

Winterborne Stickland Parish Council

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MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 26th June 2017.

Present: Councillors D Godden (Chairman) J Sutcliffe (Vice Chairman) K Cowan, V Manners, P Harlock & K Hickson **Apologies:** Cllr J Tebb & District Cllr A Burch

In attendance: Sam Smith (Clerk) & 7 members of the community.

- 1. Welcome & Apologies:** Cllr D Godden welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2. District Councillor's Report:** Audrey Burch was absent from the meeting.
- 3. PC Officer's Report:** Cllr Manners reported that an incident had occurred recently in North Street, petrol had been stolen from a car's tank and the suspected perpetrator had returned a second time, but was disturbed on this occasion.
- 4. Minutes:** The minutes of the meetings held on the 22nd May 2017 were agreed and signed by Cllr Godden.
- 5. Clerk's update/actions:** Wine has been delivered to Nick Young from the PC as a thank you for installing the burial ground & war memorial benches. The PC agreed to the Clerk purchasing a thank you gift for John Jeffery who has recently completed our annual internal audit. The Clerk had received the 'no dogs' signs for the sports field and these were given to Cllr Manners. An article has been placed in the July Valley News asking for 'Speed Watch' and 'Play Park' volunteers from the village to come forward. The Clerk is still trying to locate a company to replace the platform on the play park slide. Our application to trim the trees at the War Memorial is currently with the NDDC tree officer for a decision. Cllrs Manners & Cowan have inspected the wall damage at the war memorial. Ownership of the wall needs to be ascertained before a repair can be carried out, the Clerk agreed to look into this matter. Cllr Manners had obtained a quote for repair of the wall and this was at a cost of over £1,000. Cllr Harlock agreed to section off the wall with tape as a warning that the wall may be unstable at present.
- 6. Democratic Period:** The meeting was attended by two residents who live opposite the sports field. They expressed their concern over the field being used as a possible caravan park in the future. The site had recently hosted a caravan rally of 7 caravans for 1 week. The two residents felt that communication over the event was poor as they had not been informed that the event was planned. Miriam Leigh, Nick Hendy and Mike Ford (WSSCC) addressed the issues raised and agreed that their communication with the residents affected could have been better. Miriam explained that there were no plans for a permanent caravan park at the field and that WSSCC were only permitted to allow 28 days of camping per year on the site. The income from the recent rally was £486 plus £200 profit from an extra associated event. Nick Hendy said that this was vital income for the club and that income from events like this enable the Club to keep operating. Club membership has dropped since the Club's initial opening and so income needs to be raised from other sources. The recent caravan rally has re-booked for the same time next year. Cllr Sutcliffe suggested that the caravans could perhaps occupy another area of the field so that they are not in direct view from the houses opposite. Miriam agreed to work with the two residents and to see if communication etc could be improved and work towards ensuring that everyone is content with any future events that may be held at the Club.

7. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr V Manners - Wyvern Bungalow
8. **Planning applications received: 2/2016/13/F18/OUT - Wyvern Bungalow** - develop land & erect 1 dwelling – **APPEAL**. This application has been supported previously by the PC so it was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Planning Inspectorate to state our support for the application again.
9. **Planning applications decision notices:** None
10. **Matters Arising:**
 - 10.1 **W Houghton PC proposed speed limit:** The Clerk circulated a map of the proposed new 30mph speed limit in W Houghton. The proposal is that the speed restriction area should start by the Fish Farm, which is within the W Stickland village boundary. There is also a single property (Tranquillity) near the Fish Farm that has requested that they are included in the proposed 30mph zone. After discussion, all Cllrs agreed that providing that the 30mph zone does not deviate from the map that they have been shown, agreement should be given for Tranquillity to be included in 30mph zone.
 - 10.2 **Village sign BBC2:** The Clerk has been approached by BB2 'The Repair Shop' and after an application process the W Stickland Village Sign has been accepted to appear on the next series of the programme. The sign will be taken to Chichester and repaired/restored by a team of experts, this will be filmed for BB2. Kevin Oakley has kindly agreed to appear in the programme and take part in filming, the date for this is waiting to be confirmed. The sign needs to be dismantled & transported to Chichester. Kevin and the Clerk agreed to co- ordinate this, the Clerk will request help from the TV production team. It was agreed that the associated costs will be covered by the PC (petrol etc) it was agreed that the Clerk needs to obtain authorisation of all costs in advance (and in between meetings if necessary) with two Cllrs. BBC2 plan to return the repaired sign with an unveiling at the village green, it was agreed that the original crafts men who created the sign should be invited to attend. The Clerk agreed to call Came & Company (PC insurance) to check that the sign will be insured while it is out of the village.
 - 10.3 **Village fingerposts:** Cllr J Tebb did not attend the meeting but had sent an email to confirm that this project was moving forward. A report will be given at the July PC meeting.
 - 10.4 **Solar Fund in defibrillator:** The village defibrillator has been installed on the wall in the Crown pub car park. Training on the equipment has been booked for the 2nd August 2017 @ 6.30pm. Anybody interested in learning how to operate the defibrillator is invited to attend the training. A MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) which has already been submitted to the Ambulance Service needs to be read and signed by the Stickland PC. This was given to Cllr Godden to complete who will then return it to the Clerk for filing. A trickle charger may be needed for the defibrillator over the winter months, the electrical connection is in place, an electrician is just needed to connect the circuit.
 - 10.5 **Cows:** A resident has raised an issue with a bull in a field with cows. The concern is that dog walkers may not be aware of the situation. The Clerk has been in contact with the landowner (Normandy Farm) and they are keen to resolve the issue. The footpath has been fenced off with a wide passage for walkers. It was suggested that a warning sign would be helpful and even more so when there are cows with calves in the field. The Clerk will contact Normandy Farm and make the suggestion.
11. **Financial Report:** Cheques for payment were agreed as follows:
 - S Smith **£443.70** (Clerks salary June 2017 inc extra hrs & expenses)
 - C Lovell **£100.00** (grass cutting for June 2017)
 - A cheque was signed for the transfer of **£1,000** to the play park account
 - Alex Ross **£50.00** (website maintenance)
 - The Dorset Sign Company **£118.00** (no dog signs for the sports field)

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12. Correspondence: received as follows - A letter has been received from a Downfield resident regarding a verge issue. Cllr Cowan had been to visit the property owner and assess the situation. Cllr Cowan reported that there was not much that the PC could do as the problem is mainly a DCC Highways issue. Cllr Godden agreed to speak to DCC Highways at Hilary Cox's Division meeting on the 27th June @ 7pm in Milton Abbas. Cllr Cowan added that he would like to thank Tim Lillywhite, Dale Wills & Ann Thorne for all their hard work in trimming the village Triangle and tidying other areas of the village. A letter has been received from St Marys PPC thanking the PC for the use of the Village Green at the Fathers Day Vintage Teas.

13. Items for the next agenda: fingerpost update

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm

Next meeting Date:

Monday 24th July 2017 @ **7pm Venue:** Pamela Hambro Village Hall.

Signed.....Presiding Chairman

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