MINETY PARISH COUNCIL

#### Minutes of Parish Council Meeting on 8 March 2022

**Councillors:**  Mr A Slucock (Chairman); Mrs A Dupree; Mrs S Crompton; Mr A Read; Mr I Cain;

Mrs J Pinkney; Mr R Gardner

**In attendance:** Mrs E Fursman (Clerk); Wiltshire Cllr Berry and seventeen members of the public (names noted).

The meeting commenced at 07:30 pm.

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence, accepted by the Parish Council, were received from Mr J Shephard, Mr A Anderson

1. **Dispensations / Declarations of Interest**

None

1. **Minutes from the previous meeting held on 8 February 2022**

The minutes from 8 February were approved by the meeting and will be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record at an appropriate time. There were no matters arising not included on the agenda

1. **Open to members of the public**

## Mr P Roden and Mr J Wood gave a presentation on behalf of Pelagic Energy regarding the battery storage application at Dog Trap Lane. Planning Application PL/2022/00404

## Full details of the meeting can be found in Meeting Minutes Supplement 1 and details of the council’s response to the planning application can be found in Meeting Minutes Supplement 2 – both can be found in the March Minutes Section of the Minety Parish Council Website.

A parishioner addressed the council regarding the blockage of a public foot path near Dog Trap Lane.

1. **Treasurers Report**

Report of accounts up to the 8th of March was circulated by clerk

1. **Parish Newsletter**

Cllr Slucock to submit this month

1. **Officers Report / Parish Matters**

* **Minety Playing Fields Association** – Cllr Read reported that the treasurer has recently left the MPFA and a handover is in progress. MPFA have requested a meeting regarding the car park. An accident was reported on the Rugby field where Wiltshire Air Ambulance attended during a local game and a member of the opposition team was seriously injured. The lease on the playing field may be due for renewal in April 2022, although this is to be confirmed, and Cllr Read and the Clerk will be looking into previous extensions and the payments due for the peppercorn rent.
* **Footpaths** – Cllr Dupree distributed footpath discs to Cllr Read, Slucock and Pinkney to be put up at the earliest convenience where required. Council to encourage parishioners to use the Wiltshire app to report issues with local footpaths. Enquiries to be made with Cotswold Warden about funding and become a part of the Cotswold footpath group.
* **Area Committee and Community Area Transport Group** – nothing to report
* **Speeding issues and dangerous driving through the villages** – Ongoing concerns discussed regarding the B4040 section that runs through the village. There has been a further accident since the last meeting at the Crossroads where a vehicle left the road and hit the Turnpike public house. Speeding stickers have been sent to the clerk for distribution in the village.
* **Village Hall** – Mr D Harrison has expressed concern that the council are no longer using the village hall for their monthly parish council meetings. (See Location of meetings below.)
* **School Liaison** – Cllr Pinkney reported that the local authority representative is currently going through so the PC can have a presentative on the council. The children will be taking part in a jubilee art competition.
* **Working with the Parish Steward** – Cllr Slucock to advertise on the Minety Facebook page and noticeboards about the Parish Steward visits and to encourage parishioners to use the Parish Steward service.
* **Play equipment** – Council has been approached by Mr D Ash as a consultant for the play equipment and the general upkeep. He will address the council at our next meeting.
* **Flood and resilience issues inc. ditch clearance** – No action
* **Charity for the poor****.** There was a meeting in February and charity are looking into the property assets of the charity. There is also an action on how to better investment the funds available with advice from the charity commission.
* **Minety Church.** Cllr Slucock has submitted the forms to make the church a village asset. This has been pushed back and we are awaiting the aid of Mr I Best before we proceed further. Cllr Dupree has been approached by a member of the public about providing funding for the church and will be passing the local representative’s details on.
* **Queens Jubilee** – The committee are meeting on the 8th of March and an agenda will be forthcoming.
* **Minety Parish handbook** – Cllr Slucock continues to update and asks other councillors to provide feedback
* **Battery Storage.** Cllr Slucock proposed that the council object to the battery storage, this was seconded by Cllr Dupree. The council voted unanimously against the planning. Cllr Cain to email objections to the proposal at Dog Trap Lane and Cllr Berry to call this in with planning. Cllr Cain to email a thank you to the representatives for attending tonight’s meeting. Full details of MPC’s objections are in the document Meeting Minutes Supplement 2
* **Location of meetings.** After contact from the village hall Committee, the council discussed moving meetings back to the village hall. The current hall was felt to be too large and not suited to a small meeting. Cllr Pinkney has offered to approach Mrs Greaves of Minety School to enquire about the hiring of the school hall as an additional space that may be available to the Parish Council.

1. **Planning –** Cllr Dupree to investigate applications PL/2022/00954 at Lime Trees and PL/2022/01231 at Wellfield Farm. Cllr Pinkney and Crompton will look at any new applications between now and the next meeting.

**Date of next meeting -** Monthly meeting Tuesday 12th April 2022 at 7:30pm

Ground floor meeting room at The Vale of the White Horse, Station Road, Minety

The meeting closed at 22.09pm