

Winterborne Stickland Parish Council

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MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 23rd February 2015.

Present: Councillors, D Godden (Chairman), J Sutcliffe (Vice Chairman), V Manners, S Phillips, K Cowan, K Hickson & J Tebb **Apologies:** S Webb

In attendance: District Councillor A Burch, Sam Smith (Clerk) & 10 members of the community.

1. Welcome & Apologies: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He thanked Graham Case for stepping at the last moment to take the minutes at the January meeting in the Clerks absence.

2. District Councillor's Report: District Cllr Burch reported that Mr Matt Prosser has been appointed Chief Executive of the new Tri Council Partnership. Liz Goodall has now retired as Chief Executive at NDDC. Council Tax charges have been frozen in North Dorset so will remain the same as last year.

3. PC Officer's Report: Cllr Manners reported that it had been a quiet month in the local area, some criminal damage to farmland at Turnworth was reported to the Police.

4. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on the 19th January 2015 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

5. Clerk's update/actions: The actions arising from the Parish Council meeting held on the 19th January 2015 were reviewed and updates given. Cllr Godden had presented some flowers to the Sprackling family at the Post Office on the 21st February 2015 in recognition of their long service to the community. Photos were taken and a write up will go in the April Valley News.

6. Declarations of Interest: None

7. Planning applications:

2/2015/0050/VARIA- Land @ Lady Carolines Drive, Bryanston - Variation of condition no 13, allow the installation of emergency and comfort lighting on the DNO switch gear building - **Agreed**, no objections. **Tree Works:** St Marys Church, W Stickland - Remove Yew & reduce crown of Lime – **agreed**, no objections.

8. Planning applications - decision notices:

2/2015/0050/VARIA- Land @ Lady Carolines Drive, Bryanston - **granted**.

9. Matters Arising:

9.1 Fingerpost refurbishment project: Cllr Phillips who has **agreed** to manage this project has assessed all the fingerposts in the village. Two are deemed to be needing attention first, at the top of the village and at the junction on the way to Blandford. The Parish Council have set aside £400 in the 2015/16 budget towards this project, DCC have promised to supplement this amount but more money will be needed and this will be achieved hopefully by fundraising in the village. A specification for the posts is provided by ANOB as certain materials must be used. Volunteers are needed for this project and anybody who would like help or can offer materials or time should contact the Clerk.

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9.2 Sports Club update: Josh Feirn from the Football Club came along to talk to Cllrs. He put forward an idea that the future for the Club lies as a Football Club rather than as a general Sports Club. Applying for funding/grants was discussed and Josh thought that as a Football Club more funding would be forthcoming. Repairs to the building were discussed and Josh stated that an electrician been found to update the electrics. The electrician will need to contact the Clerk before work can be carried out. Insurance on the building was raised and Josh agreed to get a copy of the insurance certificate forwarded to the Clerk. Graham Case was mentioned as a possible contact for Josh to talk to about funding/grants, the Clerk will forward Grahams details. Cllr Sutcliffe thanked Josh for attending the meeting and commended him for his enthusiasm & interest in the Club's future.

Joanne Clarke an outreach worker from Blandford Community Centre came to the meeting to ask for permission to bring their Youth Service Bus to the village. It was **agreed** that it would be positioned at the Sport Field. Jo will contact the Clerk to arrange some dates.

9.3 Highways - review of road to Houghton: The road was walked on 27th January 2015 by Cllr Godden, Henry Cole & Roger Collins (WHPC) and two members of DDC Highways. It was **agreed** that the road was in need of some urgent repair. Large stretches of the bank have fallen away and the road will only get worse. Emergency repairs will hopefully be carried out but due to lack of money in the Highways budget this would be more of a make and mend nature rather than a complete re-structuring of the road.

9.4 Canada Farm solar fund - adoption of constitution & members: The fund committee held its first meeting on 30th January 2015 and the members of the committee are Christine Holbrook, Linda Bryan, Greg Whales, Hazel Lappin, Adrian Henson along with Cllr Sutcliffe & Cllr Phillips. One extra person Jo Stephens has also volunteered. Another meeting would be held on 6th March 2015 to appoint a Chairman, Treasurer & Secretary. The first annual payment of £8,700 has been received by the Parish Council. An article has been submitted for the March edition of the Valley News. The Constitution of the Solar Fund was adopted by all Cllrs. BSR have spoken to Cllr Godden re an Open Day at the solar park and Cllrs **agreed** that a weekend day in the warmer weather would be the best time to do this.

9.5 Tree Officer appointment: Cllr S Phillips is the Parish Council Tree Officer.

9.6 Local elections - PC candidates: Nomination packs will be circulated to Cllrs in March. These will need to be completed and returned to the Clerk. Timescales are quite short so Cllrs will need to complete the forms as soon as possible once they have received them.

9.7 Possible village green stream work: It was agreed that a manual clearance of the stream, near the Green, will be needed at some point in the near future. The broken bench should be disposed of.

10. Financial Report: Cheques for payment were **agreed** as follows:

- Clerk £212.40 (salary February 2015 & office expenses)
- C Lovell £85.50 (grass cutting contract February 2015)

The Clerk has submitted a VAT reclaim for the amount £51.41 (not yet received)
A Precept amount of £7,785.08 has been submitted to NDDC the final form needs to be submitted by 30/03/15 all Cllrs **agreed** to the final figure.
£8,700 has been received from BSR into the Parish Council bank account.

11. Correspondence: Received as follows:

- DAPTC Winter Newsletter 2014/15 - 2 copies were distributed to Cllrs.
- Letter/email from St Marys Parochial Church Council (events) seeking permission to hold a Fete on the village green on 08/08/2015 and to erect an advertising banner. Also seeking permission to use the green on 21/06/2015 for afternoon cream teas & advertising banner. All Cllrs **agreed**.

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- An email from a resident re dog mess. A letter/article has been submitted the Valley News from another resident on this subject & hopefully this will prompt dog owners to clear up.
- DAPTC Training courses schedule - circulated by email.
- There is a Winterborne Division meeting on 22/4/2015 at 7pm in Milton Abbas. Cllrs Godden & Cowan **agreed** to attend.
- Tree work has recently been carried out at the The Old Rectory but there had been some concern that this was not satisfactorily completed. Branches were still causing a danger to pedestrians and vehicles. Cllr Godden has spoken to the tree surgeon and they will be returning at a later date to complete the job.

12. Democratic period:

It has been announced that a preschool will be definitely opening in the near future at the W Stickland Dunbury school base. A date has not yet been given.

13. Items for the next agenda:

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40 pm

Next meeting Date: Monday 23rd March 2015, 7.30pm

Venue: Pamela Hambro Village Hall, Winterborne Stickland.

Signed.....Presiding Chairman.

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