

**Minutes of the meeting of Minterne Magna Parish Council held on Wednesday January 19th 2022
at Minterne House held at 7.30pm.**

The meeting was held with regard to Covid advice.

Present: The Lord Digby, Chairman, Mr. P. Goodfellow, Mrs. C. Howard – Johnston, Mr. C. Saunders, Mr. Paul Stanzl, Mr. G. Stevenson, Mr. S. Tite and the Clerk, Mr. P. Horsington.
Two members of the public were present.

38. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs. J. Haynes, Dorset Councillor & PCSO S. Pilcher.

39. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on November 3rd 2021 having been circulated, were signed as correct.

40. Declarations of Interest

There were no Interests declared.

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

In the absence of PCSO S. Pilcher, no Police matters were reported.

The Council noted the monthly reports received from Jill Haynes, Chalk Valley Ward, which are circulated to all members.

The Council discussed the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 and after discussion, Lord Digby agreed to consider a Fireworks event in May early / June, and will make contact with Cerne Abbas Parish Council.

42. Financial matters

The Chairman gave members a copy of the accounts to date with the Budget for 2022/23.

The Council noted that the account balance at 31/12/21 was £7,487.02p.

On the proposition of Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mr. Goodfellow, the Council agreed to donate £100 to Future Roots & £50 to Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance.

Receipts – none

Payments made – £100 to Future Roots & £50 to Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance.

The cheques were approved and signed.

Mr. Stanzl gave a power point presentation on the VAS devices, showing potential sites within the whole Parish and advice received from the Dorset Highways with costs of any poles and other works required. Quotations from two VAS providers were given to members, being both just about £3,000 plus VAT. It was felt that the total cost would be in the region of £4,000. The Council agreed the principle of having a VAS device.

Mrs. Howard – Johnston asked if the SID owned by Cerne Valley Parish could be used, but Lord Digby stated that he had been informed that this was not an option. After some discussion, it was agreed that each household should be canvassed to gauge opinion as to whether an increase in the Parish precept to cover the cost would be acceptable to residents. It was agreed by the majority of members, that there is a speeding issue within the Parish. It was agreed that this survey should be completed before the next meeting. Mr. Stanzl was thanked for his presentation and work on this project.

The Council considered the Precept for 2022/23 and on the proposition of Mr. Tite, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, the Council unanimously agreed a Precept of £3,100 for 2022/23.

43. Planning matters

The Council noted that Mr. S. Allen is no longer residing at The Stables, Middlemarsh.

The Council noted that there was no decision on application WD/D/19/002556 amended plans.

The Council noted that application P/HOU/2021/03073 at Cosmore Farmhouse, Kennels Lane, Middlemarsh for in Installation of Air Source Heat Pump had been granted.

The Council noted there was nothing to report on the appeal WD/D/20/002538 Notification of Appeal at Lyons Gate Caravan Park, Lyons Gate for use of land for siting of 40 no. for human habitation – APP/D1265/X/21/3281612.

44. Rights of Way

Mrs. Howard-Johnston reported that there were no direction signs on the Right of Way from the Cerne Giant to Minterne Parva, and there is a new gate which is difficult to open. Lord Digby agreed to look at these issues.

Mr. Tite reported the collapsed bridge within the Parish on a Foot Path at Lyons Gate, has been repaired. Mr. J. Taylor highlighted the need to be careful when on Rights of Way, where there are animals.

45. Highway issues

The Council discussed the junction of the C.12 with the A.352 at Middlemarsh, and it was agreed that the Parish Council could consider employing a qualified contractor cut back overhanging trees and undergrowth at this triangle area, if Dorset Highways did not do so.

Mr. Stanzl highlighted a blocked drain on the A.352 by Manor Farm Cottages, Middlemarsh. It was agreed to contact Dorset Highways.

46. Flooding issues

The Chairman reported that water had gone into the Church at Minterne.

47. Correspondence

There was none recorded.

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

No matters were raised.

49. To confirm the date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday May 11th 2022 this to follow the Annual Parish meeting at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance, and declared the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed.

Date.