

**Minutes of the meeting of Minterne Magna Parish Council held on Wednesday September 23rd 2020
at Minterne House at 7.30pm.**

Present: The Lord Digby, Chairman, Mr. P. Goodfellow, Mrs. C. Howard – Johnston, Mr. C. Saunders,, Mr. Paul Stanzl, Mr. S. Tite, PCSO S. Pilcher with PCSO K. Newman, Alice Evans from Wessex Internet and the Clerk, Mr. P. Horsington. Six members of the public also attended.

14. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr. G. Stevenson, Mrs. J. Haynes, Dorset Councillor & Mr. J. Taylor.

Due to the Covid 19 epidemic, the meeting was held with strict social distancing, with masks & sanitiser being available,. Thanks were expressed to Lord Digby for these arrangements.

15. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on July 22nd having been circulated, were signed as correct.

16. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

17. Open Session - Police & Community Matters, Dorset Councillor's report

The Chairman welcomed PCSO Pilcher and PCSO K. Newman, who informed the meeting that there had been a crash incident at Middlemarsh & scams continue to be an issue. PCSO Pilcher asked that these are reported. The Chairman informed the meeting that there are approximately 100 Travellers on the hill above Minterne. These are a Rainbow Community, essentially an Eco Green group, and he did not expect them to cause any issues and would not be staying for any length of time. It was noted that the Police have made contact with them.

Lord Digby had copies of information received from NHS Dorset, giving details of personnel and the latest on Covid 19 advice. These were available for all.

In the absence of Mrs. J. Haynes, Dorset Councillor, her monthly reports, which have been circulated, were noted, with the latest report about to be received. This will be circulated to members.

Lord Digby introduced Alice Evans, an IT professional from Wessex Internet, who gave an update on the Superfast Fibre Broadband provision for the Parish. It was explained that the Government scheme is being used in part to assist in providing Fibre connection, and the Voucher system is still available for one year. To succeed there needs to be 16 residential vouchers, and in Lyons Gate there is a need for at least two businesses plus eight residents to qualify to make the scheme viable. After discussion, Mr. S. Tite agreed to be involved with obtaining the number needed. There is almost sufficient numbers to date.

At Middlemarsh, a survey is ongoing, with a need for a 40% willing to sign up. There also is a need to consult with landowners for permissions to allow cable access to connect to each property. The Scheme is remains in place until March 2021. It was noted that Mr. J. Brooks would co-ordinate the scheme.

18. Financial matters

The Council noted that the account balance at 30/08/20 was £5,672.52p.

The Council noted that £1,050 Half precept is due by the end of the month.

Receipts –

Payments made – £54 Vision ICT Ltd website.

The payment was approved.

The audit return notice has been put on the Website.

19. Planning matters

The Council noted that application WD/D/19/001691 for Mr. Sherry, (A 2 Z Adventures) at Bridge Wood, Middlemarsh for Change of Use on land south of Manor Farm Cottages had been granted with conditions. There was comment that despite Covid 19 there has been some activity on site.

In the absence of Mrs. J. Haynes, Dorset Councillor, there was no update reference the situation at The Stables, Middlemarsh, but she was aware of the situation.

The Council noted that there were no decisions on the two applications WD/D/19/002556 for Lord Digby, being at the building known as Manor Farm Barn, Sandy Lane, Minterne Magna for the conversion and alteration to 1 No. dwelling to include removal of lean to extension & erect single storey extension & WD/D/19/002557 at the building known as Manor Farm Barn, Sandy Lane, Minterne Magna for internal & external alterations to facilitate the conversion to a 1 No. dwelling.

The Council noted that the application WD/D/ 20/001204 at The Steadings, Bridles Farm, Middlemarsh for Change of Use from agricultural land to residential curtilage, installation of photovoltaic panels & erection of 3bay car garage had been granted.

The Council noted that application WD/D/20/001350 at Lyons Gate Caravan Park for Use of land for recreation & other purposes ancillary to Lyons Gate Caravan Park & Fishery – Certificate of Lawfulness had been granted.

20. Rights of Way

Mrs. Howard-Johnston reported that there is a collapsed bridge in the Cerne Valley from Minterne. This was noted, with Lord Digby stating that he would look at this issue.

21. Highway issues

The Council noted the reply received from County Highways, which stated that they would not install ‘Rumble strips’ at the junction of the C.12 with the A.352 at Middlemarsh, due to noise and impact on neighbouring properties, and that they had done some improvements at the junction.

After discussion, it was agreed that Lands Registry is contacted to find who actually is the owner of the Triangle area, at that junction. Some trimming back would assist visibility.

Mr. Stanzl suggest that the Council consider the provision of having a VAS device, which could be used on occasions within the Parish. After discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Stanzl would find out more and report back at the next meeting. Also, it was agreed that the Clerk would contact Mrs. Haynes, Dorset Councillor to ask if any grants would be available.

22. Flooding issues

It was noted that there had been recent flooding in Minterne.

23. Correspondence

The Council noted Clerks Direct.

24. Items for report, or for the agenda of the next meeting

It was agreed to put Superfast Broadband and VAS provision on the next agenda.

25. To confirm the date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday November 25th 2020 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business; the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance, and declared the meeting closed at 8.37pm.

Signed.

Date.

