July 2022 Draft Minutes

**Tuesday 12th of July 2022,** at **7.30pm, at Minety Village Hall**, Hornbury Hill, Minety, SN16 9QH

Attending.

Cllr Slucock, Cllr Anderson, Cllr Pinkney, Cllr Crompton, Cllr Read, Cllr Shephard, Cllr Dupree, Cllr Cain

Clerk, Emma Furman, Cllr Berry and 9 members of the public. Names noted.

1. **PUBLIC CONSULTATION – Flood defence plans affecting Silver Close and Silver Street 7:30- 8pm**

Cllr Slucock opened the meeting at 730pm with the public consultation and began with Cllr Shephard providing information which have been provided so far regarding the flood amelioration project by Wiltshire County Council.

At present there are 26 houses at risk in Silver Close, Silver Street, Station Road and Station approach.

Currently there have been 3 options provided

1. To do nothing
2. To make a 1400 litre cubic meter holding pond behind the rugby pitch at Minety Playing fields. This with continued maintenance would partially protect 18 properties.
3. To make a 7000-litre cubic meter holding pond. This would involve moving the current Rugby Pitch 8 metres to accommodate. Protecting 37 properties.

The parish council made it clear that at this time they are still information gathering and will be raising questions with Wiltshire council about the above options and if there would be an option that was a compromise between 2 and 3.

Questions to bring up

1. Which houses would be affected? There has been a survey done, but nothing regarding which houses have been highlighted.
2. Can alternative options be investigated, such as lan surrounding the rugby pitches?
3. £40,000 has already be spent by Wiltshire County Council on surveys and site visits. Minety PC will as for would like further information resulting from the surveys
4. Timetable if one of the options goes ahead.

The parish council meeting recommenced at 902pm

1. **Chair for meeting confirmed** Cllr Slucock
2. **Welcome, Apologies, Absences** All Councillors present
3. **Dispensations/ Declarations of interests** Cllr Slucock would like it minuted that his wife, Mrs Slucock, is on the Minety Playing Fields committee but neither Mr nor Mrs Slucock have any pecuniary through MPFA activities
4. **Minutes from the previous meeting (of 14 and 27th of  June 2022)**
   * The minutes were agreed.
   * It was agreed draft minutes should be in the notice board and MPC **web site** no later than 2 weeks after the meeting.
5. **Standard Reviews**
   1. Cllr Read Minety Playing Field Association

* Cllr Read attended the monthly meeting.
* There are concerns raised about the moving of the rugby pitch and the cost involved in doing so.
* There was a complaint received by a villager about the Minety Music Festival volunteers party and the noise on the afternoon of Sunday the 10th of July.
* Minety Parish Council are still awaiting written quotes for the car park renovation and will be asking for a presentation by MPFA.
* There will be a beer festival in September. Date to be confirmed.
* Grass cutting. Invoices received for the area around the children’s play park. Consideration was given to whether this cost is justifiable, and whether the parish council should continue to pay this. It was decided it was a justifiable expense on the grounds that the parish council have put in the play and gym equipment and in doing so has meant that the area can only be hand mowed, which is an additional cost to MPFA. It was proposed to carry on paying by Cllr Cain and seconded by Cllr Crompton. All councillors voted in favour.
  1. Cllr Dupree, Cain, Slucock Footpaths

This has now been merged with CATG under the new category LHFIG

* 1. Cllr Shephard Village Hall

No update

* 1. Cllr Slucock Communications and Media

Following feedback from the village, it has been noted that priority for PC comms should be given to the noticeboards and website rather than social media.

* 1. Clerk Highways

A villager had been in communication regarding the state of the road at Flisteridge and the difficulty of passing traffic, horses and cyclists with the pot holes. Clerk advised the parishioner to use the Wiltshire app to report this and to let her know the reference code should it need to be followed up. Awaiting a response.

* 1. Cllr Crompton Area board

Cllr Crompton as volunteered to co ordinate the attendance of the area board meetings quarterly.

* 1. Cllr Cain, Anderson, Dupree and Slucock LHFIG (formally CATG and footpaths.)
* The monthly village walk went ahead on the 3rd of July and Cllrs Anderson and Read attended.
* Cllr Cain attended the monthly meeting and advised about funding available for cycle paths in the village. It was discussed about a possible bid for this in the village.
* Cllr Cain advised that there is now a nominated person in North Wiltshire to oversee speeding and collating data – Ellen Blacker.
* The quiet lane policy was discussed for the road between Minety and Swillbrook
  1. Cllr Shepard, Anderson Flood working group liaison

This was covered in the public meeting, noted above.

* 1. Cllr Pinkney School liaison

The school has had a successful fund-raising PTA Ball to raise funds for the new outdoor classroom and the classroom name was auctioned off. Cllr Berry advised Cllr Pinkney about a new early year’s funding that may be available.

* 1. Cllr Shepard, Crompton: Speeding

Two traffic surveys (on Silver Street and the B4040) are ongoing and result of the surveys should be available by the next parish council meeting in September.

* 1. Clerk Grants. Applications received. Application decisions.

Nothing to report

* 1. Cllr Crompton: Planning Applications Received since previous meeting

Application PL/2022/09629 Swillbrook Farm House. This is an amended application to which the council have previously objected to. It was agreed that Cllr Crompton would approve on MPC behalf provided the dwellings remain as part of the new property and are not to be sold off for financial gain. It is to be noted this application was received after the agenda was published but was discussed due to the deadline for commenting.

* 1. Cllr Cain, Crompton: GREEN Planning Applications Received since previousmeeting

Application PL/2022/04524/ Installation of a battery storage energy facility at Ravenshurst Farm. SN16 9RJ.

This is a reapplication after the existing planning has expired. The previous company has gone into liquidation and this is a new provider seeking to renew the application. Cllrs noted this planning is substantially larger in size than previously allocated. It is very close to houses and accessibility for construction traffic is very poor. Cllr Crompton to object on MPC behalf with these reasons. Cllr Cain to contact the company involved with regard to community benefits.

1. **Planning.**

**Please see June Agenda for listings**

1. **Special projects**
   1. **Cllr Slucock: Jubilee update.** The jubilee committee have forms available at the village shope, asking for suggestions how to spend the jubilee funds raised in the village. It was discussed that the parish council would like to be consulted should there be the erection of benches etc with regard to who would be responsible for maintenance and upkeep.

There was a discussion about the use of unrented parish land being used as a community jubilee allotment at Lower Moor and/or St Leonards Row.

* 1. **Cllr Cain: Jubilee trees update.** Cllr Cain awaiting responses.
  2. **Cllr Slucock, Cllr Read: MPFA car park update.** Discussed earlier
  3. **Art Club, Lunch club, Fit club, Friday club… etc** Nothing to report
  4. **First Aid.** Cllr Dupree to look into courses and costs for September meeting
  5. **Security Cameras.** Cllr Cain to look into prices, maintenance for September meeting.
  6. **Auto-Speed watch.** Nothing to report
  7. **Defibrillators.** Cllr Read to contact Charles Cook regarding taking over care of Upper and Lower Minety defibrillators.
  8. **New project proposals** nothing to report
  9. **Correspondence from Parishioners to address.**

There were concerns expressed from a parishioner regarding GDPR and the sharing of email addresses between councillors for council business. It has been confirmed that this is not a breach of GDPR provided no details are shared outside of the parish council.

1. **Finance**

**Clerks report**

* 1. **Account balances**
     1. Account ending 232. £35203.67
     2. Account Ending 338. £38421/06

Approved

* 1. **Issues to address**
     1. Still awaiting change of address and signatory authorisation
     2. Investigating payments from solar/battery farms status.
     3. Accountant has been engaged and completion of the internal audit anticipated to be completed by 31 July.
     4. Exemption of AGAR submitted.
  2. **Payment sent out since 14 June 2022**
     1. Parish clerk wages £267.50
     2. Aden Vaughan. Bus shelter cleaning. £60.00
     3. Water business, home farm Trough £52.89
     4. Ian Tritton. Playground Maintenance. £335.56
     5. Neil Crocker. Grass mowing. £250.00
     6. Village Hall. £36.00
     7. Heartbeat community £120.00

Approved

* 1. **Awaiting to receive payment**
     1. Charlotte Whitcombe, Water business, home farm £52.89
  2. **Accounts for payment**
     1. Village hall. £31.50
     2. Neil Crocker, grass mowing. £250.00
     3. Water business. Home farm trough. £52.89
     4. Aiden Vaughan phone box cleaning £48.00
     5. Parish clerk wages £267.50. Additional hours £160.70 and expenses £65.62

Approved

1. **Forthcoming calendar events** ROSPA report
2. **Outstanding Actions not covered by previous proceedings** Nothing to report
3. **Closing comments, chair to close meeting.** Meeting ended at 1005pm.
4. **Date of Next Meeting: September 14th 7:30pm. Village Hall.**