

**Minutes of the Minterne Magna Parish Council held on Wednesday September 12th 2018
at Minterne House at 8.00pm.**

Present: The Lord Digby, Chairman, Mr. P. Goodfellow, Mrs. C. Howard-Johnston, Mrs. H. Smith, Mr. C. Saunders, Mr. G. Stevenson, Mrs. M. Penfold, County Councillor, Mr. A. F. Horsington, District Councillor and the Clerk, Mr. P. Horsington.

Five members of the public attended.

16. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr. S. Tite, Mr. T. Yarker, District Councillor & PCSO Sarah Pilcher.

17. Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on May 9th having been circulated, were signed as correct.

18. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

19. Open Session – Police & Community matters & County & District Councillors' reports

There were no Police matters reported.

The Council discussed the details of the road closures, the C.12 is being closed from 8.30am to 12.30pm for the Ironman event being held on September 23rd. It was noted that these closures impacted much more on adjacent Parishes.

Mr. A.F. Horsington, District Councillor reported that the process for the formation of a Unitary Authority is underway. It is being proposed that there will be no meetings during April or May of the existing authorities, as all business will be dealt with during March. How it is proposed to deal with planning issues in the new Unitary Council has yet to be determined.

Mr. A. F. Horsington stated that there are proposals for expansion of 350 houses in Charminster village, with a further 3,500 dwellings plus a new School, being proposed from Charminster village along Slyers Lane towards Stinsford. There would be in theory 35% of affordable housing within the this development.

Mrs. Penfold, County Councillor informed the meeting that the County Council's major issues are funding Adult Care & Children's services. There is a greater need for more specialist provision,

20. Financial matters

The Council noted that the Balance at May 17th 2018 was £3,434.43p, with £850 WDDC half precept due during September.

The Chairman gave each member a copy of the budget showing figures to March 31st 2019.

It was noted that the External auditor had returned the Notice of Exemption and this has been displayed on the Notice board and put onto the Website. It was noted that there had been no audit fee to pay.

The Council considered a letter from the Dorset Association of Town & Council inviting the Council to join the Association. This was considered, but was agreed that it was rather too expensive £180 for Minterne Magna PC to become members at this point. An Email from the Dorset Councils Partnership was read, inviting the Council to a meeting dealing with Parish & Town Planning, this being held on October 9th.

The Chairman reported that he had attended a meeting, which had discussed the devolution of assets to the local Councils. However, as this was primarily concerned with public toilet facilities, it has no relevant to Minterne Magna Parish.

21. Planning matters

The Council noted that the Parish Council had not held any extra meeting to consider the planning Bridgewood, Middlemarsh, as no application has been submitted.

The Council noted that application WD/D/18/000078 on land south of Manor Farm Cottages, access to Hurdley Moor Farm to widen access did not require prior approval.

The Council noted that application WD/D/18/000303 at Lyons Hill Farm, Lyons Hill Farm Access for Change of Use of land to site caravan had been withdrawn.

The Council noted that application WD/D/ 18/000551 at Lyons Bungalow, Lyons Gate for erection of ground floor extensions, first floor extension, single detached garage and first floor alteration to garage to form an annexe had been granted

The Council noted that application WD/D/18/001255 at Greenfields, Middlemarsh to create an agricultural access track had been granted as an agricultural determination.

The Council noted that application WD/D/ for Mr. Fry at Monks Way, Hilfield Lane for an orangery/sun room on the North East elevation of existing dwelling had been granted by way of a Certificate of Lawfulness. This being explained, that as it had been in place for a sufficient period of time, it had to be granted.

22. Rights of Way

Mrs. C. Howard-Johnston highlighted an issue of plastic bags left about on footpaths. It was agreed that this is not acceptable.

23. Highway issues

There were no Highway issues reported.

24. Flooding issues

There were no issues reported.

25. Correspondence

The Council noted Clerks Direct and Dorset Town & Parish briefing (circulated).

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

The Council noted that the Bus Service for the children going to Schools in Sherborne is working well, from being picked up at the Hunters Moon, Middlemarsh.

Mr. Stevenson gave his apologies for the next meeting.

There were no other matters raised.

27. To confirm the dates of the next meeting

The Council confirmed the date of the next Parish Council meeting for Wednesday November 28th at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all present for attending, and closed the meeting at 8.34 pm.

Signed:

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