

Winterborne Stickland Parish Council

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MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 27th June 2016.

Present: Councillors D Godden (Chairman), Cllrs J Sutcliffe (Vice Chairman), K Hickson, & S Phillips **Apologies:** Cllrs J Tebb, V Manners & P Kennea **In attendance:** District Cllr A Burch, Sam Smith (Clerk) & 4 members of the community.

1. Welcome & Apologies: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. An email had been received by the Clerk earlier in the week from Cllr Kennea, he has decided to resign from the PC, mainly due to work commitments.

2. District Councillor's Report: District Cllr Audrey Burch reported on development of the Tri Council Partnership, North, West & Weymouth Portland. Progress is slow but moving forward. A combined committee is being formed to manage all the tri partnership accounts and audit. We are moving towards a single Unitary Authority combining all 9 rural district councils excluding Bournemouth and Poole.

3. PC Officer's Report: Cllr Manners did not attend the meeting. The SNT newsletter (Police) has not been received for a number of months, the Clerk agreed to chase this up.

4. Minutes: The minutes of the meetings held on the 23rd May 2016 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

5. Clerk's update/actions: The slide at the play park still requires some maintenance work to be carried out on the platform. Cllr Godden agreed to email Paul Kennea for an update as Paul had initially agreed to organise the repairs. BSR have made a payment into the solar Fund account of £8,700. BSR had promised 5 years worth of payments as a lump sum and this payment received is for 1 year only. Cllr Godden had chased BSR and they had assured him that the balance was on its way. The Clerk informed Cllrs that the extra staffing hours to maintain the PC website would be 2hrs. The extra hours paid can then be claimed back from a government fund. The Clerk had contacted Highways re the verge issue at Chalky Lane but had not received a reply, the Clerk agreed to chase this up. Cllr Godden inform Cllrs that the Clerk has agreed to cover the Clerks duties for Hilton PC for the next 3 months with a view to a permanent position.

6. Declarations of Interest: None

7. Planning applications received for review:

2/2016/0734/OUT Land West of The Old School House, Dunbury Lane - develop the land by erection of 4 dwellings. After a lengthy discussion and some input from the general public, it was agreed by all Cllrs that this application would not be supported but objected to by the Parish Council for the following reasons: The Parish Council does not support requests to build outside the settlement boundary and to do so would create a precedent for further unwanted applications. This is in a designated area of outstanding natural beauty. The field to be developed borders a conservation area. Access to the site (Dunbury Lane) is limited, on a very narrow stretch of road, next to a nursery preschool and at the bottom of a hill, cars speed up as they come down the hill. The development will be visible from a number of areas in the village, Clenston Road and the Village Green. The construction of the 4 houses will spoil 'open countryside views' as well as being close to a site of archaeological importance. The North Dorset Local Plan states that development outside of the main towns will be more strictly controlled with an emphasis on meeting local and essential rural needs.

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In the Winterborne Stickland & Houghton Village Plan 80% of residents said that there are enough houses in the village. If building is allowed it should cater for the needs of young people, be generally achieved by infill and preferably to the North end of the village. This application does not fulfil any of those criteria.

2/2016/0053/LBC Honeysuckle & Marigold Cottage, North Street - reinstate original party wall and replace windows - no objections **2/2016/0825/HOUSE Tanglewood, West Street - erect single storey extension - no objections**

8. Planning applications - decision notices:

2/2016/0634/HOUSE Quarleston View DT11 ONP erect car port - approved NDDC

2/2016/0516/HOUSE Meadow View DT11 ONP rear & side extension - approved NDDC

9. Matters Arising:

9.1 Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2016:

Approval of the annual governance statement 2015/16 - section 1 was signed and approved by The Chairman. **Approval of the accounting statements 2015/16** - section 2 was signed and approved by The Chairman. It was agreed to purchase the internal auditor a token of thanks for his work completed on the internal audit.

9.2 Sports Club - A draft rental agreement has been drawn up and it is at present with Mike Ford. Cllr Godden agreed to get in touch with Mike and follow this up. Planting trees at the sports field to commemorate the Queen's Birthday had been discussed at a previous PC meeting but had not been taken any further by the WSSCC.

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

- Clerk **£235.20** (salary June 2016, office expenses, back dated pay rise)
- C Lovell **£85.50** (grass cutting for June 2016)
- Pamela Hambro Memorial Hall **£500** (Wessex Water car park rent)
- DAPTC **£153.42** (annual subscription 2016/2017)

The National Joint Council for Local Government Services has issued new salary scales for 2016/18 and this entitles the Clerk to a pay rise dated back to April 2016. All Cllrs agreed to this pay rise for the Clerk. A payment for **£500.00** has been received from Wessex Water. A payment for **£8,700** has been received from BSR.

11. Correspondence: received as follows- All correspondence was emailed to Cllrs in advance of the meeting. Winterborne Division meeting on 28th June @ 7pm in Milton Abbas - Cllr Godden to attend. DAPTC North area meeting 20th July @ 7pm Blandford - a Cllr to attend.

12. Democratic period: A resident raised the issue of poor visibility along the Clenston Road at the junction with Chalky Road. A number of solutions were discussed. It was agreed that the resident would contact Highways to ask for advice and come back to the PC if help was not forthcoming.

13. Items for the next agenda:

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm

Next meeting Date:

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

Signed.....Presiding Chairman

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