MAIDEN NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON

 THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2015

**IN THE COMMUNAL ROOM, WEBBERS PIECE**

**CHAIR:** Cllr.Alan Goff

**PRESENT:** Cllr. Anne Clements, Cllr. Cherri Dyke, Cllr. Sally Falkingham, Cllr. Diana Padfield, Cllr. Paul Valinski, County and District Cllr. Jill Haines.

John Ball, Anne Holloway (Clerks). Cllr Alan Goff welcomed Anne who would be taking over from John from 1 October.

There were 17 members of the public at the meeting.

It was reported that the drains in various locations were blocked. There is a website/telephone number for Dorset For You for members of the public to report any problems in the village. Action - Clerk to report.

DWP would not supply or empty a new dog litter bin but would empty an existing bin in a new location. The Parish Council could supply a new bin but volunteers would be needed to empty it.

The Beaminster school transport issue had not been resolved. Cllr Haines would meet the school bus the following day to ensure that there were sufficient seats for the children.

A card of appreciation was received for the new picnic table and bin in the Play Area.

The Chair was asked to comment on the reasons for the Parish Council’s opposition to planning application WD/D/15/001393 for 14B Cattistock Road. The Chair explained that it was felt that the detached garage was unduly prominent, that the proximity of the garage doors to the road could be dangerous and there was restricted manoeuvrability of vehicles in the parking area. The application would be considered by the Development Control Committee on 10 September.

All overhanging vegetation, the tree branches by the Dorchester Road bus stop and the fallen tree on Footpath 2 had been attended to.

The farmer who owns the field in Chilfrome Lane would be contacted before the next crop was sown to ensure that the footpath was not obstructed. Action – Cllr. Goff

The ‘rough sleeper’ in the village had been spoken to by the PCSO.

Cllr. Haines informed the meeting of the inspector’s report of the Local Plan. She discussed the possible implications for Maiden Newton and the importance of the Neighbourhood Plan. In particular, the inspector had encouraged WDDC to favourably consider applications within or adjacent to the defined development boundary. This did not bode well for those opposed to the development on The Quarr.

The Chair declared the meeting open at 7.40 p.m. Action

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| **1** | **Apologies for absence** had been received from Cllr. Marsh. |  |
| **2** | **There were no declarations of interest** |  |
| **3** | **The minutes of the meeting held on 6 August** were not signed due to an amendment requested by Cllr. Clements. | Clerk |
| **4** | **Clerk’s report on points arising/action points not covered elsewhere on the Agenda** * Highways had been contacted regarding the mirror at the junction of Church Road/Station Road and the reply had been circulated. Dorset Highways are looking at the list of mirrors maintained by them. Action - to chase.
* A response had been received, and circulated, regarding a request from a member of the public to place posts along the green on the Dorchester road to prevent tractors and lorries pulling off the road. This was acceptable to Dorset Highways, with conditions, but they informed the Parish Council that the member of the public who installed the posts would be held liable for any accidents or injuries caused by them.
* Meadfleet would attend to the overgrown hedge by the Play Area.
* There had been problems accessing the Parish Council minutes on the Maiden Newton website - this was being addressed by Alacrify. A proposal had been mooted to potentially incorporate a Maiden Newton Parish website with a Neighbourhood Plan website in the future.
* The Flood Plan had been circulated.
* Cllr. Valinski would liaise with DIGS regarding the Rock Pit car park information board.
* The Southern Electric Power grant scheme had been studied by the Flood Wardens and was deemed not suitable for Maiden Newton.
* Extra items had been added to the insurance policy with no increase in the premium.
* Dorset Highways’ Councillors Satisfaction Survey had been completed.

  | Clerk |
| **5** | **Reports on meetings attended by councillors*** Cllr. Valinski had met with Ian Hewitt to discuss the floodlighting on the MUGA. A site appreciation was needed along with the replacement of two bulbs.
* Cllr. Falkingham would be attending the Community Rail Working Party the following day. She distributed copies of the timetable operable from 7 September.
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| **6** | **Planning Applications**Application WD/D/15/832 - outline application for up to 20 houses to be built on the land known as The Quarr off Cattistock Road. The Parish Council’s comments on the revised pedestrian plan had been submitted. The initial results of the archaeological dig had been posted on the Dorset For You website. The Chair had a discussion with a member of the public about the application.Application WD/D/15/1388 – Plot 10, NW of Marl House, Frampton – change of use of land to site one Romany pitch and associated works including one static caravan, one utility shed and hard standing. The Parish Council’s comments had been submitted together with the three responses from plot holders in the Maiden Newton Parish. The application had subsequently been withdrawn. Cllr. Goff would be attending a follow up meeting at WDDC, with Oliver Letwin MP in attendance, the following day. Comments had been submitted on the following application which would be discussed at WDDC’s Development Control Committee on 10 September:-* WD/D/15/1393 – 14B Cattistock Road – erect detached garage.

No objections had been raised on the following applications:-* WD/D/15/1559 – 3B Station Road – form new entrance door to south east elevation.
* WD/D/15/1652 – 6 North Road – proposed side extension to form 2 bedrooms.
* WD/D/15/1694 – Cruxton Manor Farm – station a temporary essential rural worker’s mobile home (retrospective)

The following application had been approved:- * WD/D/15/1155 – 9 Ashleigh Avenue – erect rear extension and alterations.
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| **7** | **Allotments*** The tenancy agreements and covering letters for the 1 September annual renewals had been distributed.
* Allotment 56A at the top of the site had been cleared and was ready for letting.
* More mini-plots suitable for disabled persons were being built.
* Strimming vacant allotments and covering with black plastic to prevent weeds growing was suggested. Cllr. Padfield would discuss this with the Allotment Association for their thoughts.
* Five half allotments were available and this would be mentioned in the October Herald.
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| **8** | **Play Area** * The picnic table had been placed in the play area but the final location was yet to be decided.
* Thanks were extended to Cllr Goff and Lawrie Goff for affixing the ‘Frog Buddy’ litter bin. They would also be attempting to repair the deterioration in other wetpour surfaces.
* Clare May would be consulted on whether wooden play equipment would be the best option for 11/12 year olds, in place of the climbing wall.
* Cllr. Dyke would be meeting Soverign Play to discuss possible adult fitness equipment.
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| **9** | **Playing field and MUGA*** The six summer holiday sport activity days had been very successful.

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| **10** | **Accounts for payment*** John Ball – salary for September – £276.21 (178)
* The Post Office – PAYE September - £184.14 (179)
* MN Youth & CC - room hire for meeting - £8.00 (180)
* John Ball – petty cash top up - £100.00 (181)
* Jess Carver – grass cutting contract - £330.00 (182)
* Magna Housing Association – room hire for September - £12.00 (183)
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| **11** | **Risk Assessment monthly condition reports*** It was mentioned that there was some graffiti on the bus shelter in Dorchester Road and that it could, in any case, do with a repaint. Cllr Goff agreed to get a quote.
* All risks had been assessed with nothing further to report.
* The outstanding, completed Risk Assessment lists were requested for the insurance records.
 | Cllr.Goff |
| **12** | **Any Other Correspondence:-*** Rural Policing Matters Campaign – circulated. Councillors were asked to respond individually.
* Arla Dairy Farm Frampton - Open Day – circulated.
* DAPTC – Summer magazine - circulated
* DAPTC - Articles for Autumn magazine – circulated.
* Rural Services Network - Weekly Email News Digests – circulated.
* Rural Services Network – Rural Opportunities Bulletins – circulated.
* Rural Services Network – Spotlight on young people – circulated.
* Dorset Blind Association – Annual charity run – circulated.
* Dorset Blind Association – Diners Club – circulated.
* Dorset Community Action – Trustees required – circulated.
* Dorset Councils Online – New dorsetforyou.com website – circulated.
* Dorset Local Access Forum – recruitment deadline – circulated.
* Superfast Dorset – Broadband coverage update – circulated.
* Superfast Dorset – Maiden Newton goes superfast – circulated.
* Jurassica – Invitation to Portland information event – circulated.
* Healthwatch Dorset – A5 leaflet on homecare services – circulated.
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|  | Meeting closed at 8.15 p.m. Date of next meeting 1 October 2015.  |  |