

Minutes of a meeting of **Minterne Magna Parish Council** held on **Wednesday November 28<sup>th</sup> 2018**  
at Minterne House, Minterne Magna, at 7.30pm.

**Present:** The Lord Digby, Chairman, Mr. P. Goodfellow, Mrs. H. Smith, Mr. C. Saunders, Mr. S. Tite, Mrs. M. Penfold, County Councillor, Mr. T. Yarker, District Councillor and the Clerk, Mr. P. Horsington. Two members of the public also attended.

## **28. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Mr. G. Stevenson, Mrs. C. Howard- Johnston, Mr. A.F. Horsington, District Councillor & PCSO S. Pilcher

## **29. Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

## **30. Open Session – Police & Community matters, County & District Councillors' reports**

The Chairman read the update on Crime figures received from PCSO S. Pilcher, this included incidents - at Lyons Gate one attempted theft of diesel & at Minterne one suspicious van.

The Email strongly urged that any suspicious incidents are reported at the time, by dialling 101 or online.

Breakins of outbuildings are still happening and marking of all tools helps, if these are recovered by the Police to get them returned to their owners. Poaching is reported to be occurring more in East Dorset.

The Council agreed that there had been no issues arising from the Ironman event held on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mrs. Penfold, County Councillor gave a report on the progress of the creation of the Unitary Council for Dorset stating that it is on target to commence with the new Authority from the elections being held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019.

Mr. Yarker, District Councillor stated that there are no plans to transfer services to local small Councils, such as Street cleaning, public toilets, particularly as Minterne has no such facilities. It is intended to have a balanced budget for the new Authority, with the aim being to provide a modern & agile organisation.

Mr. Yarker stated that the new Council tax rate to be levied by the new Council, is to be harmonised being set at the same rate throughout the whole area.

Mrs. Smith raised the issue of the two lve o'clock X11 bus through Minterne, being withdrawn from service. It was agreed that this will be discussed further in detail, by Mrs. Penfold, County Councillor and Mrs. Smith.

## **31. Financial matters**

The Chairman reported the Balances at 29/10/18, being £4,218.43p. It was noted that £850 half precept had been received and £66 paid to Vision ICT for the two year domain registration fee. The payment was approved.

The Chaiman gave all members a copy of the finance to date with the forward budget to the end of March 2019.

The Council considered donations and unanimously agreed to give £50 to Future Roots, based at Boys Hill, Holnest & £50 to the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance.

The Council noted that there would be a re- charge to Parish Councils in the event of any contested elections for the Parish Councils, these being held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> in conjunction with the Unitary Council election.

The Council agreed to consider the Precept at the January meeting & cover this issue in the discussions.

## **32. Planning matters**

It was noted that there were no applications to consider.

Mr. Goodfellow reported that Mr. S. Allen was living at The Stables, Middlemarsh, despite there being a Court Injunction stating that Mr. Allen should not reside or trade from the site. After discussion, it was agreed that a formal letter is written to the Enforcement Officer, West Dorset District Council asking for an update, and what action is proposed if any, by WDDC.

Mr. Saunders asked if there had been any planning application for Bridge Wood, Middlemarsh. It was confirmed that no application has been received to date. This was noted.

## **33. Rights of Way**

In the absence of Mrs. Howard-Johnston, there were no issues raised or reported.

**34. Highway matters**

Mr. Tite & Mrs. Smith stated there were no issues to report.

**35. Flooding issues**

There were no matters reported.

**36. Correspondence**

The Council noted the Dorset Town & Council newsletter (circulated), information on the new Unitary Authority's timetable, Future Dorset, War Memorial Trust newsletter & Clerks Direct.

**37. Items for report, or for the agenda of the next meeting**

There were no issues raised.

**38. To confirm the date of the next meeting**

There being no other business, the Council confirmed that date of the next meeting for Wednesday January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019 at 7.30pm.

The Chairman thanked all present for their attendance, and closed the meeting at 8.05pm.

Signed:

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