

Misterton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th February 2018 At 6.30pm, WI Hall, Misterton

Present:

Cllr Iain Rowland (Chair)
Cllr Abigail Rousell
Cllr Vivienne Rowe
Cllr Graham White

Cllr Geoff Restorick
Cllr Carolyn Newbery
Cllr Mark Kilpatrick
Cllr Paul Gillard

In attendance

Mrs K Sheehan (Clerk), Cllr M Best (SCC)
7 members of the public

18/015. Public Open Session

Mrs D Bradly reported that Misterton Parish Council's Road Group had met and considered the access to the Old Coal Yard site. She reported that none of the improvements required by the planning consent to improve the splay and visibility had, in the opinion of the Group, been met. These improvements were required prior to any works on the site being undertaken.

Action: Clerk to report these comments to the Planning Officer.

Cllr P Bradly reported that drainage grids in Knowle Lane had silted up and were preventing effective drainage, which in turn could cause significant flooding in Middle Street unless cleared. The problem had been exacerbated by the top dressing on the field at the top of the lane being washed down the lane in wet weather.

Action: Cllr Mike Best to contact Highways and copy Clerk into any response received.

Mr M Rousell reported that following the recent article in the Misterton Magazine, no responses had been received relating to the proposal to bring a Post Office van to MJ's café once a week. He reported that in light of this he was unsure if the amenity was needed, and indeed whether a more central village location might be better. The Parish Council agreed to discuss further at the next meeting.

Action: Clerk to table Post Office van for discussion at March meeting

18/016. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Brian McNeill and Cllr Angie Singleton (SSDC).

18/017. Code of Conduct and Declarations of Interests

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Mark Kilpatrick to the Parish Council. Cllr Kilpatrick duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Clerk.

18/018. Minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2018

The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

18/019. Matters Arising from Minutes

None.

18/020. Reports

a. Report from County Councillor

Cllr Best reported that:

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- County Council would meet the next day to set the precept – a 5.99% increase was proposed;
- Fire and Police authorities were levying increases of 2.99% and 6.6% respectively
- The District Council was yet to meet but was proposing 3.18%
- The application relating to Bullring Farm was refused at the last Area West committee meeting.

b. Report from District Councillor

- None.

c. Report from Chairman of the Parish Council

Cllr Rowland reported that:

- Following an uncontested election, Cllr Mark Kilpatrick had joined the Parish Council;
- The emergency plan was nearing completion.

d. Report from Misterton Recreation Field Trust

Cllr Rowland reported that:

- Components had been changed which seemed to have fixed the MUGA lighting but that he would continue to monitor the situation;
- The solicitor had responded to clarify the situation regarding the interpretation of free use of the Rec and that SALC would be asked for additional detail;
- May Day cup on 6th May had been approved.

18/021. Planning including applications currently in circulation/determinations

a. 17/04872/FUL – Mr & Mrs Palmer, Bridgefield, Middle Street. Alterations to create off road parking area.

A member of the public present raised concerns about the effect of the proposed application on displacing parked cars to other areas of the village – while it would take two cars off the road, potentially more could be prevented from parking nearby for visibility purposes. Cllr White raised concerns about the safety aspect of cars emerging onto Middle Street, displacement of cars from the area and visibility issues.

Proposal: REFUSAL on the basis of poor visibility and potential safety issues, also creating additional parking needs elsewhere in village.

Proposed: Cllr G White

Seconded: Cllr C Newbery

RESOLVED

b. 17/04905/S73 – Mr R Furby, Old Coal Yard Site. Application to vary condition 1 of approval 14/02913/REM

Cllr Rowland reported that this was essentially altering the design of a number of plots.

Cllrs present had no objections to this proposal.

c. 18/00315/AGN – Mrs J Willmington, Knowle Farm, Mosterton Road. Notification of intent to construct a road for agricultural purposes.

Cllrs present had no objections to this proposal however it was noted that the application was no longer showing on the District Council's planning portal.

d. Determinations

Determinations relating to a tree at St Christopher's in Middle Street and the Land at Bullring Farm were noted.

e. To consider a request regarding the use of Clark's Lane to connect the Old Coal Yard development to a sewer

Members discussed a request received from the developers at the Old Coal Yard site for a connection through Clark's Lane, believed to be part owned by the Parish Council, to

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existing sewer structures. Members noted that there was potential for the Parish Council to receive a payment for the use of its land.

Action: Clerk to respond to indicate that Parish Councillors are in favour of discussing the proposal further, subject to receiving greater detail and an independent report from Wessex Water detailing the capacity and future maintenance requirements of the existing and proposed sewers. Assurances to be sought re payment of costs by the developer, and the replacement of the footpath's surface.

18/022. Finance and Procedure

a. To agree invoices for payment and to note regular payments

Voucher	Payee	Details	VAT	Total Payment incl VAT	Budget Line	Cheque Number/DD/SO	
1	Staffing/Office	Salary/ Office costs (stationery etc)	£ -	£471.25	Clerk	716	
			£ -	£14.04	Admin	716	Total chq 485.29
2	Cox & Co	Payroll Services 2017/18 Affiliation fees	£ 3.50	£21.00	Admin	SO	pd 1/2/18
3	SALC		£ -	£264.78	Misc	717	
4	EON	Rec Field electricity	£ 1.80	£37.73	Rec Field	DD	pd 30/1/18
5	Misterton WI Misterton	Hall hire	£ -	£11.00	Hall hire	SO	pd 1/2/18
6	VHall	Office hire	£ -	£45.00	Office	SO	pd1/2/18
7	Vodafone	Telephone costs	£ -	£35.50	Office costs	DD	pd 5/2/18

RESOLVED for payment

Members noted that the EON fixed rate was due to end in June.

Action: Clerk to look at new tariffs available.

b. To note payments received

RECEIPTS to 1st - 31st January 2018

Receipt no	Date	Name	Payment for	Amount	Budget line
1	12/01/2018	Western Power Distribution	Wayleaves	£20.80	Misc
2	22/01/2018	Crewkerne Hospital LoF	Defib	£250.00	Grants received
TOTAL				£270.80	

Receipts NOTED.

18/023. Highways & Footpaths

a. To consider options relating to SIDs in the Parish after April 1st 2018

Mrs D Bradly reported that the Roads Group had considered the information and options provided by the County Council regarding the cessation of the SIDs scheme at the end of the financial year. Members of the group felt that the cost implications were too high and that as the precept had already been set it would be difficult to fund the project. Mrs Bradly concluded by saying that the Group was recommending withdrawal from all SIDs options, and continuing with the Speedwatch team's current arrangements. The Parish Council discussed the recommendations of the Roads Group and agreed not to proceed any further with the replacement SIDs schemes.

b. To consider a request for dog fouling signage in Packers Way

Members considered a request received for improved dog fouling signage in the Packers Way area, particularly on the footpaths.

Action: Clerk to contact Chris Rowlands, SSDC, about the possibility of obtaining signage.

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Cllr White queried the current status of the double yellow lines which required repainting outside the chapel. Cllr Best agreed to make enquiries and it was agreed to add this to the agenda for the March meeting.

18/024. Amenities

a. To resolve to adopt the telephone kiosk at Packers Way/Silver Street

The Clerk reported that after making enquiries with BT Payphones, it had transpired that the kiosk was listed for removal later that year. BT would only 'delist' it on receipt of a signed contract for adoption and payment of £1.

The adoption of the kiosk potentially to house a defibrillator in the future was proposed by Cllr Gillard.

Proposed: Cllr P Gillard

Seconded: Cllr G White

RESOLVED

Action: Clerk to send signed contract to BT.

b. To consider a request for a memorial plaque on a bench in Misterton Cemetery

Parish Councillors approved a request from Mr C Restorick to place a plaque on a bench he recently refurbished in the cemetery.

18/025. Items for the next meeting

To be advised to the Clerk in advance of agenda publication. To include:

- Possible Post Office van weekly visits to Misterton
- Double yellow lines in Middle Street

The resignation of Cllr Newbery was noted and the Chair thanked her for her many years' service on the Parish Council. The Clerk would advertise the vacancy.

18/026. Date and location of next meeting

The next meeting was confirmed for Tuesday 20th March, 6.30pm, WI Hall

Dates for 2018 meetings were confirmed as:

17th April

15th May

19th June

17th July

No meeting in August

18th September

16th October

20th November

11th December

The meeting finished at 7.30pm.