

**Minutes of the meeting of Minterne Magna Parish Council held on Wednesday September 25th 2024
at Minterne House, at 7.30pm.**

Present: Lord Digby, Chairman, Mr. P. Goodfellow, Mrs R. Cassidy, Mr. C. Saunders, Mr. P. Stanzl, Mr. G. Stevenson, Mrs. J. Haynes, Dorset Councillor and the Clerk, Mr. P. Horsington.
Two members of the public attended.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr. S. Tite & PCSO S. Pilcher.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday May 15th 2024 having been circulated, were signed as a correct record.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interests.

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

In the absence of PCSO S. Pilcher, her crime reports were noted.

Mrs. Pires asked if some report could be included in the Local Newsletter from meetings. It was agreed that the Chairman, with the Clerk, will action this. It was agreed that the Clerk will send Mrs. Pires a copy of the agendas to be displayed at Lyons Gate.

Mrs. Haynes was welcomed to the meeting, and updated the Parish Council on how the newly elected Dorset Council was performing. Mrs. Haynes stated that the newly elected Council was on a learning curve. Dorset has the highest percentage in the Country for recycling, having only 2% of waste going into Landfill.

Mr. Stevenson asked about a proposed Incineration plant, with Mrs. Haynes stating that this is a long term future project.

Mrs. Haynes stated that Planning is a major concern, as developments are granted and then either technically started, and never carried out or not even started. As the Authority has no Local five year development plan in place, planning Inspectors are obliged to approve applications put before them, even if there are no infrastructure planning gain in place. There needs to be a greater control on sites granted permission. Lord Digby asked if there would be mileage in having a tax levy put in place on developers who are responsible for holding non developed sites.

Mrs. Haynes stated that the Adult Social Care budget was £160 million. Dorset has the highest rate of over 80's in the Country, so more help is required for those in need.

Mrs. Haynes was thanked for attending.

5. Financial matters

The Council noted that the account balances at 25/09/24 were £9,6992.32p, having received the second amount of Precept of £1,700.

Receipts – £1,700 half precept

Payments made – There were none.

Lord Digby gave all members present, copies of the Accounts & Budget for the year to March 31st 2025. This indicated that there will be an excess of about £2,000 of income over expenditure at the end of the financial year.

The Council noted that the Audit had been approved by the External auditors BDO LLP.

The Council discussed and agreed that there are no outstanding projects to be considered at present.

6. Planning matters

The Council noted no decision on planning application WD/D/19/002556 for Lord Digby 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.

The Council noted that planning application P/CLP/2022/07954 Lyons Gate Caravan Park, Lyons Gate for use of land for the siting of 40 no caravans for human habitation – Certificate of Lawful Use had been refused.

The Council noted that planning application P/PAEL/2023/05935 at Telecommunications Mast at High Stoy St648540 to install 1 No. 25m lattice tower telecommunications mast and ancillary equipment had been granted.

The Council noted that planning application P/HOU/2024/01511 at Oaklands, Farthing Gate Toll House to form a vehicular access had been granted.

The Council noted that planning application P/NMA/2024/02023 at The Milestone < Lyons Gate for Non material amendment – Form small dormer over main entrance (outbuilding1) & Existing mono-pitch roof (including roof lights) raised in lieu of flat roof extension. Window sets revised (outbuilding 3) to planning permission P/FUL/2023/02842 COU had been granted.

The Council noted that planning application P/PABA/2024/02515 on land at Telegraph Hill, Coppice Bend to Lanes Cottages for erection of slurry tank / store had been granted.

The Council discussed planning application P/FUL/2024/03046 at Bladeley Hill, Court Farm, Buckland Newton for construction of lagoon to store waste from septic tanks to be used as fertiliser in agriculture – retrospective -adjacent Parish. After discussion agreed that as it was in an adjacent Parish to make no comment.

7. Rights of Way

Mrs. Cassidy stated that there no issues to report.

8. Highway issues

Mr. Stanzl gave a report on the SID data for the year from January to August. This written report was given to all present.

This included that the SID has been in operation since September 2023. The unit is set to record arriving & departing Holnest to Middlemarsh and also arriving & departing Cosmore to Middlemarsh. Both locations are within the 40 MPH speed limit. Currently the SID is redeployed on a monthly basis.

The maximum speeds recorded are 123 MPH & 117 MPH. The percentage number of vehicles over the speed limit varies from 33% lowest recorded and 82% highest. These figures are put on the Council's website.

Mr. Stanzl was thanked for all he is doing with the SID for the Parish.

Lord Digby stated that he will get the undergrowth trimmed back to maintain the visibility at the triangle at the junction of the C.12 with the A.352 at Middlemarsh. This offer was greatly appreciated.

9. Flooding issues

Mrs. Cassidy informed the meeting that there had been a blocked drain in the area of the Church at Minterne, which she has reported to Dorset Highways.

10. Correspondence

None to report.

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

No items were raised.

15. To confirm the date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed for Wednesday November 20th 2024 at Minterne House at 7.30pm.

There being no further business; the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance, and declared the meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

Signed.

Date.

