

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1st September 2021 at 7.30 pm at Marystowe Church Hall.

Present :M Ambrose (MA) Chairman, R Tucker (MA), S Seamons (MA) G Vanstone (MA), J Holland (D), A Westcott (C) (Acting Clerk), R Brewer (C), J Barkwill (C)

Councillor N Jory (Milton Ford), C Edmonds (WDBC) Plus One Member of the Public.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30 pm.

The minutes of the meeting were taken by Amanda Westcott in the absence of the Clerk.

037:21/22 Declarations of Interest.

None.

038:21/22 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 7th July.

These were agreed as a true and correct record.

039:21/22 Allotment Association.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow Craig Gardiner to speak.

Craig showed the Councillors a copy of emails that have been going between himself and Rob Sekula Senior Specialist - Natural Resources and Green Infrastructure at West Devon. Craig is still waiting on information regarding the need for the soil testing. Councillor Jory had been speaking to Environmental Health but they are currently running behind in their workload. It was agreed Councillor Jory would chase the team up

Standing Orders were then reinstated.

040:21/22. Clerks Report

Councillor Westcott gave an update on the Clerk. She apologised for the Council documents not being in the usual format. There had been a few issues with the Banking but these were hopefully being resolved very soon.

041:21/22. Planning

An application had been received but could not be considered at the meeting as it was too late to be put on the Agenda. A short discussion about Planning Meetings then followed.

It was confirmed by Councillor Edmonds that all Planning Meetings had to be held in person and could not be on zoom now that Covid restrictions had all been removed. It was resolved to arrange the next Planning Meeting to be held on Wednesday 15th September at 7.30 pm at Marystowe Hall.

042:21/22 Mackplan Update.

Councillor Vanstone provided an update on the current progress following their meeting 1st September 2021.

At the last meeting we reported that we were preparing the Regulation 15 Plan. This was the stage when it went to WDBC for their official review. This stage was completed, some changes were made and we then prepared the documents for the Regulation 16 consultation.

Regulation 16 is the public and statutory body consultation which is supervised by WDBC. All responses go directly to West Devon and not to the Mackplan team. The consultation started on the 16 th August and continues until the 27 th September.

Following completion of Regulation 16 and any further changes to the Plan that may result we then have two final stages, a review by an external inspector and then the public referendum.

Since we are nearing the end and assuming the Mackplan is approved we now would like to discuss with the Parish Council how we transition to the Council supervising the implementation of the Plan. So we would like to propose that at the November meeting that we have an Agenda item called Transitioning Mackplan which is separate from the usual Mackplan Report.

Councillor Brewer asked what format the Public Referendum would take. Councillor Vanstone said it would be like an election with Polling stations. West Devon would be responsible for holding the Referendum.

043:21/22 Devon Communities Together Emergency plan.

Councillor Seamons gave a report on the plan. It would be tailored to our area and cover emergencies that were likely to occur in the different villages that the plan would cover. It was proposed by Councillor Ambrose and seconded by Councillors that Councillor Seamons be the lead on this project.

Councillor Brewer mentioned that a similar exercise had been carried out about twenty years ago. It was resolved to see if we could locate copies of the Plans that were completed at that time. It was felt that these documents could be held with other Parish Records. Councillor Jory offered to investigate where these were held.

044:21/22. Allotment Association.

Following the suggestion that the Council could lease the land from West Devon for the allotments. Councillor Brewer questioned the legality of this. Councillor Vanstone asked if there was a precedent for this and if any funding was available from Devon County Council or West Devon.

045:21/22. Milton Abbot Road Safety Update.

Councillors Tucker and Ambrose reported that the speedwatch team have been out taking readings in the Village. Councillor Edmonds reported that following a pilot in Newton Abbot the Police Commissioner Alison Hernandez has managed to secure funding to increase resources for identifying speeding vehicles.

046:21/22. Banking Mandate.

Following difficulties with the Online Banking system. The Council has had to resort to writing cheques for the moment. It was resolved to make Councillor Tucker an online signatory and the Clerk to be given view only access. Councillor Vanstone is also to be added as a signatory with full access.

047:21/22. Councillors report and items for future Agenda.

Mackplan Transitioning
Emergency Plan.
Marystowe Hall hire.
Mr McMahon - Planning in Chillaton

048:21/22 Temporary Clerk.

Councillor Brewer wished a vote of thanks to be recorded for Councillor Westcott stepping in and covering the Clerk duties.

049:21/22. Next Meeting.

To be held on Wednesday 3rd November at Milton Abbot Hall at 7.30 pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.00 pm.

Signed:.....(Chairman)

Date:.....