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MINUTES **Parish Council Meeting**

**A meeting of Fontmell Magna Parish Council held at the Village Hall,
Fontmell Magna on Tuesday 17 September 2024 at 6.30pm**

1. Apologies: Cllr Laura Kurton, Cllr Jane Somper

In attendance: Cllr Hannah Lister (Chair), Cllr J Roberts-Davies, Cllr Steve Drew, Cllr Jeremy Long, Cllr Christine Scott, Katie Cooper (Parish Clerk).

Also in attendance approximately 24 members of the public

Welcome: Cllr Lister welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Declarations of interest: No declarations

3. Concerns from members of the public attending:

a; **Has the surgery been sold?** Councillors will find out

b; **Planning application from Marshmoor – two neighbours had no knowledge – no signs** – Cllr Drew acknowledged this as an issue and has said that this has been raised with Dorset Council but so far there has been no response. There appears to be no monitoring of signage. Cllr Drew will be raising this with County Councillor Somper. Cllr Lister has asked all parishioners to raise this as an issue as soon as they are aware so that the Parish Council can take it forward.

c. **Posting of planning applications on noticeboards:** Parishioner asked if all planning applications could be posted on the noticeboards. Cllr Lister explained that this was unworkable because if one was missed and people were reliant on them then there could be problems. Also the noticeboards are not big enough to put this information on. Manpower in order to facilitate this is not available.

4. Minutes of previous meetings held on 30 July 2024: Unanimously agreed by all Councillors and signed by the Chair as true and accurate records.

5. Matters arising from previous minutes – as per sections below

6. Reports

6.1 Report from Jane Somper: Cllr Somper not present at the meeting

6.2 Police Report – nothing to report

7. Planning

7.1 Neighbourhood Plan Update:



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Dick Stainer gave an update on the Neighbourhood Plan Review. He said that this was progressing as expected but that it was time to pass this on to an examiner. The names of 3 examiners had been given but after careful consideration, and advice from Jo Witherden, the Neighbourhood Plan Consultant, Dick Stainer has suggested that Andrew Mead would be the best choice.

Cllr Lister proposed that Andrew Mead should be appointed. This was seconded by Jeremy Long and all councillors were in agreement.

Action: The Clerk is to confirm this with Philip Reese from the council. (subsequently done 18.9.24)

7.3 Planning: See report from Cllr Drew on website for more detailed information

3 applications have been carried forward since the last meeting. Two have been approved. One remains which is Blandford's Farm which is still under consideration.

6 new applications since the last meeting:

- **6 Bleax Close, Hartgrove: Proposed to approve**

Proposer: Cllr Lister

Seconded: Cllr Long

Unanimous approval for this application

- **38 South Street: Proposed to approve**

Proposer: Cllr Lister

Seconded: Cllr Long

Unanimous approval for this application

- **3 Shaftesbury View Gupples Lane Hartgrove: Proposed to approve**

Proposer: Cllr Lister

Seconded: Cllr Long

Unanimous approval for this application

- **The Old Chapel Parsons Lane Hartgrove**

Not our parish

- **Land East of Orchard Corner Parsons Lane Hartgrove: Proposed to approve**

Sits on border with neighbouring parish.

Proposer: Cllr Lister



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Seconded: Cllr Long

Unanimous approval for this application

- **Barn south of Marshmoor Lodge West Street: Proposed to reject**

Several objections – see full report

Proposer: Cllr Lister

Seconded: Cllr Long

Application unanimously not approved by the Parish Council

8. **Finance** – Parish Clerk outlined the current financial position – see report

9. Council Matters

9.1 Defibrillator update:

Cllr Scott asked for a show of hands regarding the positioning of the defibrillator which is currently unusable in the phone box as there is no power supply. A few members of those attending agreed that the Village Hall would be a good site to put it with no issues regarding electricity.

In the meantime, SSE are providing us with a quote to reinstate the power supply to the phone box – to be considered further when extra information is available. Locations of defibrillators should be publicised.

9.2 Email addresses: to be considered further. Gov.uk addresses currently causing problems.

9.3 Resignation of Cllr Roberts-Davies: Cllr Lister thanked Cllr Roberts-Davies for all his hard work and efforts over the time that he has been a councillor. Cllr Roberts explained that he would remain on the Road Safety Group (RSG)

Report from Cllr Roberts-Davies:

Challenges are ongoing;

South Street 40mph sign is being moved to stop people speeding up too soon

Cllr Somper has requested for a temporary 20MPH limit throughout the village whilst the work is ongoing at Dinah's Hollow. The RSG will continue to push for this to be a permanent thing. Cllr Roberts-Davies explained that companies that provide expert reports are being spoken to. The Village needs a credible application with as much supporting information as possible. The RSG will be putting this together to include political pressure as well as expert analysis.

9.4 Co-opting of Tony Bailey on to the Parish Council.



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Tony was proposed by Cllr Lister and seconded by Cllr Scott. This was unanimously agreed and Cllr Bailey was welcomed. Clerk to be in touch with Cllr Bailey with further information.

9.5 Allotments at Bedchester: Cllr Lister put forward the proposal that perhaps the Parish Council could take over the running of the allotments at Bedchester. Historically this was turned down by previous Parish Councils due to issues with water and power to the site. There was some discussion over this and this will be discussed again at the next meeting when further information about number and availability of plots is available.

9.6 Unused land at Bedchester: not discussed

9.7 War Memorial refurbishment: this has been paid for by David Fangen to ensure that the memorial is looking good for Remembrance Day, but it was proposed that the Parish Council should reimburse him the sum of £300. **Proposed by Cllr Lister, Seconded by Cllr Long and approved by the parish council.**

9.8 Colliers Brook: Concerns over pollution and erosion – this requires further investigation with some testing etc. Cllr Scott will arrange this. Also concerns over the wall coming down. Parishioners expressed concern over this along with its impact on the highway and Cllr Lister has asked for proposals and costings to be provided and available for discussion at the next meeting.

9.9 New councillors: One more spot remaining on the Parish Council. If anyone is interested or knows of anyone who might be interested, please get in touch with any councillor or the clerk.

9.10 Adobe for Cllr Drew: Cllr Drew explained that a more sophisticated version of Adobe would make it easier to annotate drawings etc. Cost is less than £150 per annum. Proposed by Cllr Drew for Parish Council to pay for this, seconded by Cllr Lister, all in agreement.

9.11 Track across the field from Spring Meadow: Cllr Lister read a letter from Mr Christopher regarding this and the reason for this. Cllr Lister has asked for concerns regarding this including mud on the roads to be communicated with her. She will be writing to Mr Christopher in response to his letter. (full letter available to view on website).

9.12 Footpaths update from Gill Darwall; Gill Darwall was not at the meeting but had sent her report to Cllr Lister. She has been working hard and has been improving signage. There are a couple of dangerous styles still and she has asked that parishioners let her know of any problems that they are aware of.

Other Issues:

A parishioner mentioned loose stones falling out of a wall on Church Pavement. Clerk to make Dorset Council aware.



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Cllr Scott said that the landscaping of Spring Meadows is now with a management group – nearly all the trees are dead – will be replaced in the autumn and will need watering in the spring.

Cllr Lister said she will be attending a meeting at Compton Abbas which local parishes are asked to attend. She has asked for parishioners to raise any concerns with her before this meeting and by the 7 October 2024.

9 Date of next meeting: 12 November 2024 6.30pm

Meeting closed at 1945

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