MAIDEN NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON

 THURSDAY 9 APRIL 2015

**IN THE COMMUNAL ROOM, WEBBERS PIECE**

**CHAIR:** Cllr.Alan Goff(AG) **PRESENT:** Cllr. Cherri Dyke (CD)

 Cllr. Sally Falkingham (SF) Cllr. Neville Higman (NHi)

Cllr. Norman House (NHo)

Cllr. Paul Valinski (PV)

County and District

Cllr. Jill Haynes (JH)

John Ball (Clerk) (JB)

There were 10 members of the public at the meeting.

Jane Lofts of Church Barn raised the issue of dog fouling on footpath 1 behind her house and wondered whether it would be possible for a bin to be provided at the entrance to the footpath by the church. JB said that this was the second such request in the last few months and that he had finally had a response from the Dorset Waste Partnership to his request for a new bin in Frome Lane. They were carrying out a ‘street cleansing review’ and were not going to install any new bins in the near future.

AG said that he had been considering what to do about this and had found someone who would be prepared to empty a dog waste bin if the parish council purchased it. He had found an appropriate bin online for £169 (including a fixing post) and proposed that one be bought for Frome Lane. This was agreed. Consideration would then be given whether to purchase another for footpath 1 or whether to get a full sized waste bin which the Dorset Waste Partnership would, hopefully, be prepared to empty.

AG declared the meeting open at 7.35 p.m. **ACTION**

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| **1** | **Apologies for absence** had been received from Cllr. Diana Padfield (DP).  |  |
| **2** | **AG declared an interest in item 10** (Flood Wardens’ honorarium) and would not therefore take part in the debate on that issue. |  |
| **3** | **The minutes of the meeting held on 5 March were agreed and signed.**  |  |
| **4** | **Clerk’s report on points arising/action points not covered elsewhere on the agenda:-** * Following Charles le Vay’s question at the March meeting about certain items on the village website being well out of date, JB had finally managed to contact Alacrify (who set up the site). Mark Diment no longer worked for them and Jon Sloper (who used to live in the village) had moved himself and the company to Dorchester. We had been assured that he would answer the questions raised as soon as he had a moment.
* On the subject of the outline planning application for The Quarr (which Jane Lofts had been told had been submitted), JH had visited the Planning Department and been told that it was either not yet processed or had been sent back for amendment.
* JB had investigated the assertion that the land at The Quarr had been included in WDDC’s Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) and found that this was indeed the case. He had also obtained a copy of the plan which accompanied the title deed to the property when Ian Sargent had bought it in 2012. This was very small scale but did seem to indicate that the boundary ran up to the line of the Cattistock Road.
* The faded dotted white lines either side of the war memorial in Church Road had been repainted.
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| **5** | **Reports on meetings attended by councillors*** NHi and SF had attended Neighbourhood Planning training organised by DAPTC.
* SF had been to the West Dorset Housing Forum and would give JB the report to circulate.
* SF had also attended the FGW Community Rail Partnership meeting in Trowbridge and reported that two residents of Bull lane (Giles and Barbara Droop of no. 34) had been co-opted onto the group.

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| **6** | **Neighbourhood Planning:-*** NHi had given JB the wording for an official letter from Maiden Newton Parish Council and Frome Vauchurch Parish Meeting informing WDDC that they wished to be designated as a Neighbourhood Planning Area for the purposes of writing a Neighbourhood Development Plan. He had put this into a headed letter which AG and Darlene Ford (Chairman of Frome Vauchurch Parish Meeting) signed. NHi had obtained a map extract showing the exact area concerned which JB would include with the letter.
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|  **7** | **Planning Applications:-**The following application had been discussed at WDDC’s Development Control Committee meeting on 12 March and had been approved:-* WD/D/14/002200 – 14b Cattistock Road – change of use from residential annex to holiday accommodation (retrospective).

The following application would be discussed at WDDC’s Development Control Committee meeting on 16 April. Either AG or SF would attend and speak :-* WD/D/14/002991 – Maiden Newton Service Station, Dorchester Road – flat roof extension to enlarge the existing A1 use.

No objection had been raised to the following application:-* WD/D/14/002743 – 2 Dorchester Road – agricultural machinery storage building.
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| **8** | **Footpath 1 across The Quarr – modification of official route:-**AG asked that this item be deferred until a later meeting. |  |
| **9** | **Rock Pit Farm car park and area towards Community Centre:-**In the absence of a councillor key to these discussions, this item was deferred until the May meeting. |  |
| **10** | **Flood Warden honorarium:-*** In 2012, the Parish Council purchased a petrol powered water pump to be used by the village Flood Wardens whenever required for the carrying out of their duties.
* SF explained that she was proposing that the Flood Warden(s) in post at a given time be given an honorarium of £100 p.a. to cover the cost of the maintenance, storage and transportation of the pump to wherever it was required. PV seconded this proposal and all agreed.
* JB would write out a cheque for the first payment and dairise annually.
 | JB |
| **11** | **Grievance and Disciplinary Procedures:-*** Following their distribution at the March meeting, councillors had studied NHi’s draft Grievance and Disciplinary procedures and had no questions. NHi proposed and SF seconded that they be adopted. All agreed.
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| **12** | **Parish Council Election 7 May:-*** The deadline for nominations for the seven Maiden Newton parish councillors for the forthcoming four year terms had passed at 4.00 p.m. that afternoon and the number of candidates would be known the following day. JB said that he had heard of a possible 6 names over and above the 5 current councillors nominating themselves for re-election. Provided there were 8 or more nominees there would be an election on 7 May.
* JB had agreed with Judith Stinton that he would ask each candidate to provide a few words to go in the May edition of The Herald.

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| **13** | **Southern Electric Power Distribution grant scheme – application:-*** NHi had circulated an e-mail he had received about Southern Electric Power Distribution’s £1mn. storm fund grants scheme and there were a number of areas that the parish could consider including in an application. As there were four application deadlines over the two year life of the scheme, AG suggested that the newly elected council should consider the subject at a future meeting.
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| **14** | **Allotments:-*** JB reported that he had let one more half allotment and now had only one whole and one half available.
* The annual review of allotment rents would be discussed at the May meeting.
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| **15** | **Play Area:-** * JB informed CD that the wetpour repairs had been carried out whilst she had been away and gave her the company’s ‘Certificate of Satisfaction’ to complete.
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| **16** | **Playing field and MUGA:-*** PV asked JB to find out the date of the annual MUGA inspection which was due to be carried out sometime in May.
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| **17** | **Accounts for payment:-*** Wicksteed Leisure Ltd. – repair to Play Area surfaces - £3,211.80 (137)
* Maiden Newton Village Hall – Neighbourhood Planning meeting - £30 (138)
* Jess Carver – grass cutting contract - £330.00 (139)
* DAPTC – Neighbourhood Planning training - £30.00 (140)
* Viking (John Ball) – watermarked minute paper - £38.39 (141)
* John Ball – salary for April – £276.21 (142)
* The Post Office – PAYE April - £184.14 (143)
* Magna Housing – room hire for April - £12.00 (144)
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| **18** | **Risk Assessment monthly condition reports**The inspection checking sheets had been completed for each risk. There were no matters arising. |  |
| **19** | **Any Other Correspondence:-*** WDDC Planning Enforcement – invitation to a meeting on 21 May to discuss action being taken on the plots adjacent to Marl House, Frampton – SF to attend provided she is re-elected.
* BDO external auditors – 2014/15 accounts – JB to begin analysis – bank accounts reconciled as at 31 March.
* DCC Superfast Broadband Team – fibre now available in some locations - leaflets will be distributed by DCC in due course.
* DCC – Great Dorset Beach Clean 26 April – leaflets put on boards.
* Dorset Community Action - Best kept village competition – circulated.
* Dorset Community Action – Funding Fair – circulated.
* DACP –invitation to Annual Assembly/Community Event – circulated.
* WDDC – consultation on modifications to Community Infrastructure Levy – circulated
* DAPTC – posters re police initiative on telephone fraud – put on boards.
* DCC – vacancies on Councillors’ Allowances Panel – circulated.
* Dorset Councils – online newsletter – circulated.
* Dorset Community Action – e-bulletin March – circulated.
* Dorset Blind Association – charity quiz and curry night – circulated.
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|  | Meeting closed at 8.20 p.m. Date of next meeting 14 May 2015.  |  |