Minutes for the meeting on Monday 9th November 2020,

7.30pm via Zoom

Present – Cllr Wells, Cllr Caesley, Cllr Coverdale Cllr Paley, Cllr Smith, Dorset Council Cllr Penfold, Jodie Carter (Clerk), 1 members of public.

09.11.01 To accept apologies

None.

09.11.02 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14th September 2020

Cllr Smith expressed an inability to review the previous meetings’ minutes (Mon 14 Sept 2020) due to receiving them less than 24 hours prior to the meeting.  The chairman suggested an extra week and to alleviate such future problems that draft minutes should be circulated no later than 7 days after the actual meeting.

*To be approved by the end of the week, agreed by all.* ***Cllrs to email the clerk to their responses.***

09.11.04 Open Meeting.

Cllr Penfold – still holding all meeting virtually, budget pressures because of Covid, new shopping permit for parking and runs until December 6th. Also, online survey re climate etc. Continually liaise with our MP, Mr Loder. Please contact Cllr Penfold with any queries.

**Following the Open Meeting the Public will be encouraged to remain but shall not take part in subsequent discussions unless expressly requested by the Chairman.**

09.11.05 Matters to be discussed:

* Fibre Broadband provision - Cllr Caesley to update.

Wessex internet has completed the first stage of their programme by laying the fibre loop around the village, next phase is to link that loop into individual households and install the equipment into the properties. There are some issues due to the current lockdown as they cannot enter households. 25% of households have signed up and another 25% have expressed interest. If you are signed up by the end of February, you can still claim the £1500 grant. **Cllr Caesley to follow up with Wessex Internet.**

* BT Telephone Kiosk removal - Cllr Wells to update.

Following email correspondence with Cllr Wells, Chris Loder MP contacted Dorset Council (Matt Prosser CEO) who responded saying they have no budget to have the kiosk reinstated and were not liable. A subsequent email to Chris Loder MP from BT Payphones confirmed this was not the case and that they would generally accept direction from the Local Authority in these matters prior to removal of telephone kiosks. As the request by MOPC to retain the kiosk had not been passed on by DC the kiosk was removed. Chris Loder MP has now suggested that the matter be taken up as an official complaint with Dorset Council prior to taking the matter to the Local Government Ombudsman. **Cllr Wells to follow this up**.

Notwithstanding the above possible solution would be DC installing a direct line to the village hall and church to alleviate ‘Life Safety’ concerns.

**PMN** Cllr Wells confirmed that the Parish Church had been informed of the situation and as a ‘stop-gap’ the Churchwarden would ensure a mobile phone would be available for emergencies noting that there is poor reception in that area. The Village Hall is currently closed due to Covid restrictions.

* Camping 2021 – Clerk to update.

Mr Harrison was contacted and is happy with the price of £12 per night. The clerk will liaise with Barbara Waine/Roger Caesley to provide a detailed rule and regs policy for their arrival. **Clerk to email village hall.**

* Footpaths – Cllr Caesley to update.

The Estate have lodged an objection, Cllr Caesley has been informed that this cannot be submitted until the new year and could potentially be 12 months before this is dealt with. A huge thank you to Roger for pursuing this as, whilst he is doing this as an individual, it is with the full support of the parish council.

* Update on the replacement bollard – Cllr Coverdale to update.

Two slightly smaller bollards have been installed on the verge at the A37 junction. Many thanks to Pete Coverdale for installing the new bollards. It was noted that with works that Richard & Jenny have carried out to their property the whole entrance to the village looks much tidier.

* Planning application consultation – Clerk to update.

The Clerk had contacted the planning department as consultation documents for planning applications were still not being forwarded to MOPC for review. It was noted that we do not normally get notified of applications regarding tree surgery but other applications should not be affected. **Cllr Penfold/Clerk to follow up.**

* Bank account and additional signatories – Clerk to update

There has been a delay as the original form can no longer be printed and filled out. **The clerk now has all the relevant details and will have the forms with Cllr Wells at the weekend for forwarding to the bank.** Apologies to Cllr Coverdale for having to wait for his cheques.

* Village Hall Entrance – Cllr Wells/Cllr Caesley to update.

A proposal for a donation to the village hall of £1950 had been put to Councillors to assist with the costs of the village hall entrance remedial works and this had been approved by all Councillors by email. The Clerk to attach the email string to the minutes for reference. A letter of thanks had been received from the Village Hall Committee chair.

The work is now in progress.

* Covid update and village response – Cllr Wells to update.

Anna Roxburgh has put the original database into operation with volunteers available for shopping and collection of prescriptions etc. If there is knowledge of any help being necessary by residents please contact parish councillors as necessary or Anna Roxburgh. The website has been updated to confirm that the tennis court/boulles court is now closed until after December 2nd, although the playground is exempt and can continue to be used. Residents to remain vigilant in maintain Covid guidelines.

09.11.06 Finance

* To approve the financial statement

It was agreed that the late delivery of the financial statement needed further time for scrutiny and would be improved by being dispatched earlier.

Precept – a decision will need to be made before the end of January 2021, **clerk to email all Cllrs a draft budget for review prior to being approved at the January meeting**.

09.11.07 Correspondence

* STAG meeting 24th September
* Abbeyfield: Fortnightly vacancy list for Somerset and Dorset
* DAPTC E-News 18th September '20
* DAPTC E-News 25th September '20
* Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order Melbury Osmond
* DAPTC Training Newsletter: Octobers' training options
* DAPTC E-News 23rd October '20
* DAPTC E-News 30th October '20

09.11.08 To clarify decisions made during the meeting

Highlighted in bold.

AOB – Cllr Smith noted that various people had questions regarding the precept, for instance someone had mentioned about the VE Day commemoration money which had been allocated, has this been handed out or spent?

It was confirmed that No, it was budgeted for but not spent, this will probably be reallocated to an event next year following discussion.

09.11.09 Date of the next meeting

***Monday 11th January 2021 via Zoom***

*Meeting finished at 20.38*