MINETY PARISH COUNCIL

#### Minutes of Parish Council Meeting on 14 January 2020

Venue – Village Hall Minety

**Councillors:** Mr R Hilliar (Chairman); Mr S D’Ambrosio; Mr A Read; Mr J Sheppard; Mr R Gardner; Mr E Morrison

**In attendance:** Ms V Hourihane (Clerk).

The meeting commenced at 07:30 pm

Prior to the meeting,

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence accepted by the Parish Council were received from Cllrs Dupree; Crompton and Berry

1. **Dispensations / Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

1. **Minutes from the previous meetings held on 10 December 2019**

The minutes from the meeting held on 10 December 2019, circulated previously, were approved by the meeting and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record

1. **Matters arising from the minutes**

546-5ix –Wiltshire Officer, Matt Perrott responded to say he thought the signpost had been replaced, however the clerk assured him that the signpost at Ashton Road had not been replaced, Mr Perrott has not responded to this.

563- 5xi – the defibrillator at Minety Playing Fields had issues since the last meeting, the ambulance service refused to give the access code as it did not believe the defibrillator to be active, however Mr Cook had checked the machine on 22 Dec 19 and registered it on line along with the Upper Minety machine. Cllr Morrison is in contact with Community Heartbeat Trust, the suppliers and with whom the Parish Council has contracted for annual maintenance. Mr Cook has indicated that he is happy to check the Upper Minety device for the time being, and Cllr D’Ambrosio had agreed to check the device at the Playing Fields. It was noted that Oaksey had issues with accessing its defibrillator due to a 200 metre area restriction, Oaksey is following up with this restriction.

There have been issues with the works undertaken by Gigaclear whist completing its cable laying, it would appear that a drain along Dog Trap Lane has been tarmacked over, Cllr Hilliar agreed to contact Gigaclear with the issue.

It was noted that a couple of refuse bins may need to be replaced shortly. Initially, this should be reported to Wiltshire using the website reporting system. Stickers for the bins indicating the disposal of dog waste will be placed on the bins at Silver Street and Station Road; the clerk will contact the dog warden for another batch of stickers. It was further noted that there have been several cases of fly-tipping in the area, responsibilities and the notification process will be put in the newsletter.

564-6ii – Idverde has been contacted regarding the additional bin collections at the Playing Fields, Mike Ware Idverde Area manager has agreed that they can do this, however no contract has been received.

564-iii – the damaged bridge at Gryphon Lodge Farm has been reported to the owner, however it is too soon for a response as there were difficulties in obtaining details, which delayed correspondence.

564-6xi – Cllr Read has collected the key for the Upper Minety notice board, Cllr D’Ambrosio will collect the keys for the Silver Street board from Mr Cook.

1. **Parish Council Vacancy**

Notification has been received from Wiltshire Council that the Parish Council may co-opt another member. Notification of the vacancy will be placed in the Parish Newsletter.

1. **Officers Report / Parish Matters**
2. Minety Playing Fields Association – there was no report
3. Footpaths – Cllr D’Ambrosio has carried out extensive checks over the Christmas period and only found one dodgy stile in the Minety Parish, on footpath 4 on grid reference SU0169591199, which has been logged on the “report it” section of the Wiltshire Council website. A parishioner from Upper Minety highlighted issues with a footpath opposite his property along Oaksey Road. Cllr D’Ambrosio will check this out.
4. Area Committee and Community Area Transport Group –The next meeting, to be held at Crudwell on 28 January 2020 at 7pm, will launch the community trails of Auto speedwatch. Since the Area Board’s decision to purchase 2 auto speedwatch devices at the September meeting, many parishes have expressed an interest in trialling the devices. The Area Board plans to accommodate all parishes that wish to trial them by working on a rotating basis. Fred Mann has agreed to attend the next Area Board, it is hoped that should get Minety on the trial of these new devices. Potential issues raised include: will they be stolen, will the Police act on the information, how often should reports be sent to the Police. If these can be ironed out, the Parish Council can then decide whether it would be worthwhile buying one or more for the Parish.
5. Speeding issues and dangerous driving through the villages –Cllr D’Ambrosio had agreed to assist Mr Cook to site the second SID and the Community Speed Watch group have been asked if any of their members would be able to house the spare equipment, to date no CSW members have volunteered. The Village Hall may be approached if no other location can be found. It was noted that Charlton PC are in the process of purchasing a SID and it may be worth liaising with them and share the street scene licence holder in displaying the units.
6. Village Hall – there was no report
7. Treasurer’s report – the report, circulated previously, was noted.
8. School Liaison – it was noted that the police had been on site to monitor the parking issues created at drop off and pick up times.
9. Working with the Parish Steward – it was noted that the gully tanker had visited the area by the school earlier this month. Cllr Read confirmed that Wiltshire Council had replenished the grit bins in Minety, however the bin in Upper Minety still required replenishing.
10. Play equipment – concerns had been raised regarding the liabilities of the maintenance contractor found by Cllr Crompton, who had confirmed that liability insurance was in place prior to the work being carried out.
11. Flood and resilience issues – nothing had been reported to the Parish Council in the last month.
12. Minety Battery Storage Project – Cllr Hilliar had received notification that Minety will receive £2000 per annum initially, made up of two lots of £500 (from each Energy Storage project).  The second £1,000 amount will come direct from The Kilmorey 2016 Trust (the actual legal owner of the land, represented by Richard Needham). The contribution will be RPI linked over a 30-year term. The first payment is due January this year. These payments will be made directly into

the Parish Council bank account. Should planning permission be granted on the outstanding application for a further 50 megawatts, there is a potential for a pro rata contribution split 50/50 between Charlton and Minety Parish Councils. It would be helpful to the Trust to let them know how the Parish Council intends to utilise the money.

1. **Planning**

**Applications received for observation**

1. **Application**: 19/09316/VAR *Target decision date 29 January 2020*

**Proposal**: Variation of condition 7 of application number 17/04125/FUL (Adding three dormer windows to front elevation roof)

**Address**: Land at Fairfield Farm Cottage, Hornbury Hill, Minety

**Decision:** No objection

1. **Application**: 19/12061/PNCOU *Target decision date 7 February 2020*

**Proposal**: Notification for prior approval under Class Q for a proposed conversion of agricultural farm building into 4 dwellings (use class C3) and for associated operational development

**Address**: Barn 1, Fairholme Farm, Dog Trap Lane, Minety

**Decision:** The Parish Council reviewed a similar application in January 2019 and stated than that this application should be treated in conjunction with application 18/11912/PNCOU (subsequently withdrawn) as they are both at the same site and assurance is required that the whole development keeps within the legal parameters. The Parish Council continues to maintain that the development needs to stay within the required legal parameters.

**Applications determined – Approved with conditions**

1. **Application**: 19/10158/FUL

**Proposal**: Two Storey Extension to Side, Single Storey Extension to Rear

**Address**: Chatfield, Hornbury Hill, Minety,

**Undetermined applications:**

1. **Application**: 19/09964/FUL *Target decision date 13 January 2020*

**Proposal**: Single storey side and rear extension

**Address**: 11 Sawyers Rise, Sawyers Hill, Minety,

*It was noted this application has been APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS*

1. **Application**: 19/08282/FUL *Target decision date 29 Nov 2019*

**Proposal**: Retention of replacement workshop / incidental outbuilding

**Address**: Land at The White Horse House, Station Road, Minety

1. **Application**: 19/10259/FUL *Target decision date 19 Dec 2019*

**Proposal**: Extension of existing Gypsy/Traveller site with 4 no. additional pitches including 4 no. day rooms, 4 no. mobile homes, 4 no. touring caravans, and associated works

**Address**: Land adjacent to B4040, Minety

1. **Application**: 19/10876/FUL *Target decision date 8 January 2020*

**Proposal**: Retention of a double mobile classroom with toilets

**Address**: Minety C Of E Primary School, Sawyers Hill, Minety

*It was noted this application has been APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS*

1. **Correspondence and administration**
2. Wilts Council newsletter – previously circulated and noted
3. L Kearley resignation of bus shelter cleaning – The Parish Council will put notification of the vacancy in the Parish Newsletter.
4. **Cheques**
5. Clerk’s salary - Dec 19 – net £268.07
6. HMRC PAYE Dec 19 £13.80
7. Minety Village Hall – Dec 19 & Defib training session £29.00
8. Whitehill website 1 mth £45.00

1. **Date of next meeting**

Monthly meeting Tuesday 11 February 2020 at Minety Village

The meeting closed at 8:20pm