MAIDEN NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON

THURSDAY 2 MAY 2013

**IN THE COMMUNAL ROOM WEBBERS PIECE**

**CHAIR:** Cllr.Sally Falkingham (SF) **PRESENT:** Cllr. Cherri Dyke (CD)

Cllr. Alan Goff (AG)

 Cllr. Neville Higman (NHi)

Cllr. Norman House (NHo)

John Ball (Clerk) (JB)

There were four members of the public at the meeting.

* Theresa Critchell said that she had been involved in some confidential meetings in respect of the relocation of the playschool. She could not divulge the details but was optimistic that a viable solution was imminent and that the playschool would be able to move by the end of the year.
* Keith Pritchard asked if the parish council could look at the planning consent given for an extension at 8 Newton Road. He was concerned that the gable end was being rendered rather than built in brick and that the windows were not as agreed. JB would look at the relevant papers and contact WDDC.
* SF reported that, although pre 9.30 a.m. bus travel was no longer free for bus pass holders, WDDC had agreed that individuals could make a claim in respect of the cost of trips to the hospital.
* AG asked JB to contact WDDC about parking on double yellow lines in the village. A blue van was frequently parking on the yellow lines to the right of the Bull Lane exit onto Dorchester Road.
* JB was also asked to write to the residents of two houses in Newton Road and Hill View whose hedges were overgrowing the pavement.

SF declared the Parish Council meeting open at 7.10 p.m.

 **ACTION**

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| **1** | **Apologies for absence** had been received from Cllr. Diana Padfield (DP), Cllr. Paul Valinski (PV) and District Cllr. Jill Haynes (JH).  |  |
| **2** | **There were no declarations of interest.**  |  |
| **3** | **Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman*** SF nominated AG for the position of Chairman and NHi seconded this proposal. There were no other nominations and all concurred. AG took the Chair. He thanked SF for her invaluable service in the role - she had been Chairman for 11 years following a further 5 as Vice Chairman.
* NHo had been nominated as Vice Chairman by DP at the previous meeting and NHi seconded this proposal. There were no other nominations and NHo was elected as Vice Chairman.
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| **4** | **Appointment of representatives and cheque signatories**The following representatives were appointed:-* Allotments – NHo and DP
* Old Fire House – AG
* Ancient Monuments – NHi
* Village Hall – CD and NHi
* Play Area – CD and AG
* Transport – SF and PV
* Dorchester Area Community Partnership – SF
* Youth & Community Centre – PV, NHi, NHo and DP
* Playing Field and MUGA – PV, NHi and NHo
* Emergency (including Flood Wardens) – AG and Lawrie Goff
* DAPTC – SF, NHi and AG
* Gate Licences – JB and DP
* Cheque signatories – SF, CD, DP and PV (PV only until the move to Barclays)
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| **5** | **The minutes of the meetings held on 4 April 2013** were agreed and signed.  |  |
| **6** | **Clerk’s report on points arising/action points not covered elsewhere on the agenda:-** * The purchase of Network Rail’s land outside the village hall had been completed and a cheque for legal fees (for both Porter Dodson and Network Rail’s solicitors) would be submitted for signature under item 12. In respect of the latter, JB reported that the sum requested was £600 plus VAT, £100 more than originally mooted but he felt that it was not worth the effort of trying to get them to reduce the sum claimed. This was agreed.
* Porter Dodson had been instructed to proceed with the purchase of Rock Pit Farm car park and to see if WDDC would be prepared to sell the White Horse Mews car park without the road and visibility splay.
* JB had all the necessary forms from Barclays Bank for the transfer of bank accounts. Once the signatories had been agreed, he would distribute individual forms for them to complete. He mentioned, however, that Barclays would not allow a panel of more than three signatories, meaning that our list would have to be reduced by one.
* JB had obtained quotes from DCC Highways on various options for the repair work required to the road surface on The Drift. The tarmac options were all very expensive but one of the quotes was to repair the area from the railway bridge to the allotments using planings, which had previously been discussed as a favoured option. This was £984 plus VAT. AG proposed and NHi seconded that this should be accepted and that JB should then write to other parties (other users of the road and DCC Rights of Way) to see if some of the cost could be recouped. JB would also speak to Highways to check exactly which area this quote covered.
* JB had accepted Steve Marsh’s quote for the work on the Play Area and village hall car park. AG said that Steve had contacted him to say that the work would be done in around 3 weeks’ time.
* JB had written to Gemma Parker who had asked about the use of the playing field for a dog show/car boot sale.
* The parish spring clean had taken place on 28 April. SF reported that 20 adults and 6 children had taken part and that 23 bags of rubbish had been collected. The WDDC road sweeping vehicle would be visiting the village on 7 May. JB agreed to put notices on cars in Church Road and Dorchester Road the day before in an attempt to keep the roads clear for sweeping.
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|  **7** | **Reports – Chairman:-*** SF circulated a written report (attached).

 **- Meetings attended by other councillors:-*** NHi had attended the talk given by Oliver Letwin MP (OL) at Stinsford Parish Council on Neighbourhood Planning. He had spoken to OL after the meeting and would be corresponding further with him by e-mail.
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|  **8** | **Planning Applications:-**The following applications had been approved:- * 1/D/13/000089 – 63 Dorchester Road – erect two storey extension.
* 1/D/13/000091 - 14b Cattistock Road – removal of condition 4 of a previous application to allow velux windows and a door.
* JB mentioned that he had received a phone call from Stephen Hebb, Chairman of Frampton Parish Council, alerting us to a planning issue in their (and also potentially our) parish. Twenty acres of field, previously part of Hyde Farm, Frampton, had been divided some 8 years or more ago into 71 plots and were advertised for sale on the website perfectplot.co.uk. The fields straddled the boundary between our two parishes (around 60 of the plots being in Frampton and 11 in Maiden Newton). A number had been purchased and, in March 2012, a planning application had been received from the purchaser of 4 of the plots in Frampton to erect 3 stables and a fodder store/tack room. This was firmly resisted by Frampton Parish Council and the application was initially turned down. However, the applicant appealed and permission was eventually granted in March this year. Stephen wanted us to be aware of the issue and had given JB copies of the relevant papers. It was agreed that AG, SF and JB would visit the site and that the papers would be circulated to councillors.

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| **9** | **Allotments:-*** The new allotment area had now been marked out into 13 half plots, 2 of which had been let to tenants. 11 new plots and 2 old ones were now available.
* NHo asked whether allotments could be offered to residents of neighbouring parishes, say, Cattistock, Frampton and Toller Porcorum. It was agreed that JB would write to the clerks of those parishes and that allotments would be offered at the rate of £32 p.a. for a full plot and £16 p.a. for a half plot.
* NHi had spoken to JB about Charles Le Vay’s (CLV) request in his annual report for the parish council to consider handing over management of the allotments to the Allotment Association. JB had produced a list of all the jobs he carried out during the year with the approximate time spent. He would circulate this to councillors and it was agreed that the subject would be put on the agenda for the June meeting. JB would invite CLV and let him have a copy of the work list.
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| **10** | **Play Area:-** * CD had received one more quote for the new play equipment and was awaiting a visit from one other supplier.
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| **11** | **Playing field and MUGA:-**Nothing to report |  |
| **12** | **Accounts for payment:-*** Jess Carver – grass cutting (March/April) - £600 (749)
* Porter Dodson – fees for Network Rail land purchase - £522 (750)
* Portland Stone – skip hire - £195 (751)
* Greenford School – photocopying etc. costs - £25.73 (752)
* Post Office – PAYE (May) - £85.45 (753)
* John Ball – Multivolt PC work - £20 (754)
* Magna Housing – room hire for May - £12 (755)
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| **13** | **Risk Assessment monthly condition reports:-**The inspection checking sheets had been completed for each property risk and no action was required.  |  |
| **14** | **Any Other Correspondence:-*** Invitation from Action for Market Towns to attend Training Workshop on Community Rights in Sturminster Newton on 22 May. SF was interested and asked JB to see if Anne Clements would like to join her.
* Follow up e-mail from NALC thanking parishes for asking their MPs to attend All Party Parliamentary Group on local democracy - circulated.
* Letter from South West Ambulance Service advertising recruitment of First Responders – put on boards.
* WDDC Handbooks ‘Today’s Youth – Tomorrow’s Leaders’ – circulated.
* Survey on needs from Dorset Community Action – circulated.
* Invitation to ‘Responding to Planning’ training on 8 May– JB will attend.
* LCR Magazine Spring 2013 – circulated.
* Neighbourhood Plan News re support programme – circulated.
* E-mail re Rural Crime Prevention event – circulated.
* E-mail re DCLG survey on Neighbourhood Planning etc. – circulated.
* Letter re Great Dorset Beach Clean – circulated.
* E-Mail from Fields in Trust re grants of up to £25,000 available for QEII fields. Applications required by 17 June – JB would get more detailed information and speak to PV. This could be a good opportunity to apply for funding for showers, toilets etc. SF mentioned that more Barclays funding might also be available.

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|  | Meeting closed at 8:11 p.m. Date of next meeting 6 June 2013 at 7.00 p.m. |  |