

# Merriott Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018 At 7pm, Merriott Village Hall

### Present:

Cllr Iain Hall (Chair)  
Cllr Caro Paine  
Cllr Dave Aslett

Cllr Grant Wright  
Cllr Jim Shorting

### In attendance

Mrs K Sheehan (Clerk), Cllr A Dance (SCC) (from item 8), nine members of the public.

### 18/061. Public Open Session

Cllr Hall welcomed everyone present to the meeting. Those present to speak about items other than those on the agenda were invited to address the Council.

A member of the public requested that a new lid is installed on the dog waste bin in Moorlands Road as the handle is broken, making it difficult to lift the lid.

**Action: Clerk to look at replacement dog bin lids, also for the one outside the school.**

### 18/062. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Steve Ashton.

### 18/063. Code of Conduct and Declarations of Interests

None.

### 18/064. Minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> April and 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018

The minutes of both meetings were accepted as a true and accurate record.

### 18/065. Matters Arising from Minutes

Members heard that the traffic report outstanding from Crewkerne Town Council was due to be considered at their meeting, also being held that evening.

### 18/066. Report from County Councillor

None.

### 18/067. Report from District Councillor

None.

### 18/068. Planning

#### a. 18/01352/OUT – Land OS 001 Moorlands Road

Cllr Hall invited members of the public to speak on this application. The following issues were raised:

- Concerns over the impact of additional housing on river levels and flooding in Merriottsford and Moorlands Road
- Objections to building in a conservation area, and also building when other developments in the village have been shut down due to lack of demand
- Impact on the carefully calibrated attenuation pond
- Additional traffic on a small single lane road

It was noted that a letter had been received by the applicant who was unable to attend.

Cllr Paine summarised the recommendation of the Planning Working Party.

### MPC recommendation for refusal on the following grounds:

1. 1)The proposed site would be detached from other built form to the north east of the site and would be located alongside a Conservation Area and within the setting of several listed buildings. The development would not have a credible relationship with other built form and would therefore

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appear incongruous and would not respect or reinforce local distinctiveness or landscape character. Additionally, the development of the open paddock which is significant to the setting of the Conservation Area and to the adjacent listed buildings would cause unacceptable harm to these heritage assets. As such the proposed development is contrary to policies EQ2 and EQ3 of the South Somerset Local Plan (2006- 2028), and the relevant sections of the National Planning Policy Framework (2012) including chapters 7 and 12.

02. The proposal has not sufficiently demonstrated how a residential development may be laid out and constructed within the site, including how the vehicular access and services would be provided whilst acceptably taking into account the protected trees to ensure they are not adversely compromised during construction and that the development layout is compatible with the protected trees having regard to their substantial growth potential. In addition, the potential loss of protected trees would have an adverse impact on the character of the area and on the setting of the adjacent Conservation Area and Listed Buildings. As such it is considered that the proposal is contrary to Local Plan Policies EQ2, EQ3 and EQ5 and the relevant sections of the NPPF (2012) including Chapters 7 and 12.

3) It has not been demonstrated how surface water drainage would be dealt within the site in order to ensure that flood risk is acceptably managed and ensuring that the development would not increase the risk of flooding elsewhere. The proposal is therefore contrary to Policy EQ1 of the adopted South Somerset Local Plan (2006 - 2028) and the relevant sections of the NPPF including Chapter 10.

This was **proposed** by Cllr Paine, **seconded** by Cllr Wright and duly **RESOLVED** unanimously.

**b. 18/00900/S73A – Unit 17, Lopen Business Park**

The Clerk reported that additional information relating to vehicular movements had been received. Members stated that the position of the Council was unchanged by this data, and that they remained in support of Lopen Parish Council.

**c. To note any determinations received.**

None at time of meeting.

**d. To consider the results of the Housing Needs Survey**

Cllr Paine stated that she had looked at the draft version from the District Council – it was agreed that members should have one further look and then confirm to the DC that the final version could be published.

**Action: Clerk to put final HNS on July agenda**

**e. To consider membership of the CPRE**

Deferred to July meeting.

**18/069. Finance and Procedure**

**a. To agree invoices for payment**

<u>Voucher</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>VAT</u>		<u>Total Payment</u> <u>incl VAT</u>	<u>Budget Line</u>	<u>Cheque</u> <u>Number</u>
278	Allplay	First instalment play eq	£	2,263.10	£13,578.60	Rec upgrade	BACS
279	Allplay	Second instalment play	£	2,263.10	£13,578.60	Rec upgrade	BACS
280	SES	CCTV Contract	£	18.00	£ 108.00	Pavilion	BACS
281	M Paull	Burial Ground grass	£	-	£ 80.00	Burial Ground	BACS
282	Allen Computer	LiveDrive 2 yr subs	£	13.33	£ 80.00	Office	BACS
283	EON	Pavilion electricity	£	-	£ 58.56	Pavilion utilities	BACS
284	ARB	Tree works at Rec	£	-	£ 325.00	Rec contract	BACS
285	J Searle	Pavilion contract	£	-	£ 60.00	Pavilion contract	BACS
286	N Witcombe	Allotment rent	£	-	£ 600.00	Allotments	BACS
287	Staffing	Salary	£	-	£ 392.11	Clerk	BACS
		Mileage	£	-	£ 4.05	Mileage	BACS
		PAYE pd direct	£	-	£ 7.40	PAYE	BACS

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288	I Hall	Expenses tbc					
289	ICO	Data registration	£	-	£	35.00	Memberships DD pd 16/5/18
290	GrassMats Ltd Merriott Village	Underlay mesh	£	49.00	£	294.00	Rec upgrade BACS
291	Hall	Room hire	£	-	£	12.00	Room hire BACS
292	GrassMats Ltd	Matting	£	582.60	£	3,495.60	Rec upgrade BACS
293	T Wallis	Installation	£	701.00	£	4,206.00	Rec upgrade BACS
		Total VAT to reclaim	£	5,890.13			
		<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>£ 36,914.92</b>	

An internal transfer of £15,000 from the NW Current Account to the Barclays Current Account was also proposed.

All invoices and the transfer were agreed for payment, members noted that Cllr Hall would submit his expenses for scrutiny by the Clerk and approval by another signatory.

**Proposed: Cllr Aslett**

**Seconded: Cllr Paine**

**RESOLVED for payment**

**b. To note payments received**

**RECEIPTS to 31st May 2018**

Receipt no	Date	Name	Payment for	Amount	Budget line	Paying in ref
152	03/05/2018	G Preston	Pavilion hire	£ 10.00	Pavilion	BACS
153	14/5/18 * NW acc	Toller Porcorum PC	SLCC contribution	£ 29.40	Memberships	BACS
154	18/05/2018	FVPC	SLCC contribution	£ 29.40	Memberships	100027
155	18/05/2018	A J Wakelys	Davies	£ 175.00	Burial ground	100028
156	18/05/2018	A J Wakelys	Pittard	£ 175.00	Burial ground	100029
157	18/05/2018	MYFC	Pitch/pavilion fees	£ 370.00	Pitch/Pavilion	100030
158	18/05/2018	Merriott Minnows	Pavilion hire	£ 10.00	Pavilion	100025
159	18/05/2018	S Brown	Pavilion hire	£ 20.00	Pavilion	100026
		<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£ 818.80</b>		

Noted.

**c. To note any updates to the Risk Register (standing item)**

No changes were made but Cllr Shorting reported that the annual fire extinguisher inspection was due the following week and Cllr Hall requested that the Clerk assist him with a risk assessment of the tractor shed once he had finished clearing it out.

**d. To consider a grant request from 1<sup>st</sup> Hinton St George Scout Group**

Members considered a grant request from the Group towards updating their camp equipment following a recent growth in membership, catering for in excess of 60 young people from Merriott and surrounding area. A grant of £100 was suggested.

**Proposed:**

**Cllr C Paine**

**Seconded: Cllr J Shorting**

**RESOLVED**

**18/070. Highways and Footpaths**

**a. To receive an update on the SIS scheme**

Cllr Dance reported that the Merriottsford/Pye Corner SIS scheme had now successfully progressed to the next stage of the SIS bidding process. It was anticipated that some feedback would be received from Highways at some point and contractors had been seen measuring the road at these locations. Cllr Dance had informed the County Council of the PC's match funding for the scheme and that the two landowners were supportive of the proposal.

**b. To receive an update on the proposal to refurbish heritage road signs**

Cllr Wright reported that he contacted various approved restoration specialists for quotes. Some discussion took place about the capabilities of the SSDC Rangers as they are insured for road sign repairs and maintenance, although it was noted that some posts would need more significant attention.

**c. To receive an update on the SID scheme**

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Cllr Wright reported that the recent SID installation had not provided any data due to a loss of battery life. The Clerk confirmed she had checked with the County Council and there would be no fee for this installation. A contact for the SID scheme at the County Council had now been identified. New dates for installations would be advised to Councillors once known.

**d. To receive an update on the Crewkerne Town Council traffic consultation**

Delayed (see notes under 'Matters Arising').

**18/071. Recreation Ground/Pavilion**

**a. To receive the May inspection report**

May inspection report was received, Cllr Aslett agreeing to undertake June inspections. No major issues only slight smell around pavilion noted.

**Action: Cllrs Hall and Aslett to check septic tank at Pavilion.**

**b. To receive a report on the MPC/Bowling Club water supply meeting and determine action on Bowls Club water use**

Cllr Shorting reported back from a recent meeting between PC and BC representatives. Members discussed the installation of a sprinkler system at the club, related water use and the possible replacement of the Bowls Club water main.

**Action: Clerk to write to Bowls Club regarding sprinkler system, water usage and possible new main. Cllr Shorting to obtain two additional quotes for the pipework.**

**c. To receive an update on the play projects and date/plans for opening**

Cllr Hall reported all play equipment was now installed, the surfacing currently going down. Some issues with rivets on the Bonnie Boat had been identified. Members agreed Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July for the opening event.

**d. To receive a report on the Crewkerne Area Tennis Initiative and determine actions on proposals**

Cllrs Hall and Aslett reported back from the most recent Area Tennis meeting. Cllr Aslett proposed pursuing an offer to introduce short tennis to Merriott, purchasing the kits with the assistance of Mr Lester from ??? to assist with the coaching. A proposal to spend up to £200 on the relevant equipment was received, delegated to the Clerk. Cllr Aslett to provide Clerk with the information.

**Proposed: Cllr D Aslett**

**Seconded: Cllr I Hall**

**RESOLVED**

**e. To determine action on proposal for additional tables and chair/less able audit**

Members considered quotes obtained for the supply of additional tables etc for the Rec. It was noted that Yarcombe were able to extend the top of the tables for wheelchair access at no extra cost and thus proposed to order three of each from this supplier.

**Proposed: Cllr D Aslett**

**Seconded: Cllr G Wright**

**RESOLVED**

**Action: Clerk to order benches**

**f. To receive a report on request for practice nets from Merriott Cricket Club**

Members discussed the request from MCC for practice nets. It was agreed in principle, subject to receiving further detail from the club.

**Proposed: Cllr C Paine**

**Seconded: Cllr J Shorting**

**RESOLVED**

**18/072. Items for the next meeting**

To be advised to the Clerk in advance of agenda publication.

- Housing Needs Survey results
- Membership of the CPRE
- Q1 Financial Report
- SSDC Ranger Scheme

**18/073. Date and location of next meeting**

The next meeting was confirmed for Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018, 7pm, Blake Room, Merriott Village Hall.

**The meeting finished at 9.35pm.**