

Winterborne Stickland Parish Council

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MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 23rd April 2018

Present: Councillors D Godden (Chairman), K Cowan, V Manners, J Tebb, K Hickson & P Harlock **Apologies:** District Councillor Audrey Burch & Cllr J Sutcliffe (Vice Chairman)
In attendance: Sam Smith (Clerk) & 4 members of the community.

1. **Welcome & Apologies:** Cllr D Godden 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 50 ewes had been stolen from land near to Shillingstone overnight on 17/18th April 2018.
4. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on the 26th March 2018 were agreed and signed by Cllr Godden.
5. **Clerk's update/actions:** The hedge by the play park is still requiring some attention (a trim) the Clerk needs to ascertain who owns the hedge first before further action can be taken. The Clerk confirmed that the village has 3 grit bins and these are located at Saxon Rise, Church Hill Court & by the Horse Box Company. The Clerk has sent an invoice to Dorset ANOB Partnership to request payment to the PC of £600 funding towards the fingerposts from ANOB/Hilary Cox, this is presently being processed by DCC. The fingerpost at the village green has now been refurbished and re - erected.
6. **Democratic Period:** Nothing raised.
7. **Declarations of Interest:** None
8. **Planning applications received: 2/2018/0403/HOUSE** - Garden Bungalow, Dunbury Lane DT11 0NN - erect single storey extension. Cllrs had no objections to this application but requested that the Planning Officer looks into the issue of privacy for the neighbouring property. **2/2018/0376/HOUSE** - Tufton, 3 North Street DT11 0NH - erect 1st floor extension over existing. Cllrs had no objections to this application but requested that the Planning Officer looks into the issue of privacy for the neighbouring property. **2/2018/0301/HOUSE** - The Haven, Fairmile DT11 0LU - extend stable block & erect garage. Cllrs had no objections to this application but raised the issue of road access & safety. It would appear that DCC Highways are already looking in to this matter. **Hillfoot**, Chalky Lane - erect garage & cottage to replace existing garage & barn - this is not yet an official planning application, but the applicant came along to the meeting to discuss his plans for the site. Pre application drawings were shown to Cllrs and the applicant talked through his proposals. The drawings were given to Cllr Tebb who agreed to visit the site before the next PC meeting in May. If processed in time by the DCC Planning Department, the full application can be discussed at the May PC meeting as an official submitted application.
9. **Planning applications decision notices:** None

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

S Smith **£240.96** (Clerks salary April 2018 & expenses)

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

DAPTC **£15.00** (Clerks audit training Jan 2018)

£4,695.65 has been received from NDDC and paid into the PC bank account. This is 50% of our annual precept which we receive in April each year. All Cllrs agreed that the Clerk should receive her annual pay rise for 2018/19 as per the NALC & SLCC recommendations. The Clerk gave Cllr Manners an invoice to pass onto WSSCC for their annual rent 2018/19 of the Stickland sports field/pavilion for **£25.00**. Cllr Manners handed the Clerk a cheque for **£27.00** given to him by a resident for a headstone payment at the PC graveyard.

11. Matters arising:

11.1 Proposal to register the pub as a community asset: A number of residents in the village are unhappy at recent events that have taken place at the Crown Pub, a change of Landlord, general atmosphere & the lack of important traditional village events being supported by the pub. A group of 21 residents have got together to propose the idea that the pub should be registered with NDDC as a community asset. If NDDC agree with the proposal, then it would mean that if in the future the pub is put up for sale, the sale would be delayed for a period of time. Then the local community would be given the opportunity to decide if they wished to take on managing the pub themselves. It was agreed that the application to register the pub should be done under the Parish Councils name and that the forms, once completed by the residents group, should be given to the Clerk to submit to NDDC.

11.2 War memorial: Paul Starkey at DCC Highways has recently spoken to Cllr Godden and had agreed to the PC borrowing some highways barriers to secure the site further, the Clerk agreed to chase this up. The Clerk has obtained a quote for repairing the War Memorial brick and flint wall. The Clerk agreed to obtain another quote from another company for comparison in time for the May PC meeting.

11.3 Play park: Cllr Harlock has been completing small jobs at the play park to ensure that it is safe to use over the coming summer months. Cllr Harlock agreed to monitor the equipment and to fortnightly carry out a safety inspection. Funding available from SSE, Virador etc for refurbishing the park was discussed and Cllr Harlock agreed to look into this further. Do village residents actually want a replacement play park? This was discussed and it was felt that at some point in the future a village survey or a meeting to gauge interest in the project would need to take place.

11.4 Dog waste bins: Cllr Godden had received an enquiry from a resident, would it be possible to site a new dog waste bin along the Water Lane towards Houghton? The Clerk agreed to look into the matter. Who would pay for the bin? where could it be sited? and would it be emptied by DCC? Cllr Godden also raised the issue of the blue bin next to the War Memorial, it had been pointed out that it was maybe inappropriate to have a waste bin located next to a memorial. The Clerk again agreed to look into the matter of maybe re locating this bin to a more appropriate position.

11.5 Update on river management: 2 weeks ago some flooding occurred in West Street. Cllr Godden and members of the River Group met with the Environment Agency and Highways for advice and to discuss future actions. In view of the potential flooding of properties further downstream action was taken to lower the river bank, in one location, following consent of the riparian owner. This action was deemed necessary due to the current high levels of water in the river and with the imminent prospect of further rainfall possibly endangering nearby properties. We need to look at a more permanent solution to this recurring problem and Cllr Godden will discuss this with the River Management Group who are authorised to act on behalf of the Parish Council. Slow down signs were placed along the highway but many drivers ignored these causing spray and splashing nearby houses. Sand bags were made up and stored, in case of need, behind the Pam Ham Hall.

11.6 County Council representation changes: CC Hilary Cox has alerted Cllr Godden to the proposals to re define the ward boundaries and therefore the County Councillors that represent us. At the moment W Stickland is grouped together with the Winterbornes - Milton Abbas & Whitechurch etc. Once the 2 Unitary Authorities are formed Stickland will be grouped together with Charlton Marshall etc. It was noted that we do not have a lot in common with the Blandford parishes and keeping us together with Milton Abbas etc would make more sense.

12. Correspondence: Breaches of planning can now be reported online at Dorset for you, this information then goes straight to the Enforcement Officer responsible for investigating the breach. The Clerk had received an email from a resident enquiring as to when North Street would be re surfaced, the Clerk agreed to ask for an update from DCC Highways. The Clerk has received various information with regards to cycling events that will be passing through the village the dates are 19th May, 10th June & 1st July 2018. Cllr Godden had attend a Northern Area DAPTC meeting recently - new & updated Standing Orders will be issued soon by NALC, new Data Protection Regulations - the PC has been told to appoint a Data Protection Officer - DAPTC are trying to organise some sort of cover to all Councils to fulfill this role. When the 2 new Unitary Authorities are formed in 2019, Council Tax charges in the old NDDC area will unfortunately be increased.

13. Items for the next agenda: AGM/APM - Starts at 7pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm Next meeting Date: **AGM/APM** Monday 21st May 2018 @ **7pm** Venue: Pamela Hambro Village Hall.

Signed.....Presiding Chairman

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