MINETY PARISH COUNCIL

#### Minutes of Parish Council Meeting on 12 April 2022

**Councillors:**  Mr A Slucock (Chairman); Mr A Read; Mr I Cain; Mr R Gardner; Mr J Shephard

**In attendance:** Mrs E Fursman (Clerk); Wiltshire Cllr Berry and 2 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 A Anderson, Mrs A Dupree, Mrs S Crompton, Mrs J Pinkney

1. **Dispensations / Declarations of Interest**

None

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

The minutes from 8 March 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 A Richardson addressed the council to ask for support regarding planning application PL/2021/08063 Councillors have agreed to support Mr Richardson’s planning.

## Mr J Denman addressed the council to give notice that the Vale of the White Horse Pub on Station Road will be closing with planning permission pending to convert it to flats. No dates have been given but Mr Denman would hope to continue through till the summer.

1. **Treasurers Report**

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

Clerk to approach Mrs R Docker regarding an audit of the accounts.

1. **Parish Newsletter**

Cllr Slucock to submit this month

1. **Officers Report / Parish Matters**

* **Minety Playing Fields Association** – Invoice sent to MPHA for 9 years rent and a request to set up a standing yearly order for payment of £1.00 Flood lights discussed. Cllr Read has been advised by MPFA they are replacements not new flood lights.
* **Footpaths** – MPC have approached Mrs L Drake to act as a volunteer for footpaths. Mrs L Drake runs a regular village walk and is an ideal position to report problems to the Parish council and submit reports to the Wiltshire App.
* **Area Committee and Community Area Transport Group** – Cllr Slucock and Cain have been appointed as single points of contact for the area board. Cllr Cain to attend next meeting.
* **Speeding issues and dangerous driving through the villages** – Ongoing concerns discussed regarding the B4040 section that runs through the village. Cllr Shephard presented the Cllr’s with the readings from the SIDs for Silver Street and the B4040. Pc are to approach Area board for funding for a further 6 auto speed checking devices for the village.
* **Village Hall** – Discussion about relocating meetings back to the hall from May 2022. PC discussed how to improve the meeting area and a suggestion of temporary partitions was suggested.
* **School Liaison** – Head Teacher Mrs S Greaves will be resigning after 11 years on the 31st of August 2022.
* **Working with the Parish Steward** – Request has been put in regarding Footpath at Sawyers Rise to clear the brambles.
* **Play equipment** – Cllr Cain to approach to discuss upkeep and maintenance

with Mr D Ash.

* **Flood and resilience issues inc. ditch clearance** – Environment agency have stalled the playing fields project while they allocate funding.
* **Minety Charity.** Clerk to complete finance forms for investment purposes
* **Minety Church.** Nothing to report
* **Queens Jubilee** – The committee now have several plans in place to celebrate the Jubilee. They have approached the parish council with regards to paying for public liability insurance for the 5 days. Cllr Slucock proposed, Cllr Shephard seconded and all Cllr members voted to approve. Minety Parish Council Jubilee awards was discussed and the awards that would be given. It was suggested that there be a plaque for the winners placed in a public place such as the village hall and then a small token of appreciation such as the Jubilee commemorative stamp collection by the Royal Mail. Deadline for votes is the 6th of May and council will meet to discuss applications.
* **Minety Parish handbook** – No update
* **Battery Storage.** Advanced notice has been given for another battery storage application pending in Stonehill.
* **Solar Farm.** The application has been approved.
* **Proposal of 9 houses at land near Sawyers Hill, Minety.**  Parish council has been approached by developer for feedback and planning was submitted on the 12th of April. The Parish council will be objecting to the proposal. Cllr Slucock to advice the developer and Wiltshire Council planning department.
* **Location of meetings.** The Parish council has agreed to return to the village hall from May. Clerk to contact Minety Village hall to rebook and also to book the annual meeting
* **Ukraine Crisis –** The preschool and primary school have been serving as a drop off place for clothes and emergency supplies to be dispatched to the Ukraine.
* **SSEN Grants –** grants are available for EV points in the village. It was discussed whether there would be a suitable public place for these to be erected.
* **Other items not on agenda.** Reports made by clerk regarding collection of dog poo bins in the village to Wiltshire Council. Date set for AGM for the 11th of May 2022. Mr E Tidmarsh has advised the sign for Upper Minety should be ready and erected within the next week.

1. **Planning –** Cllr Read to investigate applications PL/2022/11351 at Derryside.

**Date of next meeting -** Monthly meeting Tuesday 10 May 2022 at 7:30pm

Minety Village Hall

The meeting closed at 21.07pm