

**Minutes of the meeting of Minterne Magna Parish Council held on Wednesday July 22nd 2020
at Minterne House at 7.30pm.**

Present: The Lord Digby, Chairman, Mr. P. Goodfellow, Mr. C. Saunders, Mr. G. Stevenson, Mr. Paul Stanzl, Mr. S. Tite, and the Clerk, Mr. P. Horsington. Four members of the public attended.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs. C. Howard – Johnston, Mrs. J. Haynes, Dorset Councillor & PCSO S. Pilcher.

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

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on January 15th, having been circulated, were signed as correct.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

Lord Digby read from the Email received from PCSO Pilcher, which included – there had been no incidents within Minterne Magna Parish, with three incidents being recorded at Cerne Abbas, two burglaries & one criminal damage to vehicles. PCSO Pilcher also highlighted that Beauty spots are still being targeted, Nottingham Knockers, Grooming - young people awareness, Track & Trace Fraud, Amazon Prime Fraud & TV Licensing Fraud.

In the absence of Mrs. J. Haynes, Dorset Councillor, her monthly reports, which have been circulated, were noted.

Mr. J. Taylor queried the progress of improved Broadband delivery. Mr. Tite stated that there are various packages available, with Lord Digby stating that he will provide more information on how the new Broadband is being offered within the Parish.

5. Annual Statement of Governance

Lord Digby, Chairman read & signed the Annual Statement of Governance within the papers sent from PKF Littlejohn LLP, Canary Wharf, London, External auditors.

6. Financial matters

The Council noted that Mrs. K. Beard, Internal auditor had resigned on February 28th and Mrs. H. Smith had agreed to act as Internal auditor. This appointment was confirmed by members.

The Council were informed that Mrs. Smith had inspected the accounts & signed the Internal audit review within the Annual return.

On the proposition of Mr. Goodfellow, seconded by Mr. Saunders, the Council formally adopted the Annual accounts to March 31st 2020. These were available & had been circulated to all members. The Chairman signed a copy of the Accounts.

Lord Digby read & signed the Annual accounts documents received from PKF Littlejohn, and signed the exempt return, which is to be sent by Email to the External auditors PKF Littlejohn LLP, Canary Wharf, London. It was noted that the Notice for Public Inspection has been displayed on the Notice board & is on the Website. The Exempt return will also be put on the Website.

The Council noted that the account balances at 30/04/20 on the agenda were £5,672.52, with the Clerk reporting that the account balances at May 29th 2020 were £5,458.85p.

Receipts – £1,050 Half precept & £28.60 HMRC VAT reclaim

Payments made – £171 Vision ICT Ltd website, £399.51 PTH & £242.27 BHIB insurances.

These payments were approved.

7. Planning matters

Mr. Stevenson reported that the owners at the Saw Mills site, Middlemarsh were now complying with the granted conditions for the car parking area.

The Council noted that there was no decision to date on 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.

Mr. Stanzl informed the meeting despite no decision, the woods have been subject to development and constantly used for non - forestry use, being used for camping & parties. A vehicle track has been laid through the woods with hardstanding, this being adjacent to the Greenfield's Deer enclosure.

Camping & motorhomes have been parked overnight and occupants have enjoyed camping experiences, mostly during lock down. This has caused concern to the owners of Greenfields, due to the proximity to their boundary fence, and the noise generated has had an unsettling effect on the Deer.

Some clearing and tree felling has taken place to allow for a large log cabin to be erected within the area, which appears to have white double glazed window units, these in Mr. Stanzl's opinion, are not in keeping with the woodland surrounding it, being more elaborated than a simple 'forester's / store'.

Prior to Covid 19, every weekday, children were taxied into the woods, with sometimes more than one group per day, causing disturbances to the adjacent residential properties. Access to these properties has been obstructed by the taxi parking in the lane waiting for the children to finish their activities.

Mr. Stanzl stated his concern that there is still no granted planning permission and these activities are having a detrimental impact both on the woodland area & adjacent residents.

The Council agreed to contact both Mrs. Haynes, Dorset Councillor & the Planning department, copying in these comments, asking what is the timescale for any decision.

Mr. Goodfellow stated that he had asked Mrs. J. Haynes, Dorset Councillor, for an update reference the situation at The Stables, Middlemarsh, and had been informed that there was nothing to report, at present.

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 the application WD/D/19/002367 at Kennels Lane, Middlemarsh request for confirmation of compliance with conditions 5,6 & 7 of planning approval WD/D/17/002266.

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 supported by the Parish Council & now granted.

It was agreed that the Council note 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.

8. Rights of Way

In the absence of Mrs. Howard-Johnston, there were no issues to report.

9. Highway issues

Mr. Tite reported that Dorset Highways had put yellow bar markings at the junction of the C.12 with the A.352 at Middlemarsh, but in his opinion, stated that these were inadequate and these needed to be further back on the C.12 from the junction. After some discussion, it was agreed that 'Rumble strips' would be a better option to highlight the junction. It was agreed that the Clerk contacts Dorset Highways with this request.

Mr. Stanzl suggest that the Council consider the provision of having a SID, which could be used on occasions within the Parish. It was accepted that these would be too expensive to purchase one. The Council were informed that Cerne Valley Council has a Speed Indicator Device and it was agreed that an approach is made to the Council, with the hope being able to use or hire it on occasions, within the Parish.

10. Flooding issues

There were no issues reported.

11. Correspondence

The Council noted the two issues of Clerks Direct.

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

Mr. Stanzl asked that provision of either a SID or VAS is put on the next agenda.

13. To confirm the date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday September 23rd 2020 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business; the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance, and declared the meeting closed at 8.02pm.

Signed.

Date.

