MAIDEN NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON

 THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2015

**IN THE COMMUNAL ROOM, WEBBERS PIECE**

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

Cllr. Sally Falkingham (SF)

 Cllr. Norman House (NHo)

Cllr. Diana Padfield (DP)

Cllr. Paul Valinski (PV)

John Ball (Clerk) (JB)

There were 11 members of the public at the meeting.

Karin Chandler-Wilson asked what progress there was with the provision of a litter bin in Frome Lane so that dog walkers, in particular, had somewhere to deposit waste. JB said that this had been requested from the Dorset Waste Partnership but that he had heard no more. He would chase it up.

She also wished to pass on thanks to AG and Lawrie Goff for the work they had done laying the hedge in Chilfrome Lane. AG said that he had also received a letter of thanks from the school. He would contact Lily and Eric Foster, owners of The Mill, who had agreed to make a donation to the school in return for the work done.

Nick Goozee asked if the council would report to Highways the fading of the dotted white lines either side of the war memorial in Church Road. Cars unfamiliar with the roads were frequently turning left towards the church rather than following the main road round to the right. As Church Road was a cul de sac this then meant that they had to do u turns. JB would ask for them to be repainted. SF pointed out that the ‘Cattistock’ sign, which used to point drivers to the right at this junction, had fallen into disrepair and had not been replaced.

CD reported that there had been progress with the Pre-School’s move into the Surestart centre. Both Magna and the Garfield Weston Trust had now committed funding and the Surestart building was already being utilised even though the building work for the extension had not yet begun. The drafting of the joint use agreement was also progressing. SF asked CD to ensure that the agreement was comprehensive on the issue of future maintenance. She was assured that this was fully covered. JB reminded CD that the £3,000 committed to the project by the Parish Council was available as soon as required.

SF asked JB to add the poor condition of the Pound Piece road surface to his request to Highways about Church Road.

CD mentioned the lack of car parking spaces at the surgery which was becoming a problem for Country Cars drivers. AG asked JB to include a Country Cars update as an agenda item for the March meeting.

AG declared the meeting open at 7.07 p.m. **ACTION**

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| **1** | **Apologies for absence** had been received from Cllr. Neville Higman (NHi) and County and District Cllr. Jill Haynes(JH). |  |
| **2** | **There were no declarations of interest.**  |  |
| **3** | **Proposed development on land at the rear of Manor Farm Close*** Strutt & Parker had now booked a date – Friday 27 February p.m. – for a public meeting in the village hall to show residents more detail on their proposals and answer questions. AG urged everyone to try to attend so that Strutt & Parker could see the strength of feeling against the development.
* In NHi’s absence, JB informed those present that the proposed Neighbourhood Planning meeting had now been arranged for Tuesday 17 February at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Trevor Warrick from WDDC would be the main speaker. Flyers would be put through all doors.

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| **4** | **The minutes of the meeting held on 8 January were agreed and signed.** |  |
| **5** | **Clerk’s report on points arising/action points not covered elsewhere on the agenda:-** * The invoice for £993 plus VAT for the work carried out on the resurfacing of The Drift had been received from Steve Marsh. No bill had yet been received from DCC Rights of Way for the parish council’s £630 half share of the cost of the digging out of the ditch and the building of the second hump.
* JB would write to the tenant of 9 Cattistock Road concerning the request for the hedge in his garden to be cut, asking him to pass it on to his landlord if necessary.
* JB had spoken to Derry Thompson about the work on the Old School clock. He was awaiting warmer weather to complete the job.
* Paul Ferris had now removed the trees on the bank between the Community Centre and Rock Pit Farm car park. AG asked for the whole question of what more would be done with this area to be put on the March agenda.
* Following the 2015/16 budget discussions at the previous meeting, JB had completed and submitted the appropriate WDDC form. He had also transferred £3,500 to the reserve bank account to cover the additional provisions agreed.
* The £1,046 Section 106 money had not yet been received from Tony Hurley at WDDC.
* AG had spoken to Patrick Ford about the eyesore created by rubbish being dumped in his field in Frome Lane. Apparently people had already started putting it there for the next fireworks display bonfire in November.

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| **6** | **Reports on meetings attended by councillors*** SF had attended the Dorchester Area Community Partnership open meeting on 19 January to discuss their future if funding was to be reduced.
* AG and SF had gone to the DAPTC Central Area meeting. It had emerged that the Superfast Broadband project had encountered some problems with blocked ducts but that it was anticipated that it would be available in Maiden Newton within two months. Issues at the Dorset Waste Partnership had been discussed as had the legal enforceability of Neighbourhood Plans. The WDDC Local Plan might not be signed off until the autumn.

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|  **7** | **Planning Applications:-**The following application had been circulated:-* WD/D/14/002991 – Maiden Newton Service Station, Dorchester Road – flat roof extension to enlarge the existing A1 use.

There was considerable discussion about this application which proposes to increase the retail space by 87%. Parking was seen as a major concern as the site has to provide for petrol customers, car sales, garage servicing/MOTs and deliveries as well as the increase in shop customers. The A356 is extremely busy at this point and the opposite side of the road is residential parking. It was not clear from the drawings how close the proposed building was to the road and this could well result in the exit from the north end of the site being blind with the extension blocking the view to the left. Finally it would undoubtedly have a detrimental effect on other retail units in the village. JB would summarise these concerns in the parish council’s comment. Andy Hodder, owner of Maiden Newton Stores, had produced comments from his perspective which he would submit direct. Other residents were also encouraged to comment direct. The following application had just been received and would be circulated:-* WD/D/15/000098 – Notton Farm Booster Distribution Site, Maiden Newton – change of use of agricultural land to allow the construction of a new water supply booster station to provide capacity and resilience to the local supply network.
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| **8** | **Allotments:-*** DP was working on the expansion of the allotments risk assessment matrix and would present her proposals at a future meeting.
* JB reported that he had let half plot 20a. This left only one half plot available (62b).
* The cutting of the hedges at the entrance to the allotments had now been carried out and AG would arrange for plot 1 to be cleared as he was aware of a potential tenant.
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| **9** | **Play Area:-** * As agreed at the January meeting, JB had accepted Wicksteed’s quote for the repair of the problem wet pour areas. The work would be carried out in the spring when the weather was likely to be better.
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| **10** | **Playing field and MUGA:-*** Following a question from SF, PV agreed that it would be a good idea to advertise the availability of the MUGA for tennis in the spring.
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| **11** | **Bull Lane – report on meeting with Highways on 19 January** * Following discussion at the December 2014 meeting, SF and NHo had met with Andrew Brown (DCC), JH, PCSO Jane Goodwin, Andy Elliott (AE) and a representative of DCC’s legal department to discuss AE’s proposals to introduce further parking restrictions and, eventually, a footpath, on the north side of the lower section of Bull Lane.
* DCC had suggested that temporary double yellow lines should be put in place for a period of six months so that an assessment could be made of their permanent viability. This had raised a number of issues, not least of which was parking for the vetinerary practice. A more general issue was the policing of parking restrictions, which was a perennial problem in other parts of the village.
* After further discussion, SF asked the Parish Council to endorse the proposal and this was agreed with one abstention. JB would inform Andy Brown accordingly.

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| **12** | **Parish Council election 7 May*** JB had circulated a pack of papers compiled by DAPTC on various aspects of the procedure prior to the election on 7 May. Included in this pack was a poster encouraging residents to consider putting themselves forward. JB would put this on the boards. DAPTC had also arranged various meetings so that potential candidates could find out what the role involved. The Dorchester one would be on the evening of Tuesday 10 March at The Corn Exchange. The closing date for nominations was 9 April. More details would be displayed on the parish boards in due course and in the March edition of the Herald. It was also suggested that some advertising could be available at the Neighbourhood Planning meeting on 17 February.
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| **13** | **Accounts for payment:-*** S C Marsh Ltd – work on The Drift - £1,191.60 (121)
* Paul Ferris – tree surgery at Rock Pit Farm car park - £250 (122)
* John Ball – salary for February – £368.28 (123)
* The Post Office – PAYE February - £92.07 (124)
* Jess Carver – grass cutting contract - £325.00 (125)
* Magna Housing – room hire for February - £12.00 (126)
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| **14** | **Risk Assessment monthly condition reports.** The inspection checking sheets had been completed for each risk. There were no matters arising. |  |
| **15** | **Any Other Correspondence:-*** JB had just received notification that Wessex Water were planning to replace the water main in Cattistock Road which would involve the road being closed for 5 weeks from 7 April. There were obvious questions which arose from this and JB was asked to contact Paul Delves from Wessex Water to see if he could attend the meeting on 5 March to discuss the works and answer questions.
* The Village Hall Committee had written to the Parish Council to ask if they would be prepared to contribute towards the cost of a new road sign at the end of Station Road directing vehicles to the hall. The cost would be £370 and, after some discussion, AG proposed and PV seconded that the Parish Council would contribute £150. All agreed.
* AG had spoken to Patrick Ford about the possible flytipping in his field in Frome Lane. JB would speak to Mrs Thomson who had made the original complaint.
* As requested by NALC, JB had responded to the Department for Communities and Local Government’s consultation about the Finance Settlement for 2015/16.
* JB had circulated DAPTC’s list of courses, conferences and seminars for 2015. He had booked AG and SF places at the Annual Conference of 25 February.
* SF had received notification that the next DORBAG (Dorset Broadcasting Action Group) meeting would be on 27 February.
* Dorset Highways – Improvement Programme 2015/16 – circulated.
* Dorset Community Action – e-bulletin 22 January – circulated.
* Dorset Community Action – e-bulletin February – circulated.
* Dorset Community Action – building better opportunities – circulated.
* Dorset Community Action – best village 2015 – circulated.
* Dorset Community Action – ACRE network online petition – circulated.
* DAPTC – Chief Executive’s circular 1/15 – circulated.
* DAPTC – Chief Executive’s circular 2/15 – circulated.
* DAPTC – Winter newsletter 2014/15 – circulated.
* Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner – share your views – circulated.
* Dorset Blind Association – Fitness February Campaign – circulated.
* Dorset Blind Association – Fundraising 2015 – circulated.
* Dorset Blind Association – January newsletter – circulated.
* Dorset Blind Association – Indian Ocean Banquet – circulated.
* Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group – case for change – circulated.
* Healthwatch Dorset – volunteering opportunities – circulated.
* Dorset Community Foundation – Peoples Health Trust – circulated.
* Dorset AONB - annual forum – circulated.
* Dorset AONB/National Grid – stakeholder drop-in – circulated.
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|  | Meeting closed at 8.16 p.m. Date of next meeting 5 March 2015 at 7.00 p.m. |  |