

Winterborne Stickland Parish Council

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MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 22nd February 2016.

Present: Councillors D Godden (Chairman), V Manners, P Kennea, S Phillips, J Tebb & K Hickson **Apologies:** Cllrs J Sutcliffe (Vice Chairman) & S Webb **In attendance:** District Cllr A Burch, Sam Smith (Clerk) & 6 members of the community.

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

2. District Councillor's Report: District Cllr Audrey Burch reported that by the end of the decade (2020) Local Councils will receive no funding from Central Government. By 2020 all Councils will need to be self funding in order to operate and provide services. NDDC has already announced that its portion of the annual Council Tax will rise by £5 per annum for the next 4 years. Services will be cut further, with the Nordon site being sold and developed in order to generate an income.

3. PC Officer's Report: Cllr Manners stated that a number of rural break ins had been reported recently in the surrounding villages, Milton Abbas & Milborne St Andrew. Sheds and out buildings seem to be the target. A car was also recently broken in to in W Stickland and tools were taken.

4. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on the 25th January 2016 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

5. Clerk's update/actions: Cllr Kennea has inspected the decking platform (slide) at the Play Park and he is in the process of sourcing some replacement boards. Cllr Kennea will report on progress at the next PC meeting in March. Permission has been granted by the landowners of the verge/field (Clenston Road) to access the stream for maintenance. The Clerk **agreed** to inform Richard Marchant (River Mgr Grp) that permission had been given.

6. Declarations of Interest: Planning - Cllr Kennea, Sports Club - Cllr Kennea & Phillips.

7. Planning applications received for review:

2/2016/0110/HOUSE Green Acres, Fairmile DT11 0LU convert part of existing garage to additional living accommodation & **2/2016/0111/FUL** erect agricultural storage building. The property owners attended the meeting and talked through their plans. It was **agreed** by all Cllrs that this application would be supported along with the condition that the converted garage is only to be used for the property owners own or overnight visitors occupation.

8. Planning applications - decision notices: **2/2015/1721/OUT** Wyvern Bungalow, Legion Lane DT11 0NQ Refusal of outline planning permission.

9. Matters Arising:

9.1 Final Budget 2016/2017: It was **agreed** by all at the last WSPC meeting that the Precept would need to be increased to cover all the expected PC expenditure for 2016/17. It was **agreed** that the figure would need to increase by £843.01 bringing the total precept request to £8628.09, the Clerk has submitted this figure to NDDC as requested. Cllr Godden signed the final budget document for the PC records.

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9.2 External Audit for smaller authorities: A document has been received from the Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd (SAAA) with regards to putting arrangements in place for the updated Audit regulations starting in April 2017. After a discussion amongst Cllrs it was **agreed** that the WSPC would opt in to the new arrangements and apply for an Exemption Certificate when required to do so.

9.3 Sports Club update: The process of setting up a lease for the Sports Club was discussed and also the conditions/agreements that might be detailed within the new lease document. The Clerk **agreed** to contact DAPTC and ask if any other Clerks could help with information on the process of putting a lease in place. The Sports Club has a host of events planned for 2016 and these will be advertised in the Valley News. An underground water leak has been discovered at the Club, between the water meter and the building. It was **agreed** that WSPC, as the owner of the land would be responsible for the cost of fixing the leak. Two anonymous quotes were read out by the Clerk with regards to replacing the underground pipes and fixing the leak. All Cllrs **agreed** to opt for the cheapest quote. Work will take place as soon as possible to avoid anymore wasted water.

9.4 Bus transport: This item was not discussed as the Cllr who wanted to discuss the issue did not attend the meeting.

9.5 Dunbury School update: A report had been received on the schools progress from Richard Marchant Chair of the Local Advisory Board and this was read out by Cllr Godden. Behaviour in the school is consistently rated "good" in terms of Ofsted and there is great optimism for improved results at the end of this year. A recording of the school choir was broadcast on local radio just before Christmas and the Bournemouth Echo recently published an article celebrating a project on "Space" – with pictures of the computer room which had been converted into a Tardis by enterprising staff to support the project. Forecast admission numbers for September 2016 are higher than they have been for a number of years due to the growing confidence in the school and the increasing interest and support for Stickleberries, the new Pre-school in Stickland. The vision for Dunbury is that it should be an outstanding school within the next few years and all associated with the school are striving for this outcome.

9.6 Solar Fund: A request had been made by members of the Solar Fund Committee to amend the Constitution. After checking the agreement it was decided that the amendments need to put in writing 28 days in advance of the next WS Solar Fund Committee meeting and then the amendments can be adopted at the next WSSFC meeting. Funding plaques were discussed and it looks like these will need to be funded by the WSSFC.

9.7 HM Queens 90th Birthday celebrations: 21st April 2016 is The Queen's Birthday and plans are being made to light beacons across the county in the evening. The main celebration weekend will be on the 11th & 12th June. The 11th being Trooping of the Colour and the 12th a Street party in The Mall, The Patrons Lunch. Villages & communities are being encouraged across the country to hold their own Street Parties. The Sports Club **agreed** to look into the possibility of organising an event and to include W Houghton & Clenston in any of its plans for the weekend.

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

- Clerk **£241.28** (salary Feb 2016 & office expenses)
- C Lovell **£85.50** (grass cutting for Feb 2016)
- SSE **£245.55** (outstanding electric bill from previous sports club)

A VAT refund of **£280.97** has been received into the Parish bank account.

Website grant application form: financial figures were discussed and **agreed** with Cllrs. The Clerk will forward the form to DAPTC and hopefully we will receive some funding to help towards the costs of setting up the WSPC website.

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11. Correspondence: received as follows- All correspondence was emailed to Cllrs in advance of the meeting. A Winterborne Division meeting will take place on 23rd February in Milton Abbas @ 7pm Cllr Godden agreed to attend. A letter has been received from Wessex Water stating that a pipe has burst under the river in West Street. The road will be closed for 1 week commencing on the 7th March 2016 to enable works to take place. The Clerk will ask for more information on the road closure/diversion details. A letter had been received from Michael Trevett asking the PC for permission to hold a Fun Dog Show on the village green. The sports Club field had also been suggested for use. The Clerk **agreed** to contact Mr Trevett and confirm when and where the dog show would be taking place.

12. Democratic period: Nothing

13. Items for the next agenda: Sports Club lease

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm

Next meeting Date:

Monday 21st March 2016 @ 7.30pm **Venue:** Pamela Hambro Village Hall, W Stickland.

Signed.....Presiding Chairman

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