

**Winterborne Stickland Parish Council**

**Chairman:** David Godden

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**MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 21st May 2018**

**Present:** Councillors D Godden (Chairman), Cllrs J Sutcliffe (Vice Chairman), J Tebb,

V Manners, K Cowan & K Hickson **Apologies:** District Cllr A Burch & Cllr P Harlock

**In attendance:** Sam Smith (Clerk) & 4 members of the community.

1. **Welcome & Apologies:** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **District Councillor's Report:** District Cllr Audrey Burch did not send a report in advance of the meeting.
3. **PC Officer's Report:** Cllr Manners reported that the normal telephone scams were still taking place. A report of a suspicious vehicle offering tarmacking in the village was discussed. Residents were alerted to this vehicle via the 'W Stickland Village News' Facebook page. This page is not run by the PC but contains lots of useful village info and chat.
4. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd April 2018 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.
5. **Clerk's update/actions:** The Clerk had contacted Dorset Waste Partnership to ask about the possibility of positioning an extra dog waste bin along Water Lane. DWP have quoted £200 for the bin, £50 installation charge & £4.50 per empty. The Clerk agreed to go back to DWP and enquire as to why the existing village bins are emptied for free but this one wouldn't be. New General Data Protection Regulations come into effect on the 25th May 2018. The PC had originally been advised to employ a Data Protection Officer. NALC have been campaigning Government to have this requirement removed from PC & Town Councils. PCs have been advised by DAPTC to wait and see as it is likely that the campaigning will be successful. The PC have recently nominated 2 local residents for a 'Community Hero Award' both our nominations have been successful, an invitation will soon be issued to them inviting them to attend an awards ceremony.
6. **Democratic Period:** Nothing raised
7. **Declarations of Interest:** None
8. **Planning applications received for review: 2/2018/0470/HOUSE - Hillfoot, Chalky Path - erect detached garage with storage room above** - Neighbours of the applicant had attended the meeting to discuss the application but this was not necessary as the applicant had withdrawn the application prior to the meeting.
9. **Planning applications - decision notices:** None. The PC have requested that the ongoing planning application for land south of the Old Malthouse is referred to the Planning Committee. The PC had raised concerns with regards to road safety and access. A structure which has appeared on top of a garage at Chalky Lane has been referred to Enforcement, they will visit the site to see if the original planning permission given has been adhered to.

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

- Clerk **£316.70** (salary May 2018 & office expenses)
- C Lovell **£100.00** (grass cutting for May 2018)
- Came & Company **£950.48** (PC annual insurance inc sports club)

Cllr Godden requested (on behalf of the River Management Grp) that the PC agree to spending £105 - £175 to enable an Environment Permit to be purchased from the Environment Agency. The permit/licence will give the group permission to work on the river bank at Rusholme. The bank will need to be lowered, with maybe a sluice pipe installed to take away excess water from the road. Cllr Manners agreed to chase up the £25.00 rental payment that is owed to the PC from WSSCC for 2018. The Clerk has received notification from NALC of a 2018/19 National Clerks Salary Award. It was agreed by all Cllrs that the Clerk should receive this pay award back dated to 1st April 2018. **Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2017** - the parish council financial records for 2017/18 were presented to the PC by the Clerk. The Clerk will pass the paperwork on to our internal auditor for checking after the PC meeting. Bank account statements for the PC, Play Park & Solar Fund were signed by 2 Cllrs as seen.

**11. Matters Arising:**

**11.1 PC annual insurance:** It was agreed to renew the PC insurance for another year with Inspire (Came & Company) A £50 admin fee has been added to the premium this year making the quote no longer competitive. Due to the timing of the renewal quote, the Clerk did not have enough time to shop around for an alternative option. It was agreed that next year the Clerk will source some alternative quotes in time for the 1st June renewal date.

**11.2 War Memorial:** The Clerk had requested an another quote from a local company to rebuild the flint wall at the memorial. This second quote has not been forthcoming, despite the Clerk chasing it up. It was agreed that the work is now urgent and that the Clerk should contact the 1st quote that the PC received and inform the builder to go ahead and repair the flint wall.

**11.3 Report on SID meeting with MA:** Cllr Godden had attended a meeting with the Milton Abbas Clerk & DCC Highways. The approx price of the portable Speed Indicator Device is £2,000. The device flashes & displays the speed at which you are travelling. Sites for the device need to be approved by DCC Highways first, with a site survey charge of £150 being paid. All Cllrs agreed to the site survey being organised by Cllr Godden. Initial comments from Highways suggest that there will be 2 suitable sites in Stickland - Clenston Road (entering the village) & by Hawthorn Farm.

**11.4 Fingerpost update:** 2 sites have been completed - on the approach from Blandford and at the Village Green. The next site to be refurbished will be on the junction of West & North Street.

**12. Correspondence: received as follows** - All correspondence was emailed to Cllrs in advance of the meeting. A letter from a resident questioning when North Street will be resurfaced. The Clerk will send an email to Hilary Cox to see if she can help with this matter. A letter from the newly formed 1st Winterborne Valley BBS Scout Group asking the PC for a donation towards set up costs. It was agreed that money from the Solar Fund should only be paid out to Stickland initiatives, and so a donation was not agreed.

**13. Items for the next agenda:**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm

**Next meeting Date:** Monday 25th June 2018 @ **7.30pm Venue:** Pamela Hambro Village Hall, W Stickland.

Signed.....Presiding Chairman Date.....