

Winterborne Stickland Parish Council

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

Present: Councillors J Sutcliffe (Vice Chairman), V Manners, S Phillips, K Cowan, K Hickson & J Tebb **Apologies:** S Webb & D Godden (Chairman) **In attendance:** District Councillor A Burch, Sam Smith (Clerk) & 8 members of the community.

1. Welcome & Apologies: Cllr Sutcliffe (Vice Chairman) chaired the meeting in The Chairman's absence, he welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. District Councillor's Report: District Cllr Burch - report to follow.

3. PC Officer's Report: The Clerk reported that a crime had recently taken place in Higher Houghton. A silver Volvo was seen driving around the area, the driver wearing a balaclava. A break in took place, which resulted in a Police chase but the offender was not caught. Dorset Police are reviewing how they deliver 'Neighbourhood Policing' to communities, Project Genesis is the name of this review.

4. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd February 2015 were **agreed** and signed by the Vice Chairman.

5. Clerk's update/actions: The actions arising from the Parish Council meeting held on the 23rd February 2015 were reviewed and updates given. The broken bench at the village green has been disposed of. A letter has been sent to The Old Rectory re the overgrown hedge. The Blandford Community Youth Bus has been booked to visit the village on the 21st April & 5th May in the early evening.

6. Declarations of Interest: None

7. Planning applications: 2/2015/0136/OUT land South Of The Old Malt House, Clenston Road, Winterborne Stickland erect 2 dwellings. The meeting was attended by the applicants, their architect and a neighbour. The architect made a short presentation of the proposed plans. A lengthy discussion took place and questions were asked by Cllrs. The Village Design Statement was shown to the applicants & architect. The general design and layout of the buildings were thought to be in keeping with the surrounding area. Two concerns were highlighted - the entrance/exit point to the plot, including road safety and the validity/accuracy of the Bio Diversity Report inc the presence of badgers etc. It was felt that in order to make an informed decision the PC should organise a site visit which was arranged for Tues 31st March @ 6pm. The applicants neighbour offered to support the application. It was **agreed** that a final decision will be made after the site visit.

Television relay station @ Stickland Hill Farm install 6 no new antennas 3 remote radio units & associated ancillary equipment. At the time of the meeting NDDC had not loaded the documents online for Cllrs to look at. It was **agreed** that once the paperwork had been checked as long as the antennas were not taller than the original ones the application could go ahead.

8. Planning applications - decision notices: 2/2014/1251/HOUSE Spinners, West Street Winterborne Stickland. Retrospective planning for the conservatory has been refused and an appeal notification has been received.

2/2014/0768/PAEIA Blandford Hill, W Whitechurch install 4 no wind turbines - we have been informed that this application has been refused by NDDC.

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9. Matters Arising:

9.1 Local elections - nomination papers: The Clerk collected the completed nomination papers from Cllrs. Cllr Cowan has decided not to stand again after the election in May. There are still vacancies on the WSPC and anybody wishing to be considered or just to find out more about becoming a Cllr should contact the Clerk.

9.2 Sports Club update: Geoff Brown attended the meeting and gave an update on activity at the Sports Club. The Clerk has a copy of the Sport Club Liability Insurance certificate. The Clerk has emailed Ashley Thomas (electrician) to give permission for an electrical report to take place on the building. The club has also secured a drinks licence. Various money making activities were discussed including camping.

9.3 Traffic loop results: The Clerk had received the results and forwarded them on to all Cllrs. It was felt that the loops were installed at the wrong time of year and outside of the harvesting season. It was also noted that the results showed that a high proportion of vehicles are speeding through the village. Due to these results, the village is unable to obtain a weight restriction limit to prevent large vehicles passing through the village.

9.4 Canada Farm solar fund: The next committee meeting is to be held on 7th April 2015. Christine Holbrook has been appointed The Chairman, Adrian Henson The Treasurer and John Sutcliffe The Secretary. One application for funding has already been received by the committee but more are needed. Applications need to be made in writing and can be sent directly to the Solar Fund Committee via the email address sticklandsolarfund@yahoo.com.

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

- Clerk £219.91 (salary March 2015 & office expenses) C Lovell £85.50 (grass cutting contract March 2015) Lowe Legal Services £340.00 (transfer of land at Downfield)
- A VAT refund payment has been received for £51.41
- It was **agreed** that the PC burial rates for 2015 will rise to keep in line with The Church of England Parochial Fees.

11. Correspondence: Received as follows:

- An email from a resident requesting permission to place a headstone at her husband's grave (cremated) instead of a flat plaque/marker. As this is in the burial section of the cemetery it was **agreed** this could go ahead.
- The Land Registry documents for the land at Downfield have been received.
- A letter from NHS England re Milton Abbas/Milborne St Andrew, Whitecliff/Child Okeford Surgery informing us of their applications for dispensary approval - no action by the PC needs to be taken.
- A letter from BDO with notice of the annual review of the PC accounts - it was **agreed** that the Clerk should ask John Jeffrey if he would like to complete our internal audit again.

12. Democratic period: It was **agreed** that Clerk should contact Paul Kennea and ask if he would be able to fix the broken (concreted in) bench at the Village Green. Kevin Oakley stated that extra PIR lights are being installed at the Pam Hambro Hall in the back car park.

13. Items for the next agenda: Uses for the land at Downfield

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45 pm

Next meeting Date: Monday 20th April 2015, 7.30pm

Venue: Pamela Hambro Village Hall, Winterborne Stickland

Signed.....Presiding Chairman.

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