MINETY PARISH COUNCIL

#### Minutes of Parish Council Virtual Meeting on 9 March 2021

**Councillors:**  Mr E Morrison (Chairman); Mrs S Crompton; Mrs A Dupree; Mr I Cain; Mr R Gardner;

 Mr J Shephard; Mr A Slucock.

**In attendance:** Ms V Hourihane (Clerk); Wiltshire Cllr Berry and 1 member of the public, name noted

The meeting commenced at 07:30 pm

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence, accepted by the Parish Council, were received from Cllr Read.

1. **Parish Newsletter**

It was noted that Cllr Shephard was due to collate the items for the newsletter.

1. **Parish Council Vacancy**

It was noted that all Councillors would be due to stand down after the April meeting and would be required to complete nomination forms should they wish to stand for the next period. Cllr Cain introduced himself to the Parish Council, as he had been unable audio connect at the previous meeting.

1. **Dispensations / Declarations of Interest**

Declarations of interest were received from Cllr Cain on application 21/00658/FUL, as a neighbour to the property.

1. **Minutes from the previous meetings held on 9 February 2021.**

The minutes from the meeting held on 9 February 2021 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 not included in the agenda

1. **Officers Report / Parish Matters**
2. Minety Playing Fields Association – the trees by the car park are due to be felled and wood removed, on Monday 15 March 21. The MPFA are looking to replace the trees with more ‘friendly’ specimens, these will need to be fairly mature. The car park repairs are due to commence in the next two weeks.
3. Footpaths – several footpaths have been checked recently; Cllr Slucock will liaise Cllr Dupree to report those footpaths in need of attention by the landowners. The landowner of the footpath by the village hall has agreed to repair the fencing and place hard core along the path.
4. Area Committee and Community Area Transport Group – there was no report from the CATG meeting held earlier in the evening.
5. Speeding issues and dangerous driving through the villages – recent reports from the Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) had been downloaded and forwarded by Mr Cook, the Parish Council requires to someone to collate the data. The Council would like to see commitment from the Police to utilise the data from the Auto Speed Watch device. There was discussion regarding safety measures at the Silver Street, B4040 crossroads. The options need to be discussed further.
6. PCC candidate – Mike Rees – Cllr Morrison would like to invite Mike Rees to the April meeting to explain to the Parish Council how he intends to deal with speeding issues in the parishes in the North Wiltshire area. The Parish Council considered that all the candidates should be invited to the next meeting with the chance to put forward their plans for the future.
7. Village Hall – the AGM has been held recently; it is hoped the hall will be able to open fully in the within the next couple of months. The committee members are looking to make the disabled toilet available to users of the shop and café. Quotes are being received for the repair to car park.
8. Treasurer’s report – previously circulated and noted.
9. School Liaison – it was reported that Gigaclear had informed the school that there would be a connection charge to access the free internet service they had offered. Cllr Crompton is discussing this with Gigaclear.
10. Working with the Parish Steward – nothing had been brought forward to report to the Parish Steward. The role of the Parish Steward was described to the new Councillors, the works include verge maintenance – grass cutting, weed removal, weed control, encroachment of footways; maintenance of non-statutory level assets: kerbs, slab, sign, street name, gulley emptying and filling of small potholes.
11. Play equipment – Cllr Crompton has had no further contact from the company approached to maintain the play equipment. Councillors were asked for alternative details.
12. Flood and resilience issues inc. ditch clearance – it was reported that residents along Station Approach hope to have the ditch cleared by June. Cllrs Morrison and Shephard continue to areas susceptible to flooding.
13. Neighbourhood Watch Group – Cllr Slucock had registered himself with the Neighbourhood Watch Group, however there is only one other person in the parish who is a member, Cllr Slucock will continue to see if any other residents are who would be interested in joining up.
14. Additional waste bins; Sawyers Hill – 2 bins have been ordered and will be sited by the school and along The Moor. This will be reviewed, once the bins are in situ, to discuss if further additions are required.

**8. Planning**

**Applications received for observation**

Cllr Cain withdrew from the meeting

1. **Application:** 21/00658/FUL

**Proposal:** Erection of agricultural storage barn with incorporated equestrian rehabilitation

area. Siting of horse walker and rainwater harvesting tank and creation of

hardstanding.

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

**Decision:** The Parish CouncilOBJECTED to the application due to the commercial nature and the increased footprint of the development on a site that is in the isolated countryside. The nature of the road infrastructure is unsuitable for the increase in traffic to the site. It was proposed by Cllr Morrison to request Cllr Berry to call in the application should the case officer be minded to approve the application, seconded by Cllr Crompton. Voted in favour unanimously.

Cllr Cain returned to the meeting

1. **Application:** 21/01410/FUL

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

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

**Decision:** No objections

**Applications determined – Approved with conditions**

1. **Application:** 20/08398/LBC

**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:** 20/11100/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

**Applications determined - Refused**

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

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

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

1. **Application:** 20/08854/FUL

**Proposal:** Erection of replacement dwelling

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

**Undetermined applications:**

1. **Application:** 20/06319/FUL *(Target decision date deferred 26 Feb 2021)*

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

**Address:** Acres Farm, Minety

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

1. **Application:** 20/09054/FUL *(Target decision date deferred 12 Mar 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:** 20/11166/FUL *(Target decision date 10 March 2021)*

**Proposal:** Retrospective application for the provision of new access from highway comprising

a bridge over roadside ditch and a track to site of new agricultural building

(19/09600/APD)

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

1. **Application:** 20/11592/FUL *Target decision date 16 March 2021)*

**Proposal:** Removal of conservatory, construction of two storey rear extension, reinstate side window and replacement of all roof coverings

**Address:** Longacre, Hankerton Road, Upper Minety

1. **Correspondence and administration**
2. Website review and Councillor email addresses – Councillors were recommended to check out the ‘how to videos’ on Netwise.uk to enable them to utilise the council email addresses. Cllr Slucock agreed to assist Cllr Morrison with uploading articles on the website ‘minety-pc.org.uk’.
3. Future meetings – it was confirmed that NALC are still recommending continuing with virtual meetings for the time being.
4. 20/03528/FUL - Provision of a renewable energy scheme on land at Minety Substation, update from multi parish consultation – it was noted that the Parish Council had, together with Charlton and Hankerton Parish Councils, to approach the developers to consider potential community benefit, should the application be successful. There has been no further communication from either of the Parish Councils. It was noted that the battery storage companies, that had contributed to the community in 2020, had not forwarded the promised annual payment. Cllrs Cain, Crompton and Morrison will look at this further.
5. Garage at Upper Minety, and Parish Council land at St Leonards – ideas for the future use of the land were requested, it was noted that the access to the land is restricted, which is the reason the Housing Association did not deem the area suitable for use.
6. Administration of Facebook ‘Minety What’s Happening’ – the guidelines forwarded by Cllr Slucock were accepted by Parish Council and will be posted shortly. Other local organisations are to be contacted to ask for administration assistance. It is hoped to make this a good communication community.
7. Annual Parish Meeting – it was noted that the Annual meeting would be due before the end of May. It may be feasible to hold a virtual meeting, the clerk will confirm.
8. **Payments to be authorised by the Parish Council**
9. Clerk’s salary – February 21 – gross £225.50
10. Zoom subscription £14.39
11. Bus Shelters 4 weeks £48.00

The payments were authorised by the Parish Council

1. **Date of next meeting -** Monthly meeting Tuesday 13 April 2021 venue to be confirmed. It was noted this is the last meeting before the elections 6 May 2021.

The meeting closed at 9:06pm