

## Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020 at 730pm remotely via Zoom.

**Present (remotely):** Cllrs. Paul Baker (Chairman), Will Hawkins and Aviva Morris

**In attendance:** Jacqui Strong (clerk), Cllr David Huxtable, Cllr Anthony Betty and 5 members of the public

### Public Discussion:

Long discussion took place with regards to affordable housing and the Darby estate which has not had probate applied for. Are the Parish Council considering alternatives as without affordable homes in the village many of the existing provisions, school/church/village hall will be under increased pressure without families to support them and the village will become less attractive to future residents. Reassurance given that discussions are taking place with SHAL local housing association about the possibility of building houses that meet the needs of the community. A housing needs report was undertaken 3 years ago in August and due to the time that has elapsed a new report will need to take place as needs for the village may have changed during that time. It was agreed in the discussion that the report needs to take place prior to deciding on possible sites, of which several suggestions have been made within the village including the area below the Church and Holloway Road. Concerns raised that priority should be given to the residents of Middlezoy. Recommended by Cllr Betty to register with the Home Finder App as soon as possible as if there are 12 vacancies but 13 applicants it will be on a first come first served basis. Although Home Finder restricts what you can apply for based on need.

Anti-Social Behaviour also raised on Nethermoor Road. Advised that Homes in Sedgemoor have been contacted and the Police. Clerk to contact HiS again if no response to recent email. Cllr Liz Perry is also making enquiries and will provide an update.

### **87/20/MPC Apologies**

Cllr Ann Lipscomb and Cllr Liz Perry

### **88/20/MPC Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda & dispensations granted**

Cllr Morris declared interest in grant application as a volunteer of the shop.

### **89/20/MPC Receive and approve minutes as circulated**

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020 received and approved.

### **90/20/MPC Report Received from County Councillor David Huxtable**

Waiting for a response on Shepherds Drove and will forward when he has information. Going to request the results of the Speed survey for the main road from SCC Highways. Lorries and movement of soil because it is dry does not seem to be causing a problem at the moment – no complaints received. Left the meeting at 20:05

### **91/20/MPC Report from District Councillor Anthony Betty**

Corner of Nethermoor Road – the planning enforcement officer has visited and the owners have been given a timescale to take it down. Rhyne by the village hall has been dredged. Full Council meeting next Wednesday. Left meeting 20:15

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**92/20/MPC Report from Police or other emergency services**

No report ahead of the meeting. Understand from member of public that anti-social behaviour diaries are being circulated by the PCSO to document occurrences. Concerns about drugs being sold/taken on the playing field – PCSO is aware.

**93/20/MPC Chairman’s Announcements**

Utilising Facebook to circulate information regarding reporting of anti-social behaviour including noise and bonfires. Cllr Liz Perry is liaising with the Parish Council on complaints of noise. Urged for anyone experiencing any problems to keep a record. Recent discussions have taken place with the Dog Warden in relation to dogs being on the playing field, about a Public Space Protection Order, due to government changes about 2 years ago. A PSPO can be applied for by the Parish Council and can be enforced for circumstances such as drinking alcohol in a public place, dog walking/fouling etc. However, consultation with relevant agencies and community must take place first and once granted needs to be reapplied for every 3 years. There also needs to be a means of enforcing the order. Suggested that Councillors consider options ahead of the next meeting and liaise with other community groups.

**94/20/MPC Receive Report from Middlezoy Village Hall**

The village hall is now open and Covid secure – full PDF documents have been circulated and are available along with risk assessments. Capacity is 28 people inside and for use of toilets 1 person and use of kitchen 2 people. There are hand sanitisers by the entrance and the toilets have been refurbished thanks to a grant from SDC including hands free operation and new flooring. The changing rooms are currently allocated as an isolation room if someone displays symptoms. There is a full user guide which includes groups being responsible for taking details of people attending their group for track and trace purposes. New cleaning schedule allowing a sufficient time period between cleaning and between user groups.

An extension to their licence is being applied for and neighbours have been notified.

The village hall has been offered for free use for the coffee mornings due to its size being larger and able to accommodate more people. Also for the Social Club and craft group for a donation only during these challenging times.

Hoping for the Queen event to take place in September outside however current guidelines stipulate a maximum of 30 people this may change in due course but residents are being asked via a Poll for their opinions.

CCTV was raised and could a shared system be considered by interested parties – allotment society/village hall/Parish Council. Main issue is no internet coverage on the site.

**95/20/MPC Noted Letter from Louise Potter no election requested**

Noted and agreed to advertise the vacancies at the end of July.

**96/20/MPC Resignation Cllr Jason Mackay**

Noted and vacancy to be advertised at the end of July

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**97/20/MPC Grant withdrawal VE Day due to Covid-19**

Noted by members

**98/20/MPC Social Media Policy**

The Council **resolved** to approve the Social Media Policy. It was requested that any comments made on behalf of the Council are entered by the Clerk, Councillors can respond but as themselves not on behalf of the Council. Agreed to change the message on Facebook as not always monitored.

**99/20/MPC Website**

It was **resolved** to investigate further the use of the free website packages available and to look at the village hall website created by the committee.

**100/20/MPC Playground Budget Inspection and Repairs**

It was **resolved** not to set a budget for this year but to utilise the CIL funds to undertake the necessary repairs and inspections. Hillview Engineering company who installed the skateboard park are not insured to work off-site. Request made to contact Greenways and undertake a visit with the Council to walk through the site and to ask GB sport and Leisure about the back board that the hand holds are fixed to as concerns about the durability and laminate covering them. Concerns raised over the health and safety of the site and Cllr Baker will contact Gary Ridgement regarding Heras Fencing.

**101/20/MPC Route 60+**

Council noted change of date Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

**102/20/MPC Walking and Cycling Manifesto**

Council agreed to support the manifesto – Clerk to email.

**103/20/MPC Sapling tree request**

The Church have been approached and it has been agreed that there is room within the Church yard to accommodate the sapling.

**104/20/MPC Emergency Planning – Reassign role**

It was agreed that Cllr Aviva Morris work with the community groups on the Emergency Plan and will take receipt of any paperwork currently undertaken.

**105/20/MPC Payments made under delegated powers - noted**

Internal Auditor – Chq 936	£ 50.00
Clerks Expenses Chq 942	£ 68.82
SALC Affiliation Membership Chq 941	£201.08
Contract Signs – Do Not Use Signs Chq 943	£ 60.00

**106/20/MPC Receive accounts for first quarter April – June 2020**

The Council received the accounts for the first quarter and it was confirmed that Precept payments were made in 2 instalments.

**107/20/MPC Receive budget v actual spend to date**

The council received the spend to date and noted shortfall in maintenance budget

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- 108/20/MPC Approve CIL money expenditure for the playing field for 2020/21 shortfall**  
The council **resolved** to approve the use of CIL money for the shortfall in this years budget.
- 109/20/MPC Grant Applications**  
The council **rejected** the grant application from the Church due to the Local Government Act 1894 preventing a council spending money on property relating to affairs of the church.
- The council **resolved** that in accordance with its powers under section 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area of its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with expenditure:- to the maximum value of £60 for the purchase of Thank You cards (covid-19)
- 110/20/MPC Planning items for decision - None**
- 111/20/MPC Planning items for update all noted:**  
**34/20/00002** Variation to planning application 34/17/00017 Merricks Farm, 46 Main Road  
**PB/JS - Planning response:** deemed acceptable and in keeping with the other properties.
- 34/20/00005** Full Planning Permission Mr and Mrs Lang 1 Millards, Kicks Hill, Middlezoy  
Erection of a detached workshop  
**PB/JS – Planning response:** support planning application as did the original application prior to it being withdrawn
- 34/20/00006** Windmill retreat 3 detached dwellings  
**Planning response:** submitted for supporting planning application – under consideration
- 112/20/MPC Affordable Homes:**  
Cllr Baker to contact SHAL with regards looking at a housing needs report prior to confirming possible sites. To remain on the Agenda for the next meeting – Sedgemoor District Council can be applied to for the report to be carried out.
- 113/20/MPC Highways and Public rights of Way**  
Shepherds Drove – degradation reported to Cllr Huxtable
- 114/20/MPC Correspondence**  
Correspondence noted – Clerk to make contact and invite to attend next meeting to discuss conservation projects within the village.
- 115/20/MPC Items for the next meeting to be forward to the Clerk before Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020**
- **Asset Register**
  - **Conservation**
  - **PSPOs**
  - **CCTV Cameras**
- 116/20/MPC Date of next scheduled meeting**  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020 730pm Meeting closed at 21:40pm

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