

## MILBORNE PORT PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at Milborne Port Town Hall at 7.30pm

**Present:** Mr E Davis (Chairman), Mr J Farley, Mr R Biss, Mr T Copper, Mrs R Douglas, Mr R Duckworth, Mr J Edmonds, Mrs W House, Mr A King, Mrs M Lock, Mr R Lockey, Mr E Watts

**Also in attendance:** County Councillor William Wallace, District Councillor Lucy Wallace, PCSO Mandy Forsey, Mrs J Freeman (clerk)

**Public Question Time** (No members of public in attendance).

- Mrs Lock expressed concern that part of the riverside footway on the Cavanna Homes site had been signed as private. The clerk confirmed that she had spoken to Mr C Weeks at Somerset County Council on this matter and had been informed that SCC had not adopted this stretch of footway as the developer had not been able to construct it to SCC's adoptable standards; the public right of way had therefore been partly diverted along the pavement through the site. It was agreed that strong representations needed to be made to ensure a public right of way along the length of the riverside pathways through both Cavanna and Bellway sites as agreed at the early stages of the planning process and understood to be part of the planning approval conditions.  
*Action : clerk and County Councillor Wallace*
- The clerk was asked to report to SCC a faulty light in Bauntons Orchard; also continued absence of an illuminated Give Way sign on the Goathill Road/Sherborne Road junction.

**Report from County Councillor William Wallace :** Mr Wallace reported that he was continuing to make representations at County Hall in support of Milborne Port's efforts to retain its library. He confirmed that SCC had agreed to give a one-off payment of £5,000 to help with any set up costs in creating a community library. A decision was expected on 3<sup>rd</sup> May as to whether SCC would accept the alternative proposal put forward by the Friends of Somerset Libraries group or take forward the proposals agreed by the SCC cabinet. A judicial review was also still ongoing and no irrecoverable decisions could be made until its completion. In the meantime further information regarding the lease and also the exact costs and liabilities involved in running a community supported library were still needed before the community could make any commitments. Mr Wallace agreed to make further enquiries and to keep the Parish Council informed.

**Report from PCSO Mandy Forsey (by e-mail) :**

- 3 crimes reported in the last month – 2 related to damage to vehicles, 1 to theft from the Co-op
- 19 calls to the main switchboard of which 2 related to alarms, 2 to domestic incidents, 2 re missing persons, 3 road related problems, 3 anti-social behaviour reports
- Mandy thanked councillors for attending the skate park open day, which had been very successful
- Another garden party at Ven House was being planned for 18<sup>th</sup> June 2011, 2pm-5pm.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from PCSO Mandy Forsey

2. **Declarations of Interest :**

**Mr E Davis** – Item 6.1 – payment to Mr S Davis (*related*); payment to Mr E Davis

3. **Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2011** were signed as a correct record.

4. **Matters Arising**

4.1 Parish Plan An April briefing received from the Action Forum had been distributed prior to this meeting and was noted.

4.2 Future of the Library This item had been discussed during County Councillor Wallace's report earlier in the meeting

4.3 Local Elections 2011 It had been confirmed that there would be a parish council election this year in Milborne Port, with 15 people standing for 13 places. It was noted that Milborne Port was one of very few villages in the district which had enough people standing for an election.

4.4 Strimmer Project The clerk read out a reply from Mr Andy Stevenson giving further information on the strimmer project, as requested, however it was agreed not to take part in this project at the present time.

## 5. **Planning**

5.1 The following **Planning Approvals** were noted :

**11/00070/FUL** Internal and external alterations and additions to include the erection of a garden room, the erection of an attached car port and garage and the installation of a pitched roof to existing garage.  
*Peaceville Farm, Wick Road*

**11/00292/R3C** Section 73 application for the variation of condition 1 of permission no. 05/03176/R3C dated 26<sup>th</sup> January 2006 to allow retention of temporary classroom (E591) for a further 5 years  
*Milborne Port Primary School*

**11/00528/FUL** The erection of a two storey side extension to dwelling  
*Sansomes Hill Cottage, Sherborne Road*

Mr Farley confirmed that he had attended the latest Area East meeting on behalf of the council, at which the planning applications relating to Henwood, Wheathill Lane had been discussed. He confirmed that the application to move the agricultural tie to another dwelling had been withdrawn, and that the application for variation of the Section 52 agreement had been agreed, with the result that although the cottage would still be subject to an agricultural tie, it was no longer tied to the holding on which it was situated.

## 6. **Finance**

6.1 The following payments were approved:

Mr S Davis	General Maintenance	£ 253.20
Bradford's Building Supplies	Maintenance materials – play area shelter repairs	£ 166.67
Mr E Davis	Reimbursement – cost of timber for shelter repairs	£ 190.00
Stalbridge Timber	Timber for shelter repairs (external cladding)	£ 136.74
K M Dike	Grounds maintenance – March 2011	£ 892.30
Lifestyle Landscapes	The Grove/Ball Court – monthly contract	£ 73.99
SSDC	½ year rates (Cem £303.76, Town Hall £199.36)	£ 503.12
SALC	Annual affiliation fee	£ 623.07
Playing Fields Committee	½ year grant	£ 1366.00
Crackmore Garage	Fuel for churchyard mowers	£ 20.17
R S Oliver	Hedgetrimming – Church Walk	£ 65.00
Fireline Ltd	Fire Extinguisher service	£ 54.82

6.2 The following receipts were noted:

SSDC	Precept 2011-12	£ 44,000
SSDC	Grant – Youth Work	£ 600
SSDC	Grant – noticeboard (Parish Plan project)	£ 150

## 7. **Open Spaces**

7.1 Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2011 were received and noted. It was noted that some of the allotments had not yet been cultivated – Mr Biss agreed to give details to the clerk so that she could contact the relevant allotment holders. It was also reported that the turning space at the top of the new area was not clear – Mr Biss agreed to mark the area more clearly.

8. **Town Hall**

8.1 It was agreed that estimates should be obtained for the following:

- Replace carpet in kitchen with vinyl flooring
- Check water heater in kitchen as very stiff to turn off
- Decorate internal walls of entrance hall, staircase, kitchen and office
- Safety checks on all electrical items

8.2 Disposal of Church Place Model The clerk reported that residents of Church Place had expressed an interest in taking over ownership and storing of the model – it was agreed that this would be the right place for the model to be sited and that the residents should be invited to collect it asap.

8.3 Police Bike It was agreed that a raffle should be held for the little used police bike – to take place at the planned cricket event at the Memorial Playing Fields in July – the clerk was asked to inform Mrs Sarah Tizzard.

9. **Proposed Building Plot at Springfield**

The clerk read out a letter from Mr N Thorner of Gilyard Scarth giving a renewed offer, on behalf of his client Mr F Falbo, for the purchase of a strip of land with associated service provision and vehicle access rights at Springfield, Station Road. After discussion it was agreed that this offer should be declined and that the original valuation given by the District Valuer for the grant of vehicular rights of access and egress to a proposed single residential development plot (not including the purchase of the strip of land) remained the sum which the Parish Council expected to be paid.

10. **Youth Work** A report from Mr Lewis Diffey on his work in the village to date was distributed to members prior to the meeting and was noted.

11. **Highways Matters** The clerk read out a reply from Mr P Tucker, Bridge Maintenance Team Leader regarding repairs to the damaged bridge wall at Sansomes Hill. It was noted that due to a number of emergency/urgent bridge repair schemes, repairs to this wall had been deferred to the new financial year and may not take place until August 2011. The clerk confirmed she had already replied to Mr Tucker expressing the council's concern re safety issues, in particular for the residents of Sansomes Hill Cottage.

12. **Correspondence:**

- **Sheila Wheeler, Chief Executive, Somerset County Council** – plea for Parish/Town Councils to support SCC bid for government funding for superfast broadband in Somerset and Devon *It was agreed that the clerk should support this bid by completing the relevant questionnaire as requested*
- **Mr R M Bawtree** – report on litter pick *Noted – the clerk was asked to write and thank Mr Bawtree*
- **Sherborne & District CAB** – request for continuing support *A grant of £50 was agreed.*

13. The date of the next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2011