MINETY PARISH COUNCIL

#### Minutes of Parish Council Virtual Meeting on 12 January 2021

**Councillors:**  Mr R Hilliar(Chairman); Mrs A Dupree; Mr R Gardner; Mr E Morrison; Mr John Shephard.

**In attendance:** Ms V Hourihane (Clerk); Wiltshire Cllr Berry

The meeting commenced at 07:30 pm

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence, accepted by the Council, were received from Cllrs Crompton and Read, who had been unable to join the meeting due to broadband issues.

1. **Parish Newsletter**

It was noted that Cllr Crompton was due to collate the items for the newsletter, Cllr Dupree agreed to take the notes.

1. **Parish Council Vacancy**

There are still vacancies on the Council, advertising for the positions is ongoing.

1. **Dispensations / Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

1. **Minutes from the previous meetings held on 8 December 2020.**

The minutes from the meeting held on 8 December 2020 were approved by the meeting and will be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record at an appropriate time.

1. **Matters arising from the minutes**

There were no matters arising

1. **Officers Report / Parish Matters**
2. Minety Playing Fields Association – a request had been received for a Fish and Chip van to visit the village, Cllr Morrison will see if this would be of interest to the MPFA.
3. Footpaths – the footpath that links the houses on the B4040 with Hornbury Hill has become very muddy, the Parish Council considered this could be due to increased footfall combined with run off from the adjacent new build. Cllr Dupree agreed to contact the landowner to see if any improvements could be made to the state of the path.
4. Area Committee and Community Area Transport Group – there was nothing to report
5. Speeding issues and dangerous driving through the villages – although speeding through the village was ongoing, data from the speeding devices had not been obtained recently due to ongoing COVID-19 issues.
6. Village Hall - there was no report
7. Treasurer’s report – the report had been circulated previously; the Parish Council accepted the report.
8. School Liaison – it was noted that the school had requested that children of key workers only attended the school if there was no one else at home.
9. Working with the Parish Steward – nothing was reported for the attention of the Parish Steward.
10. Play equipment – it was noted that current lockdown regulations stated that outdoor gym equipment should be closed, this applies to the adult equipment at the playing fields.
11. Flood and resilience issues – the oil leakage into the ditches at Station road appears to have cleared. Cllr Hillier has requested a meeting with Wiltshire Drainage Officer, Richard Williams, as there needs to be a discussion regarding overflow issues at the pond between the Vale of the White Horse public house and London Road. However, it would appear that this will be delayed during lockdown.
12. Neighbourhood Watch Group – Cllr Hillier will write an article for the newsletter to find out if there is any interest in reinstating the group.
13. Lockdown measures as from 5 Jan 2021 – following a discussion, it was decided that most people now have alternative measures for shopping and prescription collection in place, without having to fall back on the volunteer group set up during the first lockdown. It was confirmed that no one has made any contact requesting assistance.
14. **Planning**

**Applications received for observation**

1. **Application:** 20/09629/FUL

**Proposal:** Retrospective application for the construction of a platform within the branches of a tree to provide a small adventure play area

**Address:** Anonym House, Junction With Flisteridge Road South And East To Emmet Hill, Upper Minety

**Decision:** No comment

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Late addition

1. **Application:** 20/11100/FUL

**Proposal:** Proposed garden room extension on north elevation and proposed new window in the living room on east elevation.

**Address:** Acorn House, Upper Minety

**Decision:** No objections

**Applications determined – Approved with conditions**

None received

**Applications determined - Refused**

None received

**Undetermined applications:**

1. **Application:** 20/06319/FUL *(Target decision date amended 26 Feb 21)*

**Proposal:** New equestrian ‘American barn’, all weather exercise arena and change of use of land for the keeping of horses.

**Address:** Acres Farm, Minety

1. **Application:** 20/07846/OUT *(Target decision date amended 13Feb 21)*

**Proposal:** Erection of up to Four Dwellings with Parking, Gardens and Associated Infrastructure.

**Address:** Land At London Lane, Minety

1. **Application:** 20/08398/LBC *(Target decision date 25 Nov 2020)*

**Proposal:** Convert attached outbuilding to home office: form connecting doorway, alterations

to existing outbuilding doors, insertion of new window and air brick

**Address:** Tellings Farm House, Ashton Road, Minety,

1. **Application:** 20/08854/FUL *(Target decision date amended 26 Feb 21)*

**Proposal:** Erection of replacement dwelling

**Address:** Meadow View, The Common, Minety

1. **Application:** 20/09054/FUL *(Target decision date 16 Jan 2021)*

**Proposal:** Erection of Stables, Outdoor Riding Arena, Horse Walker, 2no. Agricultural

Buildings, Farm Office, New Access and Associated Alterations and

Landscaping

**Address:** Swillbrook Farm, Swillbrook, Minety,

1. **Application:** 20/09679/FUL *(Target decision date amended 5 Feb 21)*

**Proposal:** Proposed single and two storey side and rear extensions, proposed bay window

front extensions**.**

**Address:** Church View, Road Through Upper Minety From Flisteridge Road North To Minety Lane,

Upper Minety

1. **Application:** 20/09676/FUL *(Target decision date amended 29 Jan 21)*

**Proposal:** Proposed detached garage and convert existing garage into accommodation.

**Address:** Glebe House, Minety

1. **Application:** 20/10048/FUL *(Target decision date amended 15 January 21)*

**Proposal:** Construction of an oak framed single storey single bay garage with attached side catslide.

**Address:** Southmead, Upper Minety

1. **Correspondence and administration**
2. Website review – Cllr Morrison has been making progress with the new website, links to the Minety What’s Up Facebook page are successful, however further links are required reach other Minety organisational Facebook pages.
3. Future meetings – with the new lockdown in force until the end of February, when a review will take place, future meetings will have to be held virtually. The Annual Meeting, due in April, will probably need to be held via Zoom as well. It was noted that, while Wiltshire Council are making preparations for the elections to be held in May, there is no guarantees these elections will take place.
4. 20/03528/FUL - Provision of a renewable energy scheme on land at Minety Substation. – Cllr Hillier has accepted an invitation to join the Chairs of Charlton and Hankerton Parish Councils and is waiting on a definite date. The Parish Councils would like a co-ordinated response should the application be successful. Parish Councillors were asked to think of a suitable use for any funds that may become available. It was noted that figures posted by the developers could be out of date.
5. Garage at Upper Minety – the garage has not been cleared out yet, the clerk will contact the previous tenant. Once the building is clear and repaired, it can be offered out to anyone who may be interested. It was agreed the pathway to this land should be planted with wildflowers for low maintenance
6. **Payments to be authorised by the Parish Council**
7. Clerk’s salary – December – gross £225.50
8. Zoom subscription £14.39
9. Bus Shelters 5 weeks £60.00

1. **Date of next meeting -** Monthly meeting Tuesday 9 February 2021 meeting to be held virtually

The meeting closed at 8:18pm