

## MINAL PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Meeting Held on 11 July 2022 At 6.30pm in the Village Hall

#### Draft for approval on 12 September 2022

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| <b>1. Present:</b><br>John Bevan - Chairman<br>Brian Devonshire – Vice Chairman<br>Lucy Kirkpatrick<br>Adam Kebble<br>Anna Whitehead | <b>Apologies Accepted from:</b><br>Caroline Thomas, County<br>Councillor, Rob Bailey<br>Guy Gagen<br><br><b>In Attendance:</b><br>Sue Hine Clerk/RFO |
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**Declarations of Interest for Matters being discussed:** None

#### **2. Questions from Members of the Public**

None

#### **3. Minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2022**

The Clerk had sent out the minutes and these were approved.

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#### **5. St John's Flag**

John Bevan updated Councillors following an email that had previously been circulated. The PCC has been offered a St John's flag from Marlborough Town Council and is currently looking into the cost of erecting the flagpole. The PCC would like place it to the left of the entrance to the car park ie PC land and will advise us when they are ready to proceed.

#### **6. Horseshoe Pub**

Latest news is that the pub will reopen shortly for drinks and possibly for food in September. Councillors welcome this news as the pub is an integral part of the community.

#### **7. Playpark**

The Clerk has communicated with Simon Edwards who is late finishing his current job so expects to start the playpark in August. This will be difficult falling in the middle of the summer holidays but the Clerk is reluctant to delay the job later as SE would be likely to take on another job and contractors are so difficult to find. The Clerk will speak to SE about how long the job will take. BD asked if the Tesco Community Grant money had been received and the Clerk replied that it was administered by Ground works and it had not. The Clerk has been notified of a course on Wednesday 21 September for Councillors who are

inspecting children's play equipment and suggested that AK should attend. This was approved by Councillors. **Action: Clerk**

**8. Cat G Highways No HGV Sign for the top of Woodlands Road**

LK has agreement from Highways WCC via the Cat G Group to erect a No HGV sign at the top of Woodlands Road to direct traffic towards Greenways Road. This will alleviate the problems of lorries trying to come out of the bottom of Woodland's road which is narrow and a difficult turn onto the C6. Minal Parish Council will be meeting the full cost which is £200. Councillors approved this expenditure. The Clerk asked Lucy when the sign is likely to be erected so that the position can be very clear at the fork in the road. LK will find this out and ensure the position is very clear and that it will not be too close to the road where it might be damaged by farm vehicles. **Action: LK**

**9. Planning Applications**

Councillors noted that the School House has been renamed The Lodge and had no objection to the tree work required in the garden. There is still no date for the Poulton Mill planning application which will likely go to the Eastern Area Planning Committee. Subsequent to the meeting the appeal to Planning Inspectorate regarding the Refusal of planning for retrospective fitting of windows to the barn has been received. **Action: Clerk and JB**

**10. Area Board Update**

BD reported that the new area board was run by Councillors Thomas and Davies and that Andrew Jack was still involved. The remit and budget have changed with footpaths being moved to Cat G. It is likely that there will be fewer grants available. JB thanked BD for his work in obtaining grants to help the PC's work over recent years.

**11. Rights of Way – PC Approval of Mild 16 Modification Order Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981**

The lower part of Mild 16 together with Ramsbury 9B, 71 and 44 will be upgraded to allow for horses and bicycles but not motorised vehicles. Councillors approved this and the Clerk will advise WCC. The Clerk suggested that the top of Mild 16 required strimming and a branch being removed. Councillors approved adding this to Rob Copp's list. JB asked AK to thank John Whitehead for his work strimming the village paths. **Action: AK**

**12. Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer's reports**

The financial statement, Budget against Expenditure and the balances were verified by Anna Whitehead. The Clerk has sent the PC's Certificate of Exemption to the Auditors and arranged for the Notification of Public Rights for the period 8 June – 20 July 2022.

**13. Any Other Business**

None.

**14. Marlborough Area Neighbourhood Plan**

Councillor Melvyn Hall and Deirdre Watson arrived to discuss the referendum for the Neighbourhood Plan which will take place on Thursday 11 August. The

Clerk said that the referendum had been publicised in Minal News, the Minal Facebook page and the website. MH gave a brief summary of the points of the plan and the reason for the referendum. The Plan has been through all the regulatory stages and if approved will act as a legal document that Wiltshire Council have to consult when considering planning applications.

**Meeting closed at 8.10pm    Next meeting Monday 12 September at 6.30pm**