussion took place as to how much the donation should be and finally it was proposed by Mrs Douglas, seconded by Mr Davis to donate £1000 towards the fund on the proviso the Clerk checks the Parish Council accounts before raising the cheque.

Action – Clerk to check accounts and if funds allow write a cheque for £1000 for the school swimming pool fund.

7. Dog waste collection from Springfield Recreation Ground

The Clerk read an email from Lynette Osment, Enforcement Officer at SSDC regarding bags of dog waste being left at the dog bin outside the Village Hall and requesting to see a copy of the Parish Council Waste Collection Agreement. Mr Davis confirmed these had been left by the Handyman by accident. The Clerk and members of the Council reiterated what had been said to the Council when Mrs Osment attended a Parish Council meeting a few months previous and expressed their frustration that these instructions had been ignored. Mr Biss asked the Clerk to find out where SSDC dispose of their dog waste once collected from the bins.

Action – Clerk to find out where SSDC dog waste gets disposed of.

8. Planning

8.1 The following **Planning Application** was considered:

14/02147/FUL The demolition of an existing extension and replacement with single storey extension including utility, shower room and studio

58 London Road

No Objection

8.2 The following **Tree Preservation Orders** were noted:

14/02565/TPO Notification of intent to remove 1 no. Sycamore tree which is included in the Yeovil District Council (Milborne Port No. 1) Tree Preservation Order

33 Prankerds Road

14/01523/TPO Application to carry out fell 1 No Redwood, within the Tree Preservation Order SSDC (MIPO 5) 2001 and carry out surgery works to other trees

Chewton House, Station Road

14/01208/TPO Application to carry out tree surgery works to a Silver Birch tree

The Cottage, West Hill

8.3 The following **Planning Refusal** was noted:

14/00791/OUT Outline planning application for the erection of 10 no. dwellings with some matters reserved (Revised Scheme)

Land Off Higher Kingsbury

9. Finance

9.1 The following **Payments** were confirmed following a discussion regarding the seemingly high price of the new leases:

SSDC Hanging Baskets	£938.40
Emma Curtis – Burial fees	£32.00
KM Dike – Grounds maintenance contract	£967.73
Fireline Ltd – Fire extinguisher inspection	£146.02
Shaw & Sons – Burial Grant Book	£343.20
Mogers Drewett – New headlease of Cricket Pavilion	£984.00
Mogers Drewett – New sublease of Cricket Pavilion	£900.00
Crackmore Garage	£10.34
YHC Hire Solutions – Toilets for building site	£244.80
P Abernethy – Weeding at Gainsborough Play Area	£80.00
Lifestyle Landscapes – Gardening contract	£176.40
Mr P Lock – Printing costs for SWIB	£14.00
Mr D Gay – Repairing noticeboards	£562.00

9.2 The following **Direct Debit** was noted:

Plusnet Broadband	£9.99
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9.3 The following **Payment** approved between meetings was noted:

Came and Company – Parish Council Insurance	£2314.96
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10. The following **Correspondence** was noted:

- Letter from Mr F Falbo confirming he is happy to cover the costs of valuation for the land to his building site at Springfield Road
- Letter from Liz King regarding condition of Wheathill Lane – It was confirmed work was being completed at Wheathill Lane at present
- Email from Andrew Stirling – Stalbridge Linen Noise Pollution – Mr Stirling was present and confirmed he had received a reply from Environmental Protection who were looking in to his complaint.
- Letter from Hilary Shipp regarding Speeding in Wick Road – Clerk confirmed would reply and send copy of letter to Highways

11. The date of the next Full Council Meeting was confirmed as **Tuesday 15th July 2014.**