**Fontmell Magna Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on**

**Tuesday 16th May at 6.30pm, in the Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs A Davis (Chair AD) Hannah Lister (HL) L Scott Walby (LSW) C Scott (CS) & A Main (AM)

**In Attendance:** Dorset Cllr Jane Somper and circa 26 members of the public.

**1. Welcome & apologies:** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Chairman announced the sad news that Howard Horstead died on Friday 12th May; the PC have done a card for the family. Apologies from L Kurton and S Highnam.

**2. Co-opt new PC Councillor and election of Chairman and Vice Chairmen 2023 - 2024:** Chairman Andrew Davis resigned as Chair and from the PC. Laura Kurton was voted the Chairman (Proposer Hannah Lister, seconder Andy Main) and councillors Hannah Lister (P – AM 2-CS), Andrew Main (P – HL - 2 CS), Laura Scott-Walby (P – HL 2 AM) and Christine Scott (P – HL 2 AM) re-elected.

**3. Assignment of Councillor responsibilities:** Planning – L Scott-Walby; Highways – H Lister; Community Reach – H Lister; Parish Communications – L Kurton; Social Infrastructure – C Scott; Footpaths – Andy Main

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**4. Reports from Parish Clubs, Societies and Groups:**

Reports read from the following clubs:

Fontmell Society – Dick Stainer (copy of report included with minutes)

Village Hall – Rosie-Anne Yates (copy of report included with minutes)

Friendship Garden – Sian Highnam (read in her absence by the Chair, copy of report included with minutes)

Speed Watch – Peter Mole (copy of report included with minutes)

Gossip Tree – Barbara Humphreys

Archive Society – Roger Hillman

Moviola – Andy Main – announced that Moviola has sadly closed and remaining funds were distributed between the new defibrillator, church and archive society.

**5. Public Open Forum**: no questions from the public.

**6. Parish Council Annual Report 2022 – 2023:** Thank you to Mike Humphreys for producing the report, public told it can be found on the website.

**7. Report from Dorset Ward Councillor:**  Jane Somper read her report

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**8 Declarations of Interest:** none declared

**9 Approve minutes of last meeting:** minutes were approved by council (Proposed by Chair seconded by Andy Main). However, since approving the minutes an item has been brought to our attention that was missed off the minutes of Aprils meeting so we would like to take the opportunity to amend this. The PC received £3000 from FMPAST and this was used to purchase the bench and picnic table at Middle Mill in memory of Gary Payne. We would like to thank everyone for their generous contributions.

**10 Consider any matters arising from the April minutes (not covered by this agenda)**

**10.1 Update on School Drop off Usage (H Lister):** Explained there had been a slight upset due to miscommunication when Pennyfarthing put up a sign indicating the new drop off area without consulting with the School. Pennyfarthing were contacted and understanding the situation agreed to cover up the sign. Pennyfarthing has indicated that the area should be finished by June/July but suggested they close it off until September when the new school year starts to give the school time. School have had this timeframe put to them and we are waiting to hear of any further issues/questions they may have.

**10.2 Memorial Garden Grass Cutting Contract (A Main):** Quote from Landworx will be provided at next PC meeting

**10.3 New defibrillator – confirmation of funding (C Scott):** £380 has been raised towards the cost of the new defibrillator - £100 donation from Rob and Becky, £100 donation from Moviola, £180 raised from the raffle at the Kings Coronation Party

**10.4 Planning for defibrillator training** (C Scott) **–** Request for more people to sign up for the defibrillator training. 2-hour training course which covers - How to do CPR; How to use the defibrillator; Recovery position and handing over to paramedics. Up to 50 can join, please sign up by emailing [fmpc.cscott@gmail.com](mailto:fmpc.cscott@gmail.com)

**10.5 Start-Up on new VETS emergency response system (C Scott)** – request for more people to sign up for this and provide their number

**10.6 Completion date for new footpath from School drop off area (A Main) -** Dorset Council has advised it should be completed in about 6 weeks.

**11 Report from Clerk (Chair)**

**11.1 Finance update & resolve to pay bills presented (H Lister)** – all bills are paid up to date and bank balance for May after all outgoings is **£10648.17.** Copy of outgoings attached to minutes

**11.2 Year end Accounts and plan for audit (H Lister):** audit has been completed and approved. LSW Proposed to accept accounts AM seconded.

**11.3 Approval of the PC Annual Return 2022 – 2023:** To discuss at next meeting

**12 Planning:**

LSW read the NPMG terms of reference and confirmed that this would be continued in the future. Parishioners can put their views to Councillors in or outside PC meetings. Question from the public about whether records would be kept in the event a member of the PC heard reasons of objection or approval from members of the public in relation to developments. The PC confirmed records would be kept. Two Parish Councillors would be present when speaking to Developers, not members of the NPMG, records will be kept, and this is not a change to current policy. A second question asked how people would be selected for their views – this is not a selection process and views will only be heard in cases where residents actively contact the PC to relay their views.

**12.2 Planning applications received** - Since the last meeting the Parish Council has received 3 new planning applications. Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Groups (NPMG) reports on each of these applications can be found on the parish website.

**P/PAAC/2023/00853 – St Andrews Farm Barns (L Scott-Walby)** – A discussion was held on the location and potential impact of the proposal. There were three main objections that are referred to in the NPMG report (see website). LSW proposed to Object to the Application, Andy Main seconded, Proposal carried.

**P/FUL/2023/02472 - Margarets Yard (L Scott-Walby)** - The Applicant has taken on board the NPMG comments and the revisions in the new Applications largely address these. Any outstanding matters were regarded as minor. LSW proposed to Support, HL seconded. Proposal carried.

**Spring Meadows Development Update (L Scott-Walby)** – Wessex Water’s application to close West Street to route the sewer though Blandfords Farm has been opposed by Highways pending further details .

**Possible Blandfords Farm Development** A short explanation regarding the issues was given, including the implications of the various access point options with reference to the Neighbourhood Plan, settlement boundary and housing completions.

**13 Neighbourhood Plan Review Group –** update from the chair of the review group Rosie-Anne (see attached report) explained that the review group had been working hard to update the plan.

**14 Highways**

**14.1 Update on 20 mph speed limit application –** Peter Mole confirmed the application had sadly been rejected by Dorset Council. Campaign was ongoing and further meetings would take place to continue to fight our case. 20% of traffic is now exceeding the speed limit by at least 5mph

**15 Community Reach**

**15.1 PC Membership to DAPTA Committee –** membership was confirmed but H Lister was unsure if she would be able to make the meeting in June.

**16 Communications –** Laura Kurton was absent so update will be provided at the next meeting.

**17 Governance**

**17.1 Update on recruitment of new clerk –** we are still actively seeking a new clerk and there is a candidate who has applied. Hopefully there will be a further update at the meeting in June.

**Dated: 21st May Hannah Lister –** taking the meeting in the absence of Laura Kurton

**Date of Next Meeting:** 20th June 2023

