

Winterborne Stickland Parish Council

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MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 30th November 2015.

Present: Councillors D Godden (Chairman), J Sutcliffe (Vice Chairman), V Manners, S Phillips, P Kennea, J Tebb **Apologies:** District Cllr A Burch, Cllrs S Webb & K Hickson
In attendance: Sam Smith (Clerk) & 3 members of the community.

1. Welcome & Apologies: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. District Councillor's Report: District Cllr Audrey Burch sent her report via email as follows - after the recent comprehensive spending review, local government will not be told how it will affect us on the ground until just before Christmas. With regards to the tri- council partnership issue, work is progressing in forging one set of staff to deliver services to the 3 councils.

3. PC Officer's Report: Cllr Manners reported a theft from North Barn Farm, Winterbourne Stickland, this had occurred on Tuesday 24th November between 1630hrs and Wednesday 25th November, 0500hr the offenders took 5 gas bottles.

4. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on the 26th October 2015 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

5. Clerk's update/actions: Nothing to note due to The Clerks recent holiday and absence from the last meeting.

6. Declarations of Interest: None for Planning - Cllrs Phillips & Kennea for Sports Club. Cllr Sutcliffe & Phillips for the Solar Fund.

7. Planning applications received for review:

2/2015/1552/HOUSE - Garden Bungalow, Dunbury Lane DT11 0NN John Gill attended the meeting as the application is for his daughters' house. The proposed single storey plans were presented to Cllrs back at the August WSPC meeting. It was **agreed** by all Cllrs that there were no objections to this planning application.

8. Planning applications - decision notices: Spinners - conservatory update The unauthorised conservatory has been removed and its replacement will shortly be constructed to the rear of the property.

9. Matters Arising:

9.1 Budget/precept 2016/2017: The Clerk had emailed a draft 2016/17 PC budget to all Cllrs in advance of the meeting. Costs for the period 2016/17 were discussed. After some tweaking of the figures, a conclusion was reached that approx an additional £900 would be required from the next precept to cover all the 2016/17 PC/village costs. It was provisionally **agreed** by all Cllrs to increase the precept request for 2016/17 to cover these extra costs. In the meantime The Clerk will look at the figures again and re check the projected spending figures. A final decision will be made at the next PC meeting in Jan 2016.

9.2 Play Park inspection report: The WS play park has recently had its annual external safety inspection. Due to a mix up and lack of service from the inspection company involved the PC will not be charged for the report this year. Some issues that need attention were highlighted in the report. Cllr Kennea **agreed** to visit the play park with the report and undertake any immediate safety repairs needed to ensure that the Insurance would not be compromised.

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9.3 Sports Club update: Before the meeting The Clerk met with Geoff Brown and all the paperwork/accounts from the previous sports club committee were handed over. It is now thought that the previous outstanding electric bill will finish with an outstanding balance in the region of £250.00. The WSPC **agreed** to pay this balance to draw a line under the previous club and to enable the new committee to get re connected to the electric supply. The Clerk **agreed** to write to SSE and state the PC's support of the new Club and to try and get the electric re connected. An application for a premises licence has been submitted by the new sport club committee to NDDC, opening times were discussed and Cllrs Phillips & Kennea explained that late night opening would be rare and only for individual events, any comments need to be made by 15th Dec 2015 to NDDC. The clerk will confirm the PC's support for the application.

9.4 Stream issue/hedge Clenston Road: The Clerk had been informed that the problem hedge would be trimmed at the weekend (28/29th Nov 2015) This had not taken place so the Clerk **agreed** to follow this up.

9.5 Solar Fund update: Cheques for beneficiary payments from the Solar Fund were signed by The Clerk after the invoices and accompanying paperwork was checked.

- St Marys PCC £886.95
- Pamela Hambro Hall £5,500
- WS Sports Club £2,000
- Sean Phillips (reimbursement of sports Club costs) £130.32

It was stated that the PC will only be able to reclaim the VAT on Sports Club expenditure as advised by our external auditor BDO.

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

- Clerk £207.27 (salary Nov 2015 & office expenses)
- C Lovell £148.00 (grass cutting for Nov 2015 & Jubilee Orchard cut)
- M Peat £200.00 (village green work)
- D Judd £400.00 (tree work at the play park)
- P Kennea £843.35 (money allocated to the Sport Club from PC funds) - previously estimated at £800 at the Sept PC meeting.

11. Correspondence: received as follows- All correspondence was emailed to Cllrs in advance of the meeting. An email had been received from a resident requesting that the PC investigate the possibility of erecting some bus shelters in the village. The PC **agreed** that the Clerk could contact DCC and gain some more information on what the process involves and if shelters would be suitable for the village. The Clerk circulated the DATC annual report.

12. Democratic period: The condition of the road from Stickland to Houghton was again mentioned. Cllr Godden had been informed by Paul Starkey from Highways that the funding set aside for this project was still in place but the problem at present was allocating the time to complete the job. In the meantime some marker posts have been placed along the road but it was stated that these were inadequate for the job intended as they had not been installed correctly and kept falling over or are being removed. Paul Starkey is due to meet Cllr Cole (W Houghton) next week to discuss the outstanding road repair issue. A newly installed dropped kerb was mentioned at 5-6 Fairmead, the Clerk **agreed** to investigate as to if the PC should have been consulted in the highway application process.

13. Items for the next agenda: Budget/precept 2016/2017

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm

Next meeting Date:

Monday 25th January 2016 @ 7.30pm **Venue:** Pamela Hambro Village Hall, W Stickland.

Signed.....Presiding Chairman

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