

The joint Parish Council for East and West Orchard with Margaret Marsh

Draft Minutes for the 146th meeting held on Tuesday 22nd August 2017 at Manston Village Hall.

Present:- Cllr T Craven (Chairman), Cllr Mrs L Stranger, Cllr Mrs V Stokes and Cllr M Bone.

In attendance: P Knott (Clerk), County Cllr Graham Carr-Jones, District Cllr Mrs J Westbrook, Cllr T Vaughan (Chairman Marnhull Parish Council) and one member of the public.

Apologies: Cllr Dawe- Lane.

83. Declaration of Interests: -

Cllr Bone Minute no 87a - 2/2017/ 0907-Convert derelict farm storage building into 1 No. holiday accommodation and form 2 No. parking spaces. Agricultural Building, Great House Farm East Orchard.

Cllr Mrs Stranger Minute no 87b- 2/ 2017/ 1067-Erect Front Porch 8 High Street West Orchard

84. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th May 2017

Cllr Mrs Stokes proposed “**that the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th May 2017 should be approved as a correct record of that meeting**”. Cllr Mrs Stranger seconded and the vote was unanimous.

85. Matters arising from the 145th Minutes

- a. Telephone Call Box West Orchard-

Preparatory work has started on the call box but no further progress with painting. Clerk to obtain quotations.

- b. Notice board East Orchard-

Insurance provider has agreed to meet the cost for the replacement notice board, without lettering, at **£775-00p gross**. No mention of the excess amount of **£100-00p** by the insurers

Cllr Bone proposed “**that the Clerk should place an order for the supply of a notice board, as per the agreed specification provided by the supplier**”. Cllr Mrs Stranger seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The delivery address will be Higher Keyford Farm. Arrangements for erection to be made following delivery

NB – Notification received after the meeting that the £100-00p excess will apply.

c. Telephone Call Box Orchard

Cllr Bone proposed “**that an application should be made to British Telecom, to formally adopt the call box at Bleax Corner East Orchard**” Cllr Mrs Stokes seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Possible future uses for the call box to be considered after completion of the adoption process.

86. To receive the following reports

a. County Cllr Graham Carr-Jones

Cllr Carr-Jones informed the meeting, that a decision from the government on the reorganisation of local government in Dorset is still awaited. Delay due to the General Election. The Local Government Minister has visited Dorset and a decision is expected by Mid-September.

b. District Cllr Mrs Jane Westbrook

Cllr Mrs Westbrook referred to the drop in the land supply to 3.4 years and the reasons for failing to meet the government target of 5 years. Explaining to the meeting why the reasons for this are outside the control of the NDDC planning department and the possible consequences, with regards to planning applications from developers, for development on residential land, not identified for development in the District Councils development plan.

87. Planning Matters

- a. 2/2017/0907-Convert derelict farm storage building into 1 No. holiday accommodation and form 2 No parking spaces. Agricultural Building, Great House Farm East Orchard. No Objections
- b. 2/2017/1067- 8. High Street West Orchard. Erect Front Porch. No objections

88. Highways

a. Gateway Signs East Orchard

Cllr Craven presented the following report-

A report has been received from a local resident indicating that action needs to be taken to identify ways to reduce the speed of motor vehicles along Village Road East Orchard. Consideration should be given to any options outlined below or any other options considered by Councillors that help to reduce speed Consideration should be given to whether a traffic survey should be carried out along Village Road. The speed limit is 60mph aims this stretch of road.

Options

1. Traffic Survey: *There is a proposal that to identify whether there is a need to erect signage or create traffic calming measures) that a formal DCC traffic survey should be conducted.*

Advantages:

This course of action gives us real data and identifies speed, direction, time of event, volume of traffic, without this evidence we only have anecdotal evidence of speeding. This will not only help to identify accurate data but will produce historical data for the future.

Disadvantage

There is a cost element to this proposal; it is expected for the traffic survey the costs will be in the region of £250.00.

Proposal is whether we have a survey carried out before any other works are carried out.

2. Sign Posting: *There is a proposal that signage, similar to that currently at Manston, be adopted. The signage would be made of a plastic construction, signed with Slow Please or similar wording to be decided, with the locations to be mutually agreed between Dorset Highways and the PCC.*

Advantages

Signposting helps motorists to adjust their driving habits and is a good first step traffic calming measure. It is not proposed to reduce the speed limit as the criteria for a reduction have not yet been met.

Disadvantage

- a. The cost of the erection, ground works, signage and supporting posts is estimated to be*
- b. The erection of these signs may not produce the reduction of speed required or change driver habits*

3. Physical Traffic Calming: *It may be thought that physical traffic calming ie 'speed humps'.*

Advantages:

There is some evidence to suggest that speed humps do slow down some traffic

Disadvantages;

- a. Not suitable for 60mph roads.*
- b. There is evidence that speeding between humps still continues which is frequently more dangerous than not having them.*
- c. It is believed that the costs for speed humps cannot be justified.*

4. Speed Reduction signs: *The criteria for sign restriction signs, ie to reduce the speed limit from 60mph to 40 or 30 mph are contained in the Minutes of the PCC Meeting no 143 held on 15th November 2016.*

Advantages;

Most motorists obey speed limits to a degree, so this would be an option if the Highways Traffic criteria were to be met.

Disadvantage;

For the speed limit to be effective, the road would have to be policed. This is unlikely to be funded or resourced, either through Speed cameras or by volunteers.

5. Household Signage: *Advise householders who are at risk of dangerous/speeding vehicles, to self-help by erecting their own signs near driveway entrances such as 'Slow Concealed Entrance'*

Advantages; May help motorists to identify areas where they should drive more considerately.

Disadvantages: Too many signs can detract from road conditions

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. I recommend that a traffic survey is carried out, to identify what is exactly happening along Village Road. Without this data we will never know what motorists are doing along this stretch of road. It also gives historic data for the future, regardless when the data is collected. Preferably it might be better surveyed during school periods to gain maximum standard daytime activity.

2. Regardless of the data outlined above, have signage erected to the specifications identified at Manston.

3. Advise householders to fund their own signs if they wish to identify concealed entrances.

Following a discussion of the various options listed in the report, Cllr Mrs Stokes proposed “**that a traffic survey should be carried out by Dorset County Council’s Traffic Management Team, at an estimated cost of 250-00p.**” Cllr Craven seconded. Two members voted in favour and two against. The proposal was **carried** on the casting vote of the Chairman.

The Chairman confirmed that he will seek clarification from DCC Highways, regarding the quotation for **£1,075-39p** for the supply of each gateway, supply of the signage and erection of each gateway. A quotation from the supplier of each gateway direct to the Parish Council is for **£389-34p**.

NB - Consideration of the erection of gateway signs at East Orchard will be an agenda item for the November meeting of the Parish Council.

- b. Letter from Cllr Trevor Vaughan, Chairman of Marnhull PC- A copy of the following letter was issued to members with the agenda for the meeting.

You may recall I wrote during the latter part of last year proposing a united front to problems we all have in our Parishes. Having had both local and general elections plus the reorganisation of Councils in Dorset I think it time to resurrect the proposal of banding together in an attempt to get Dorset County Council to listen to us.

Further, in anticipation of Future Dorset unitary governance, all of the local government processes will be looked at, so now is the time to question their lack of interest, or lack of policy, or lack of funding, in terms of controlling speed through our beautiful villages.

I propose that we band together and highlight the problems we each have in our respective Parishes. To help in this venture Marnhull Parish Council has received such a request from a Parishioner asking for a 40mph speed limit be extended from the built up area of Marnhull along the B3092 through Gannetts a stretch of road measuring 6/10ths of a mile and we would like to look at making our main street Burton Road into a 25mph limit.

We have found the local Police very helpful, and officers have carried out speed checks for us on a number of occasions, stopping offenders for warnings or tickets as appropriate.

I am aware that several years ago Todber Parish Council made a formal request to DCC for a 40mph speed limit along the B3092 as it passes through the Village. About two or three years ago the request reached the top of DCC's list for consideration, and was refused, as it did not meet the required criteria.

Somerset have put in place very effective controls in Templecombe, Henstridge and no doubt other villages, so why does Dorset refuse to even consider speeding restrictions in villages? I am asking for each Parish Council to forward to me what they would like to happen within their village in connection with speed constraints I will add it to the letter send it round for final comment and then send it in.

“Cllr Vaughan stated “Similar problems are discussed at our individual Parish Council meetings, various inconsistent responses are received from officers at our District and County Councils, and nothing actually happens. Problems identified at parish level are increasing year on year. I am proposing that a group of neighbouring Parish Councils work alongside Marnhul, to lobby both District and County Councils, pursuing a joint approach with similar problems that exist in our parishes”.

The Chairman confirmed that he will consult with ward members, to identify, and list, problems within the three parishes, and then liaise with Cllr Vaughan.

NB- A report, on progress with this initiative, will be an agenda item for the November meeting.

89. To review the Parish Council’s Standing Orders and Financial Regulations (Current Parish Council Standing Orders and Financial Regulations are available to view on the PC Web Site)

Cllr Bone proposed “**that the Parish Council’s current Standing Orders and Financial Regulations should remain in place**” Cllr Mrs Stranger seconded and the vote was unanimous.

90. Finance

- a. Internal Auditors report for FY 2016-2017-No matters of concern raised by the internal auditor.
- b. Review of the effectiveness of the internal audit.

The Clerk confirmed that the independent internal auditor, employed by the Parish Council to carry out the quarterly internal audit, has an audit certificate. Having looked at the way the internal audit is carried out, and the procedures currently in place, he was satisfied that the system of internal audit is effective and meets the standards required. Looking through the list he could not identify any areas of concern. It would appear that everything is being done to meet the required standards. The internal auditor’s report is comprehensive and clearly set out

Cllr Bone proposed “**that the Risk Assessments for the Internal Audit and Internal Auditor should be received and adopted**”. Cllr Mrs Stokes seconded and the vote was unanimous.

- c. Payments
 - (i). Internal Auditor@**£100-00p**
 - (ii). Clerks net Salary Feb –August 2014@**£239.36p**
 - (iii). Clerks PAYE Feb – August 2014@**£59.84p**
 - (iv). Clerks Expenses Feb – August 2014@**£65.88p**
 - (v). Manston Hall Hire@**£14-00p**
 - (vi). Visionict. Annual fee for web site hosting@**£150-00p**

Cllr Mrs Stranger proposed “**that cheques to the gross value of £629.08p should be approved for payment**” Cllr Bone seconded and the vote was unanimous.

91. Matters Pertinent- No matters raised

Closure: The meeting closed at 8.44pm

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 21st November 2017

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____