

Musbury Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 12th July 2021 at 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Cllr Colin Corbett (Chair)

Cllr Peter Perryman

Cllr P Smith

Mrs Jo Boyce (Clerk)

Cllr Matt Craker

Cllr Caroline Ellis (V-Chair)

County Councillor Ian Hall

7 Parishioners

Cllr Janet Albano

Cllr Gary Knight

District Councillor Iain Chubb

- 1 **APOLOGIES** – There were none. Cllr Corbett welcomed Cllr Knight to his first MPC meeting.
- 2 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING** held Tuesday 4th May 2021 were accepted as a true record and were duly signed by Cllr Colin Corbett.
- 3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** –
Cllr Smith declared an interest in the Planning Application for Doatshayne Lane (item 6.4) due to his close working relationship with the Johnsons

Cllr Knight declared an interest in the Allotment Rents (item 7.3) as he is a tenant of a plot.

Additional Item – Presentation from Mr Roland Hauke from Great Trill Farm

Mr Hauke introduced himself and told the meeting that conservation is key to everything that he wishes to do at Great Trill and is his passion.

There are two main elements to his vision: to create both new species rich grasslands and convert existing grasslands and to plant native woodlands.

There will be other smaller projects too and Mr Hauke is keen to educate the younger generations and will be welcoming small groups for field trips from local schools and interested groups.

4 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUSINESS and COMMUNITY ISSUES**

- 4.1 **Financial Regulations** – The Clerk asked Councillors for comments or amendments to the suggested additions and will update the FR accordingly. **ACTION**
- 4.2 **Spending Review** – The Clerk took the Council through the progress against the Budget for the first quarter. The chair noted that there was a significant amount of money in the account but that he recognised much of it was earmarked.

5 **ACCOUNTS**

- 5.1 **Transactions for July** – the following payments were proposed by Cllr Perryman and approved by Cllr Smith

Clerk Salary & Expenses (Jul)	264.16	G
Halcyon Landscapes (Jun)	94.80	G
P Rorstad – Noticeboard	170.00	G

- 5.2 **Recent Transactions and Balance** - The Clerk presented the April, May and June 2021 Treasurer's Statements. The accounts had been reviewed by the Chair and all Councillors prior to the meeting and reconciled with the corresponding bank statements and were duly proposed by Cllr Craker and approved by Cllr Perryman.

6 PLANNING MATTERS

Decisions Awaited

21/1352/CPE – Yew Tree House, Musbury, Axminster, EX13 8AR - Certificate of Lawfulness to establish use of the land as domestic garden (Existing Lawful Development). Council support this application.

21/1089/FUL – Musbury Primary School, Church Hill, Musbury, EX13 8BB – Installation of 8 metre column and two LED lights. The Clerk updated the Council on the progress of this application.

21/1607/FUL – Barley Close, Axminster Road, Musbury, EX13 - Single storey rear extension and roof alteration, erection of garden shed and decking with wheelchair access. Clerk to add comments. **ACTION** The Council supports this application. Clerk to add comments.

21/1656/MOUT – Land off Doatshayne Lane, Musbury - Outline application for 15x dwellings (some matters reserved). Clerk to add comments. **ACTION** Clerk to add comments as last time. The council broadly supports the application but stresses the need for houses to be offered to village people as a priority and for the Section 106 agreement to be upheld and 3.10d of the design and access statement be amended/ deleted.

7 Highways and Public Spaces

7.1 Benches – Clerk to approach Beer Men’s Shed about the maintenance of the benches. **ACTION**

7.2 Noticeboards – The Clerk updated the meeting on each noticeboard and Cllr Perryman agreed to gather quotes for a replacement plastic noticeboard for the Northfield site for the next meeting. **ACTION**

7.3 Allotments – The Clerk informed the council of the current standing of the allotments. The Council agreed to maintain rental levels at last year’s rates. Clerk to contact specific tenants regarding the upkeep of the plots. **ACTION**

7.4 Playing Fields – The Clerk shared the results of the children’s surveys. The Council will examine the proposal when received. Cllr’s Hall and Chubb provided some contact names for the clerk to contact regarding funding. **ACTION**. Cllr Knight will investigate the purchase of some Mini Soccer goals to replace the rusting ones. **ACTION**

7.5 Trees – The Chair has looked at the trees on Marlborough Road and will address these. **ACTION**

7.6 Weeds – Cllr Albano raised the issue of weeds, particularly along Axminster Road, which are getting out of control and could cause drainage problems. Cllr Albano will ask Anthony Sartin to contact clerk if he is willing to address this as he has before. **ACTION**

8 P3 Footpaths

Cllr Albano reported that Cllr Smith has done a lot of cutting back on the footpaths and that despite many phone calls and much perseverance, there still remains a backlog of work, and shortage of materials and available expertise.

FP22 (Axmouth) Hays Farm – further complaints have been received and the meeting was assured that DCC were dealing with the matter.

9 Reports from District and County Councillors

EDDC – Cllr Chubb reported that EDDC had held their first face to face meeting at Westpoint. Cllr Chubb updated the meeting on election results. He informed the meeting that planning applications

were up 66% but staffing had reduced so there will be delays to the process. He also stated that some areas in the region were experiencing issues with their recycling collections due to staff shortages. Cllr Perryman raised the issue of the quantity of material going into the 'landfill' skips at Sutton recycling centre that could actually be recycled.

DCC – Please refer to the separate July division report.

Cllr Hall also thanked Cllr Craker for his perseverance with the issue of speeding and told the meeting that he was meeting with Sgt Hutter on Friday and the new East Devon inspector to work on ways of addressing this issue. Cllr Hall also reported that the police would be working with local farmers on tackling rural crime. Cllr Perryman thanked Cllr Hall for his hard work and perseverance with the Double Yellow Lines but pointed out that they had now created a funnel which large vehicles would struggle to negotiate. Cllr Hall will look into this and keep the clerk informed.

10 Police Report – No reports or communications have been received from the police.

11 Matters brought forward

11.1 Copper Beech – The garage owner has requested the tree be pruned as it is encroaching on his property however the integrity of the tree needs to be preserved. Cllr Smith has obtained a quote for reducing and shaping the tree by 30% which he will share with Mr Rinaldi and proceed from there. The tree is an asset to the village. **ACTION** If Mr Rinaldi is interested in purchasing the land, he would need to make a formal approach to Cllr Hall at DCC.

11.2 Mountfield – The Chair updated the meeting as to the security issues experienced by Mountfield House, including the more serious nature of the incidents and explained that EDDC were now aware of the temporary road and caravan placement and the wall / gate post has now been repaired. An application is almost ready to be submitted – there is just a nature survey to be completed. He pointed out that this was a project that would take years not months to come to fruition.

12 Questions from Parishioners

12.1 Mr Parkman asked whether there needed to be a sign where the DYL are painted to reinforce the 'No Parking' instruction as vehicles are still parking along the road. The Clerk will contact Cllr Hall and David Ashford to ask about this. **ACTION**

12.2 Mrs Sargeant asked who planted the Copper Beech and who owns the land. The Council believe that Highways own the land but they do not take responsibility for trees planted on their land.

12.3 Cllr Perryman asked that DCC be contacted regarding the strimming of the paddock at Baxter's Farm as it was becoming very overgrown. Clerk to email. **ACTION**

12.4 Cllr Craker asked if there were any plans for Platinum Jubilee celebrations next year. Cllr Albano replied that the village would be planting a tree. The Clerk believes beacon lighting may be planned again.

With no further business outstanding, the Chair closed the meeting at 8:55pm

Proposed date of next meeting: Monday September 6th 2021 at 7:30pm
Venue: The Village Hall Meeting room

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Chairman

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Date