

## Winterborne Stickland Parish Council

**Chairman:** David Godden

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### MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 20th August 2018

**Present:** Councillors J Sutcliffe (Vice Chairman) V Manners & K Hickson

**Apologies:** District Councillor Audrey Burch & Cllrs D Godden (Chairman) J Tebb,

K Cowan & P Harlock **In attendance:** Sam Smith (Clerk) & 1 member of the community.

- 1. Welcome & Apologies:** Cllr J Sutcliffe chaired the meeting in the Chairmans absence & welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2. District Councillor's Report:** Audrey Burch did not attend the meeting or send a report in advance.
- 3. PC Officer's Report:** Cllr Manners reported that the annual Blandford Steam Fair is due to take place at the end of the August. Residents have been advised to report any suspicious vehicles or activity in the local area to the Police.
- 4. Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd July 2018 were agreed and signed by Cllr Sutcliffe.
- 5. Clerk's update/actions:** Two traffic surveys have recently taken place in the village, on the Blandford Road & the Clenston Road. Both results meet the criteria for a SID (Speed Indication Device) The next step is to install the posts for the SID and a quote has been sought from DCC for this. The Clerk is still waiting for DWP to asses Water Lane for its suitability as a site for another dog waste bin. On Sunday 5th August 2018 Cllr Godden & the Stickland Parish Clerk attended the North Dorset District Council Community Hero Awards. This was held at the Durweston Village Hall, an afternoon tea was served & enjoyed by the nominees & the proposers who had put the names forward for the awards. Winterborne Stickland Parish Council had nominated Kevin Oakley for his recent work helping to restore the village sign, but also for his support to Stickland as a community, along with his volunteering for various projects in Stickland. Tim Cox our local milkman also received the same award, for the service that he provided to customers during the past cold and snowy winter. Tim ensured that we all received our milk and supplies as normal and his service really was a lifeline for a number of elderly & disabled customers. Tim Cox was nominated by Hilton Parish Council. Cllr Sutcliffe raised the issue of the recent planning appeal for the proposal to build on the field near Stickleberries Nursery. Cllr Sutcliffe was concerned that the Village Plan was not given adequate weight or consideration when the appeal was assessed. Cllr Sutcliffe agreed to draft a letter to voice his concerns which will be sent to the Planning Inspectorate.
- 6. Democratic Period:** No issues raised.
- 7. Declaration of Interest:** None

8. **Planning applications received: 2/2018/0912/FUL - Treetops, West Street DT11 ONT erect 2 single storey & 1 2 storey extensions & erect 5 stables** - all Cllrs present had no objections to this application. **2/2018/0969/HOUSE - High View, Chapel Lane DT11 ONG - erect single side storey extension** - Cllrs discussed the proposal included in this application to remove the existing oil tank and replace with a heat pump. The possible noise of the new pump when running and its impact on the neighbours was discussed. All Cllrs present agreed that they had no objections to the application, but the possible noise issue should be investigated by the Planning Officer and a condition added to the planning permission if the application is approved.

9. **Planning applications decision notices & progress updates: Studio/garage @ The Hollow, Chalky Path** - the studio above the garage has already been erected, but there is an issue with the correct permission being sought for this in the original planning application. Planning Enforcement have been notified and they are investigating. The studio will either have to be removed or the property owner will be asked to submit a request for retrospective planning permission, the PC will be notified if this is the case.

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

S Smith **£253.11** (Clerks salary August 2018 & expenses)

C Lovell **£100.00** (grass cutting for August 2018)

The PC has still not received the annual rental payment for 2018/19 from WSSCC for the Stickland sports field/pavilion. The Clerk provided Cllr Manners will a copy of the original invoice requesting the rent. This outstanding rent now needs to be paid before the next PC meeting at the end of September 2018.

11. **Matters arising:**

**11.1 Solar Fund update:** The SF Committee met on 10/08/2018 to discuss 4 new applications for funding. 1) St Marys Church - £1,000 was awarded towards the cost of a replacement church organ. 2) St Marys Church - £2,000 was awarded towards the cost of emergency repairs to the church electrics. 3) Sticklebacks Playgroup - £400 was awarded towards the cost of purchasing new toys & equipment. 4) Flower boxes for the village - up to £650 per box (2) was awarded to include tubs, slabs, soil & plants etc. Cheques for these amounts will be signed and issued at the September PC meeting.

**11.2 Play Park:** It was agreed by all Cllrs present that the play park has come to the end of it life. The play park will shut at the end of the summer school holidays. It was agreed that the best way to action this would be to dismantle and dispose of as much of the existing equipment as possible. The bike track will also be shut and dismantled at the same time. The Clerk agreed to contact Cllr Harlock and find out his availability and to co ordinate the closure of the park. The Clerk will place an article in the Valley News to notify residents of the parks closure.

12. **Correspondence:** All correspondence had been forwarded to Cllrs ahead of the meeting but due to the summer holidays there was nothing further to note.

13. **Items for the next agenda:** Play Park, Sports Club update.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm Next meeting Date: Monday 24th September 2018 @ **7.30pm** Venue: Pamela Hambro Village Hall.

Signed.....Presiding Chairman

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