MINETY PARISH COUNCIL

#### Minutes of Parish Council Virtual Meeting on 13 October 2020

**Councillors:**  Mr R Hilliar(Chairman); Mrs S Crompton; 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 Cllr Read

1. **Parish Newsletter**

It was noted Cllr Read was due to take the notes for the November newsletter, Cllr Hilliar agreed to take them.

1. **Parish Council Vacancy**

There is still a vacancy on the Council.

1. **Dispensations / Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

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

The minutes from the meeting held on 8 September 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**

571-6 The Clerk had contacted Wiltshire Officer, Matt Perrott, regarding the state of the pavements along Silver Street and Hornbury Hill and he confirmed that he had looked at both footways, and agreed that they require resurfacing, and these footways have been added to his list for consideration. This list is reviewed annually before submission. Any further issues to be reported on the My Wilts App.

571-7xi Wessex Community Action are holding a second on-line event for support groups to share lessons learned and connectivity during COVID-19, the event will be on 21 October.

Gigaclear have yet to clear the grips they blocked along Dog Trap Lane.

1. **Officers Report / Parish Matters**
2. Minety Playing Fields Association – it was noted that the pavilion is opening Friday evenings and Saturdays now that football has recommenced, it is hoped that there will be more events as the socially distancing seating has been organised. A Pizza van has been in attendance recently.
3. Footpaths – the stile along the footpath at Webbs Lane is still missing.
4. Area Committee and Community Area Transport Group – there have not been any meetings recently
5. Speeding issues and dangerous driving through the villages – the devices are gathering more data, it is noticeable that there are some vehicles have been captured at speeds of over 50 mph along the B4040, on a regular basis. Following a meeting with the Wiltshire Police Commissioner, it appears that the police, having reviewed the situation, are looking more favourably on the devices and could be using the data in the future.
6. Village Hall – Cllr Shephard agreed to be the Parish Council representative for the Village Hall. The management committee want to display a Christmas Tree outside the hall this year and have requested suitable decorations from organisations and individuals alike. The Parish Council agreed to contribute, and Cllr Shephard agreed to source a decoration on behalf of the Parish Council.
7. Treasurer’s report – the report, circulated previously, was noted
8. School Liaison – the was nothing to report
9. Working with the Parish Steward – it was noted that the gutters in Derry Park needed to be cleared of weeds, also nettles along Hornbury Hill. The ditches by the playing field are outside the scope of the Parish Steward, being the responsibility of the riparian owners. Cllr Morrison agreed to see if the MPFA could source someone to clear the ditch that is worst affected.
10. Play equipment – the RoSPA report had been completed and circulated previously, it was noted that, despite being repaired last year, issues with the slide had re-appeared. Cllr Crompton agreed to source a contractor who could do, at least, quarterly checks to ensure the play equipment was safe at all times. The state of the wooden panels had been noted in the report as well as that of the fencing around the play area. Cllr Morrison agreed to find a contractor to check these out and remove the remains of the Trim Trail, which had been cut down last year.
11. Flood and resilience issues – Richard Williams, Wiltshire Council’s Drainage engineer has reported that the modelling report has been started by their consultants, but is not likely to be finished until March 2021 and would not need to consult until the report is finalised. He has agreed to meet up in the village next week. Issues have been reported at London Lane towards the pond at the Vale of the White Horse, this will be checked when Mr Williams visits the area.
12. What 3 Words – there was some discussion as to the value of displaying the “what three words” at various points in the area, however, whist a useful appliance, it was considered that it could create more issues due to the nature of the calibration.
13. Food bank – there have been no calls on the food bank, however, it was agreed to retain it whilst it could be accommodated at the MPFA, probably until January, at which point it would be handed over to the Malmesbury food bank.
14. **Officers Report / Parish Matters**
15. **Application:** 20/07252/FUL

**Proposal:** Replacement garage

**Address:** Field End, The Crossing, Minety

**Decision:** The Parish Council COMMENTED that this appears to be a large-scale development, which needs to remain ancillary to the main property and it needs to ensure that it does not affect neighbouring properties privacy.

**Application:** 20/07311/FUL

**Proposal:** Proposed two storey side, front extensions and internal alterations to a detached

**Address:** Isaacs Cottage, Ashton Road, Minety

**Decision:** No objections

1. **Application:** 20/07601/FUL

**Proposal:** Replace existing timber shed with new outbuilding

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

**Decision:** No objections

1. **Application:** 20/07846/OUT

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

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

**Decision:** The Parish Council OBJECTED to this application on the grounds of safety issues with the access to and from the B4040 due to the insufficient sight lines from London Lane. Flooding issues have been reported between London Lane and the Vale of the White Horse.

1. **Application:** 20/08263/FUL

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

**Address:** Robinswood House, Upper Minety

**Decision:** No objections

**Applications determined – Approved with conditions**

1. **Application:** 20/04180/VAR

**Proposal:** Variation of condition 2 18/10083/FUL relating to approved plans and removal of condition 8 relating to access

**Address:** Land off Ashton Road, Ashton Road, Minety

1. **Application**: 20/05758/VAR

**Proposal:** Variation of condition 4 of 18/02981/FUL relating to an extension on time for the siting of a mobile home.

**Address:** Moor Farm, Ashton Road, Minety

1. **Application:** 20/06711/FUL

**Proposal:** Two storey rear extension and attic conversion over garage..

**Address:** 12 Sawyers Rise, Sawyers Hill, Minety

1. **Application:** 20/06452/FUL

**Proposal:** Garage conversion and single storey extension to rear to form annexe and associated alterations

**Address:** 8 Chambon Close, Minety

**Applications determined - Refused**

1. **Application:** 20/03439/FUL

**Proposal:** Demolition of 4 no. semi-detached dwelling houses; and erection of 1 no. detached

dwelling (new build) with associated outbuilding; and the conversion of a barn to

form 1 no. detached dwelling.

**Address:** Swillbrook Farm Cottages, County Boundary South To Swillbrook House, Swillbrook

**Undetermined applications:**

1. **Application**: 20/05504/CLE *(Revised target decision date 20 Oct 2020)*

**Proposal**: Certificate of lawfulness application for commercial equestrian use (riding arena)

**Address**:  Moor Farm, Ashton Road, Minety

1. **Application:** 20/06319/FUL *(Target decision date 21 Sept 2020)*

**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:** 20/06539/FUL *(Target decision date 12 Oct 2020)*

**Proposal:** Construction of Triple Bay Garage with Room Above

**Address:** Fairfield Manor, Hornbury Hill, Minety

1. **Correspondence and administration**
2. Website review – there are ongoing issues with the new provider and, despite assurances, these issues are not being resolved. If these issues are not resolved in the near future, the Parish Council will look to another provider.
3. Future meetings – the National Association of Local Councils continues to recommend holding virtual meetings and, currently, is working with the Local Government Association and others to press for a continuation beyond May 2021 of the flexibility to hold remote council meetings.
4. 20/03528/FUL - Provision of a renewable energy scheme on land at Minety Substation. There has been no further update on this application
5. Review of the grass cutting contract – the MPFA had expressed disappointment at the state of the play area during the summer. Quotes are to be obtained for the grass cutting contract and the MPFA will sort the play area and invoice the Parish Council accordingly.
6. Garage at Upper Minety – one of the two garages in St Leonards Close, on Parish Council land, has come up for re-letting as the current tenant no longer requires it. Accessibility needs to be ascertained, if suitable, it will be advertised as available.

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1. **Payments to be authorised by the Parish Council**
   1. Clerk’s salary – September – gross £225.50
   2. Zoom subscription £14.39
   3. Ian Tritton – grass cutting £210.00
   4. Bus Shelters 5 weeks £60.00
   5. Heartbeat – Annual Maintenance Lower Minety Defib £151.20
   6. Playsafety Ltd (RoSPA report) £103.20

These payments were authorised by the Parish Council

1. **Date of next meeting -** Monthly meeting Tuesday 10 November 2020 venue to be confirmed

The meeting closed at 8:37pm