

MILTON ABBAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th July 2023
in the READING ROOM, MILTON ABBAS, at 7.30pm

PRESENT

Mr I. Baker	Mr S. Driver
Mr P. Ford	Mr S. Gould
Mr N. Hodder (Chair)	Mr T. Ives
Mr T. Khandwala (Vice Chair)	Mr S. Martin

IN ATTENDANCE Mrs E. Sellen (Clerk) and 7 members of the general public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Mrs. Emma Parker (Dorset Councillor)

2. DISPENSATIONS None

3. OPEN FORUM

The following points were raised:

Mr David French attended as a representative for the Sports Club. He is the only trustee of the Sports Field and he attends the Sports Club Committee meetings. The land was purchased in 1985 for £7,800, with a contribution of £1,600 over 3 years from the Parish Council, the remainder being raised from other sources. After a recent period of inactivity, some residents carried out works to the Pavilion, including new windows, creation of a kitchen area and a new floor. A cricket pitch has been laid out, a driveway has been put in and parking created. The toilets now work, the old changing room roof has been repaired and planning has been granted for a café. An opening event has been planned for 16th September. MATCH have provided £16,000 donation to the works and there are no labour costs. There was £3,000 in the bank at the opening of activity and an application has been submitted to the Street Fair Committee, however they are keen to learn of any alternative income streams. NH confirmed that the Parish Council are keen in principle to fund some element of the work in principle but would require information of the purpose of the requested funds and budget figures to support any request. DF complimented the works of Mr & Mrs Smith for their long-term upkeep of the facility and Mr C Henderson and Mr J Felstead for recent renovations and the “willing and able committee” for their activities. Councillors thanked DF for his detailed report and invited a member of the Sports Club Committee to attend future meetings as convenient. Mrs F Robinson reminded everyone that the Street Fair would be held on the 27th July and asked the Clerk to thank Mr G. Coleman for cutting the grass on the PC owned land.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 10 May 2023 had been circulated. It was proposed by TK, seconded by SD, and agreed by those

who had attended the previous meeting, that they should be accepted as a true record.

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 May 2023 had been circulated. It was proposed by SG, seconded by PF, and agreed by those who had attended the previous meeting, that they should be accepted as a true record.

The minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on 28th June 2023 had been circulated. It was proposed by IB, seconded by TK, and agreed by those who had attended the previous meeting, that they should be accepted as a true record.

5. MATTERS ARISING None

6. CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence had been circulated by email.

7. REPORT FROM DORSET COUNCILLOR None

8. REPORTS

HOMEWATCH

Mrs E. Payne confirmed circulation of various communications from Dorset Alert, Police and Crime, Dorset Council and the Parish Council.

MATCH/JANE'S WOOD

Mr B. Isherwood advised that funding continues for Computer Café and Community Lunches but volunteers are needed to join the committee (currently 3 members and 3 vacancies).

PLAYPARK

SG thanked PF and the Chilli Festival participants for a donation of £260. He confirmed the Play Park Committee will meet on 24th July at Steptonbill Farm Shop.

TRANSPORT

NH met with representatives from Hilton, Cheselbourne and Melcombe Horsey (Dewlish sent apologies) to sign a document agreeing to share future costs of the proposed community bus scheme (should there be any) to demonstrate a commitment to Dorset Council. Mr A. Glover, Dorset Council Transport Manager sees no obstacle to receiving the £5,000 grant. Dorset Community Trust will produce a programme and flyers, and villages are welcome to do their own advertising to raise awareness of the scheme.

WELCOME PACK

TK will update the WP to include the Sports Club, using Mrs. K. Leigh's contact information as Secretary.

CSW

FR advised that the SID rota has got out of sync and therefore Milton Abbas will retain the SID for August and September to get back on track. There are not currently enough volunteers for CSW activity.

MILLENNIUM GREEN TRUST

Mr R. Golledge advised that the grass cutting is continuing, but he needs more volunteers to trim. PF has done some strimming but said additional volunteers

would be welcome. FR suggested that it would be nice to reinstate the boules pit before the end of summer.

NI advised that Wessex Internet are planning to lay the fibre cables in August and suggested that if anyone is planning an event or gathering during the summer should contact the Clerk to ensure that WI can be made aware.

TELEPHONE KIOSK

SD thanked PF and an additional resident volunteer. The future use of the kiosk is still undecided, and ideas are welcomed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Wessex Internet updates, and planning applications etc have been circulated through social media and Elliegrams.

COMMUNITY LAND TRUSTS None

JUBILEE BENCH None

REPORTS FROM OTHER PC OFFICERS

NH attended the DAPTC Northern Committee meeting on 29th June. It was an informal networking meeting to share best practice and issues. He will attend the next one to see how it goes.

9. PLANNING

Decisions

P/FUL/2023/02017 Milton Abbas Sports Club - Change of use of existing unused shower block/ storage building into a cafe and associated works and use of land as parking and seating areas to serve the cafe and the continued use of land as a recreation ground – Granted

P/LBC/2023/01529 Woodlands 36/37 Milton Abbas - Relocate kitchen to rear extension with associated internal alterations - Granted

Applications None

10. D-DAY 80 6TH JUNE 2024

It was agreed that the Parish Council should help the village consider how to celebrate the event. RG asked whether there would be any funding available. NH suggested that the National Lottery will probably offer grants nearer the time. SM suggested that the PC should consider linking to some wider area activities. NH asked the Clerk to enquire at the Clerk's Seminar in September to see what other Councils are considering, and asked the Councillors to review internet activity and other sources to get inspiration. It was agreed to keep the item on future agendas.

11. FINANCE

Balances:

Current A/c	£55,530.02
Playpark A/c	£14,460.30

The following cheques were authorised:

Current Account

Mrs E. Sellen Clerk's Salary May 2023	1394	£352.97
Mrs E. Sellen Clerk's Expenses May 2023	1395	£276.10
Mrs E. Sellen Clerk's Salary June 2023	1396	£352.97
Mrs E. Sellen Clerk's Expenses June 2023	1397	£53.49
BHIB Insurance	1398	£558.86
Darkin Miller Ltd	1399	£268.51
Community Fund	1400	£500.00
Mrs E. Sellen Clerk's Expenses Additional June 2023	1401	£143.88

Playpark Account

Play Inspection Company	0152	£270.00
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12. CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS None

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Councillors were reminded that the next meeting would take place on 13th September 2023 and, there being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:10pm.

Signed:
(Presiding Chairman)

Date: