

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MELBURY ABBAS AND CANN GROUP PARISH
COUNCIL 19.2.13

Present: Cllr. Weston, Cllr. Hughes, Cllr. Sturgess, Cllr. Mitchell, Cllr. Pestell, Cllr. Parker,
Cllr. Baddeley, Cllr. Pettifer. Mrs. Kaile

Mr. J. Speers

Members of the Public – Nil

2012.93 APOLOGIES

Mr. A. Campbell, Cllr M. James, Cllr Baddeley

2012.94 TWO COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

Mr. D. Webber interested and to be invited to the next meeting.

2012.95 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the last Meeting read and approved.

2012.96 MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. Parker and keyholder issue for the village hall outstanding.
Cllr Parker to speak to NDDC regarding bottle bank at the village hall.

2012.97 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to re-read the agenda for this meeting and to make any
declarable interests known.

2012.98 UPDATE - COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Report had been already circulated.
Mr. Campbell not re-standing for County Council at May elections.

UPDATE – DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

NDDC budget being worked on and due to be finalised shortly. Will mean
an increase in rates - £5 on a Band D property.
New way of calculating council budgets which will mean that in the case

of this Parish there will be a reduction of monies available - (2014/15 this will show a reduction of £310).

Exceptions on empty properties for rates will also change.

Issue with planning issue (A. Sampson). Neighbour complaining. Mr. Speers is dealing with the issue at NDDC.

Travellers at St. James due to depart by Easter, due to eviction order. Doesn't know where they will go.

2012.99 JOINT COMMITTEE AND TAKING GROWTH FORWARD

This in future to be considered under Shaftesbury - Taking Growth Forward. Cllr. Hughes stated that this Council needs to be part of a bigger Group of councils and neighbouring towns in order to endeavour to make a difference. Cllr. Pestell said that this Group would prepare a Joint Neighbourhood Plan that would go to NDDC to be sanctioned and would in theory means that monies via the Community Infrastructure Levy would come back to the local area.

Cllr. Pestell advised that NDDC are behind in preparing their Core Strategy into which Local Neighbourhood Plans would be fed into.

Cllr Pestell proposed that this Parish become part of the Shaftesbury and surrounding villages Group - Cllr Sturgess seconded. All in agreement.

Funding might be available to advertise the Neighbourhood Plan via a redundant library bus to the various villages.

Cllr Hughes advised that on behalf of this Council he has made representations to NDDC regarding the Core Strategy and the need that NDDC consider infrastructure such as roads, health and education in the overall plan. Other local councils have made the same kind of representations. Mr. Speers advised that he would also be indicating that infrastructure needs to be considered.

2012.100 FINANCE REPORT

Balances:-	Post Office	£2447
	Instant Access	£5764
	Treasurers Account	£3330

Cheque to be minuted- For Village Hall rental for last quarter of 2012

Cllr. Pestell to become a signatory.

The Parish Council has received a letter from Shaftesbury Town Council requesting monies towards running costs of the public toilets. Parish Council declined.

2012.101 REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting had been held with the MP to discuss the issues on the C13/A350. No ideas were offered with the exception of taking part in the cross- county working group, in the hope that this might attract some funding.

A meeting is being held next with DCC, being chaired by Angus Campbell, with the Highways Department to go through the proposals suggested by the Committee as being possible short term solutions.

Quarry Lane - very bad pot holes - mud is not helping. Landowners need to take responsibility for this. Cllr Parker to speak to John Giles regarding mud in Mill Lane and to the Kays for Quarry Lane. Holes in West Lane has also been reported.

Signage required for Quarry Lane- Cllr Mitchell to speak to NDDC regarding this.

Cllr Weston has reported the pot holes on Foyle Hill.

Cllr Pestell reported that traffic calming is required on the junction of Foots Hill to the A350.

2012.102 REPORT FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Mr. Speers to investigate the building that appears to be occurring at Tudor House without any planning permission.

Shepherds Cottage, Melbury Abbas - permission has been granted for the stables. Garage at Old Rectory has been granted. The Winery at Cann has been angled slightly different. Garage at Little Frys has been approved.

Cllr. Pestell felt that NDDC must be spending a lot of public money on certain planning applications. It was agreed that a Planning Officer and the Enforcement Officer should be invited to the next meeting to outline policies, decision making process etc.

Wessex Water application - Mr. Speers to be asked by Cllr Hughes whether any storage will be taking place with regard to this application at White Pit Lane.

2012.103 REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GUYS MARSH COMMITTEE

No issues. HMP hoping to improve the relationship with the local community. Could they do work in the community? HMP to be asked to attend the General meeting of the Parish Council to discuss this aspect. Cllr Pestell to speak to the Governor.

2012.104 REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FOOTPATHS AND TREES COMMITTEE

Some footpath queries outstanding – but too wet for work to be commenced.

2012.105 REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DAPTC COMMITTEE

Representatives from the Shaftesbury TC will be attending the next meeting and will report back.

2012.106 REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AIRFIELD COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

2012.107 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

a. Village Hall
Covered earlier.

b. Millennium Group

Nothing to report

2012.108 TRAVELLERS

Commoners being contacted.

2012.109 COMMUNICATIONS

Bournemouth and Poole Minerals Plan to be reviewed.

Web page for the Parish Council is now up and running although

and now some training is now required.

2012.110 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Cllr Sturgess stated that it was unfortunate that members of the public did not attend the Parish Council meetings unless they had something to complain about.

2012.111 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Co-option
Format of Neighbourhood Committee

2013.92 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

9.4.13

Meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

