

Winterborne Stickland Parish Council

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MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 26th September 2016.

Present: Councillors J Sutcliffe (Vice Chairman), V Manners, S Phillips, K Hickson & J Tebb

Apologies: Cllrs D Godden (Chairman) & K Cowan **In attendance:** District Cllr A Burch, Sam Smith (Clerk) & 1 member of the community.

1. Welcome & Apologies: Cllr J Sutcliffe chaired the meeting in the absence of Cllr Godden.

2. District Councillor's Report: District Cllr Audrey Burch spoke of the current 'Call for Sites' consultation that has a deadline of the 21st October 2016. The 'Call for Sites' is an opportunity for agents, landowners and developers to submit land which they believe could be developed in the future. Current sites offered can be viewed at www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/shlaa/north Cllr Sutcliffe spoke of how the sites offered do not take into consideration the views of the community, the Village Plan or planning permission requirements. It was felt by Cllrs that both sites currently on the database, Downfield and the meadow behind the school/nursery, are unsuitable for development and not wanted by the community. Cllr Cllr Burch told the PC about the current proposal to reduce the number of local authorities in the county from nine to two. A single Dorset Authority (rural) and one for Bmth/Poole (maybe also Christchurch). There is a consultation online at present (Dorset for you) and all residents are encouraged to go online and have their say, the deadline is Tuesday 25th October. There is an information event being held in Blandford, Market Square on the 14th October 9am - 1pm, this is open to all.

3. PC Officer's Report: Cllrs Manners explained that the Police are no longer sending the PC newsletters or email updates. It was felt that the Valley News might be a better way of getting crime updates out to the community. As usual there are a number internet and telephone scams operating currently in the local area.

4. Minutes: The minutes of the meetings held on the 22nd August 2016 were **agreed** and signed by Cllr J Sutcliffe.

5. Clerk's update/actions: Cllr Godden and Mike Ford will continue to work towards getting the Sports Club rental agreement signed. WHPC have already forwarded to WSPC some suggested amendments to the document. Cllr Godden has chased Highways a number of times re verge ownership at Chalky Lane, the PC has still not received a reply. The Clerk has received a reply from Highways re the proposed cuts to their services. Roland Skeats has **agreed** to walk the village with Cllrs and to clarify what items/mainantence in the village the PC will be become responsible for in 2017. The Clerk has forwarded the 'Disclosable Pecuniary Interests' document to Cllr Cowan via email, we are waiting for this to be signed and returned to the Clerk. The Graveyard work at St Marys Church has been completed, money from the Solar Fund was used to fund this. The Clerk has contacted the legal owners of the Legion building for an update on its future and is waiting for a reply. The Clerk has been informed that our annual play park safety inspection is due to take place in the next couple of weeks. Repairs are still needed to some of the equipment and will probably be highlighted in the report, the worst case scenario is that the play park will need to be closed down. It was **agreed** that an advert should be placed in the Blackmore Vale requesting the services of a mainantence company to carry out the repairs.

6. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Manners - Wyvern Bungalow - planning.

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7. Planning applications received for review: 2/2016/1225/HOUSE - Tullivers, North Street DT11 0NB - replace flat roof of garage to pitched roof. It was felt that providing matching roofing materials to the main house are used this application should be **supported by the PC**.

2/2016/1318/OUT - Wyvern Bungalow, Legion Lane DT11 0NQ - Develop land by the erection of 1 dwelling and form vehicular access. This is an outline application and the design/style of the building maybe changed and re submitted at a later date. The 'right of way' access was discussed and agreed to not be a problem. **All Cllrs agreed to support the application.**

8. Planning applications - decision notices: Meadow View, Clenston Road DT11 0NP
2/2016/1089/HOUSE Erect single storey side & rear extensions - **approved by NDDC**

9. Matters Arising:

9.1 Solar Fund - The signed 'Deed of Variation' has been received by the Clerk from BSR. The £34,800 that BSR transferred to the PC bank account has gone into the incorrect PC account. It was **agreed** to transfer the £34,800 over and into the Solar Fund account.

9.2 NDDC 'Call for Sites' consultation - Cllr Sutcliffe with the **agreement** of all other Cllrs will write to NDDC and inform them of the tension this database causes in the community and to question the logic behind including sites that may never get planning permission to be developed.

9.3 Completing the survey on council re organisation - all Cllrs will try to **attend** the information event in Blandford on the 14th October. The deadline is the 25th October with the next WSPC meeting being on the 26th. The PCs response to the consultation will be **agreed** at the October and submitted online by the Clerk that evening.

9.4 Monument of the Green - it was **agreed** that the monument requires some maintenance and work should go ahead. Cllr Godden has volunteered to manage this project but further volunteers would be helpful. Please contact the Clerk if you can spend a few hours to help paint/stain the monument on the Village Green.

9.5 Footpath maintenance - A plank missing from the footbridge next to Gurney Cobb had been reported to Dorset Countryside and should now be fixed. The Clerk had received an email from a resident re the condition of the local footpaths around the village. Dorset Countryside have agreed to cut back the overgrowth around the gateway on Legion Lane. The footpath to Field Grove has been planted over in error. The land will soon be changing hands and Dorset Countryside have **agreed** to follow this issue up with the new owners.

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

- Clerk **£224.32** (salary September 2016 & office expenses)
- C Lovell **£85.50** (grass cutting for September 2016)
- Solar Fund account **£34,800** (transfer from the PC bank account)

The annual return has been received back from BDO, this was presented to Cllrs. The annual return was approved and accepted by the PC. A bank reconciliation, money spent to date 2016 and the 2016 budget was circulated to all Cllrs. The Parish Council bank account has a current balance of **£14,461.74**.

11. Correspondence: received as follows- All correspondence was emailed to Cllrs in advance of the meeting. A resident has emailed Highways re the over grown hedges along the Clenston Road and the exposed kerb/collapsed bank along the stream. The Clerk **will email** the resident and give them the correct contact details of who to contact re these issues. The Clerk had received a phone call from a transport company whose lorry had hit a low lying branch. The lorry was damaged and the limb of the tree weakened. The tree is on private property and the responsibility of the land owner. The transport company will be contacting the property owner.

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12. Democratic period: Cllr Manners informed the PC that the Sports Club has a darts and Pool team. There is also talk of a non competitive 5 a side football team being set up.

13. Items for the next agenda: council consultation, play park

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm

Next meeting Date:

Monday 24th October 2016 @ **7.30pm Venue:** Pamela Hambro Village Hall, W Stickland.

Signed.....Presiding Chairman

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