**MINUTES**

**of the Fontmell Magna Parish Council Meeting held on**

**Tuesday 15 April 2025 at 6.30pm**

**Fontmell Magna Village Hall**

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| **1** | **Apologies for absence** Jeremy Long, Laura Kurton, Katie Cooper (Clerk) | **Cllr Lister** |
| **2** | **Declarations of interest and dispensations**None to declare | **Cllr Lister** |
| **3** | **Introduction**Cllr Lister explained that an EGM had been called as there was a potential opportunity to purchase the surgery car park for the Village Hall but it would require the S106 funds currently assigned to refurbish the toilets to be reallocated to purchase the car park. | **Cllr Lister** |
| **4** | **Explanation of the situation**Rosie-Ann, explained that this opportunity had arisen because a member of the public was interested in purchasing the old surgery but did not want the car park and was willing to allow the Village Hall to purchase it. RA explained that the cost of purchasing the car park was circa £30k. RA and the potential buyer would approach the surgery prior to the auction but if a sale could not be agreed RA and potential buyer would attend the auction. | **Cllr Lister / Rosie-Anne Yates** |
| 5 | **Questions and comments from the public*** Positive comments from members of the public in attendance
* Public was asked to vote and everyone in the audience voted in favour of
* reallocating the S106 money and trying to purchase the car park
* A letter was read out from a member of the public asking:
1. Have 3 quotes been obtained?
2. Has a cost benefit analysis been carried out?
3. Questioned whether using S106 money to purchase the car park was in
4. line with the S106 guidelines as to how the money should be used which is to fund infrastructure and community improvements necessitated by new developments, including things like open spaces, recreation facilities, education, and affordable housing
5. Whether farm land behind the village hall could be purchased at a fraction of the cost and used as a car park

Rosie-Anne confirmed that1. 2 verbal quotes had been obtained and both had valued the car park at

£50k or more1. The Hall is a charity so no cost benefit analysis can be done because it does not make money, it is self funding and reliant on bookings largely from outside the village which means parking is needed
2. The parking is also used by local walkers
3. The land behind the hall has no access, would need drainage and tarmac

putting down and all this would cost more than the purchase price being considered | Public |
| 6 | PC Vote on the allocation of S106 fundsThe PC voted unanimously to allow the S106 funds to reallocated to purchase the Car Park | PC |
| 7 | Date of next meeting:  **Tuesday May 20 2025 – 6.30pm Village Hall** |  |

All members of the Council are requested to attend for the purpose of considering and resolving upon the business to be transacted at the meeting as set out hereunder and are reminded that the council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability), Crime and Disorder,

*by* Health and Safety and Human Rights.