

## **Milton Lilbourne - Parish Meeting Minutes:**

**Venue: Teleconference (due to the Coronavirus pandemic)**

**Date: Wednesday 20th May 2020**

**Time: 7.00pm**

### **Present:**

Cllr Paul Oatway QPM (Chairman), Sarah Spanswick (Clerk), Cllr David Fall, Cllr Jamie Cayzer-Colvin, Cllr Anthony Wells, Cllr Ann Maconie, Cllr Liz Minnear, Mr Giles Clayden, Cllr Ray Edwards

### **Apologies:**

None

### **Parishioners in attendance:**

None

### **Parishioners Questions:**

None

### **Chairman: - Approval of minutes from last meeting:**

The Chairman confirmed that the actions required following the previous meeting had been met.

The minutes were proposed as a true and accurate record of the last meeting by Cllr. Anthony Wells. This was seconded by Cllr. Liz Minnear. All councillors then voted in support of the motion.

### **Declarations of Interest:**

Declared by Cllr Anthony Wells:-

- Footpath and hedgerow cutting
- Supplying wine for the PC AGM

### **Coronavirus Update and other business:**

#### Wiltshire Police

- Cllr. Oatway advised that Wiltshire Police continue to carry on Business as Usual.
- Arrest rates have been on par with that of last year with no under/over arresting taking place. Covid 19 fines are being issued only as a last resort
- Criminal Justice cases are down c.40% with many being bailed out or released under investigation.
- Crown and Magistrate Courts are not currently working but expect to be re-opened the latter part of June. There are currently around 40k trials building up and it could take up to 2 years to get these through the system.

#### Wiltshire Council

- Currently looking into adopting cycle and pedestrian ways throughout the county. Engineers are looking at areas where they could work. It is unlikely there will be any near us due to the limited area available for such routes.
- Our local PCCA is currently providing hot meals to those in Pewsey who are self isolating. They are currently financially stable with continual and regular substantial funding streams coming in with about £9k in reserve.

#### Other Matters raised

- Cllr Cayzer-Colvin advised that the Salisbury District Hospital Stars Appeal have launched a campaign to help get people in local businesses back to work and have sources 20,000 masks which will be distributed out of Salisbury. If anyone knows of any small enterprises in need of help to get their business back up and running, please let us know.

## **Planning Committee Report**

Cllr Ann Maconie advised that there were no new applications since the last meeting.

- Fern Cottage is an on going consideration. The Planning Sub Committee were due to visit the property on Monday 18th May but it was cancelled as the owners are in the process of re-submitting drawings.
- Cllr Maconie has contacted Lucy Rutter, the case officer at Wiltshire Council to make sure that if new plans are to be submitted, the date for MLPC response to be made will be extended from the 4th June (the current date)

## **Urgent Business**

- There is a growing concern about peoples mental welfare. Wiltshire Council are currently looking at ways in which these issues can be addressed as it has been identified as a growing problem.
- There has been mayhem caused by Travellers settling in the area firstly in Lockeridge and others at Marlborough Football Club (c. 10 caravans and vehicles). The Police and Fire Brigade has been called following several confrontations and bonfires lit. An eviction notice has been service at the Football Club site giving them 48 hours to leave

As such we all need to be super vigilant as there have been incidences of theft from residents and garden sheds since their arrival in Marlborough and they will likely be looking for land to move to and descend on.

**Action - PO to contact Peter Miles as the Recreation Ground may be vulnerable**

## **Any Other Business:**

- Cllr Fall advised that the WW1 Copper Beech trees are all in good conditions although are very dry. Cllr Wells agreed to take a vehicle with bowser to the strip of land to water the trees.
- Cllr Maconie asked about the trees that had been mentioned in the past to be planted around the boundary of the Scrap Yard. We were reminded that this was a personal donation from one of ML residents and was not a matter for the Parish Council to get involved in.
- Cllr Clayden asked when New Mill was likely to receive their Heritage Sign Post. Cllr Oatway confirmed that the first Signpost for Littleworth has been ordered and installation will take place as soon as legislation allows.
- Cllr Clayden also raised concern about the water on the road outside of Willow Thatch in New Mill and wondered whether it was a problem with a burst main pipe or if it might be a natural spring. The matter was discussed and it was thought it was a spring as there was a pipe taking water to the gully on the other side of the road and the water table is still very high and should drop once the ground dries up. The matter needs to be investigated just in case the pipe was blocked.

**Action - Clerk to find out when to expect delivery of the Littleworth Signpost**

**Action: Cllr Oatway to contact Wiltshire Council**

- Cllr Edwards advised that the batteries for the speed detection device have finally expired. A request for new batteries was made for £150/160 and agreed by Cllr Cayzer Colvin. Cllr Edwards mentioned that the speed on the B3087 had increased considerable with less traffic on the road
- Cllr Edwards also mentioned a large lorry which stopped on the B3087 which had come from Northampton to carry out tarmac works for Wiltshire Council on Dursden Lane. Cllr Oatway advised that the resurfacing of Dursden Lane had been on the job list for c. 6 years and had not only gone up and down their budgetary list but was in desperate need of repair.
- Cllr Clayden suggested traffic calming on the B3087 from the crossroads towards Burbage by way of a cycle lane perhaps and it was agreed to be a valid comment. This will be raised at the next Community Sub Committee meeting.
- Cllr Minnear advised that the grass hadn't been cut on the verge outside her house again and that the Drain Cover had been damaged. She has tried reporting this but the online link keeps dropping.

**Action: Cllr Edwards to order new batteries**

**Action: Cllr Oatway to report this to Wiltshire Council**

- Cllr Fall raised the matter of the road leading to Priory Cottage was in bad need of repair particularly as it was an official Highway and people live there.

**Action: Cllr Oatway to raise this with Wiltshire Council and put a bid in for repair**

Next Virtual Parish Council meeting will be held in same way - date to be agreed and determined by the response received by Wiltshire Council regarding the planning update on Fern Cottage.

Finally the Chairman thanked Cllr Cayzer-Colvin for hosting tonight's meeting again and everyone for the way in which they managed the meeting which concluded at 7.35pm

Minutes submitted by: Clerk, Sarah Spanswick

Minutes approved by: