

Winterborne Stickland Parish Council

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

Present: Councillors D Godden (Chairman) V Manners, K Hickson, K Cowan & P Harlock

Apologies: District Councillor Audrey Burch & Cllrs J Sutcliffe (Vice Chairman) & J Tebb

In attendance: Sam Smith (Clerk) & 5 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 on a recent increase in shed break ins in the local area.
- 4. Minutes:** The minutes of the meetings held on the 25th June 2018 were agreed and signed by Cllr Godden.
- 5. Clerk's update/actions:** The Clerk has contacted Dorset Waste Partnership and requested that they undertake a site visit to Water Lane to assess if the site is suitable for a dog waste bin. Work will start on re building the Stickland War Memorial wall at the end of the summer. DCC Planning & Transport are currently undertaking two traffic site surveys in Stickland. This survey should identify sites in the village were the SID (speed indicator device) can be sited safely. The completed application form to register the village pub as a 'Community Asset' has been signed by Cllr Godden on behalf of the PC. The forms have been returned to NDDC by the Clerk with the required PC documents attached. By registering an interest in the pub we can hopefully give the community time to decide its future, should it unfortunately be closed down, or if there is a proposal/application for it to be sold for development. Cllr Manners stated that some flower planters were planned to be sited on the grass triangle at the Blandford turn off, an application for funding is at present with the Solar Fund Committee. Cllr Hickson agreed to speak to Stickleberries Nursery and request that the rubbish is removed from the front playground.
- 6. Democratic Period:** A small group of residents attended the meeting to raise the issue of the children's play park in Stickland. The play park is coming to the end of its usable life and will be closed at the end of this Summer. The residents were keen to see some sort of replacement park installed. Cllr Godden explained that funding would need to be sought, and also do the community require or even want a replacement park? It was agreed that a way forward would be discussed at the September PC meeting. In the meantime, the Clerk will make email contact with one of the residents who raised the issue and answer any questions that they may have. The residents who attended the meeting will also see if they can find other residents who may be interested in taking the issue forward. The bike track was also discussed and it was agreed that this should be removed as it is no longer in use and the space could be put to better use.
- 7. Declarations of Interest:** None
- 8. Planning applications received: 2/2018/0831/HOUSE - Hilcrest, Clenston Road DT11 ONP** - erect one & a half storey extension. All Cllrs agreed that they had no objections to this application.

9. **Planning applications decision notices & progress updates: 2/2018/0376/HOUSE - Tufton, 3 North Street DT11 0NH** - this application has been refused by NDDC and the applicants have lodged an appeal against the decision. **Land to the West of The Old School House, Dunbury Lane** - the applicants had taken this application to The Planning Inspectorate on appeal. The application was subsequently refused. A resident had written to Cllr Godden stating his concern with regards to the future of this piece of land but they were not able to attend the meeting to discuss the issue further. **Studio/garage @ The Hollow, Chalky Path** - this issue is with Planning Enforcement and hopefully the structure above the garage will soon be removed.

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

S Smith	£279.46	(Clerks salary July 2018 & expenses)
C Lovell	£100.00	(grass cutting for July 2018)
Normtec	£350.00	(fingerpost at the Triangle)
Normtec	£1,776.45	(fingerpost at the Triangle) from Solar Fund account

The PC has not yet received the annual rental payment for 2018/19 from WSSCC for the Stickland sports field/pavilion, Cllr Manners will chase this. The Clerk has forwarded the Exemption Certificate to PFK Littlejohn LLP & the PC financial documents have now been uploaded on to the PC website.

11. **Matters arising:**

11.1 Village Fingerposts update: Cllr Tebb was absent from the meeting, an update will be given at the August meeting.

11.2 Village verge cutting: Charles Lovell has quoted £50.00 annually to cut the grass on the triangle by the village green, it was agreed by all Cllrs that Charles should be asked to complete this work. The verges along Water Lane have eventually been cut by Dorset Countryside, this was after a number of complaints by Stickland and Houghton residents. A long term solution will need to be sought as Dorset Countryside are only budgeted to cut the verge once per year, this clearly will not be enough to keep the road clear. The Clerk agreed to contact Dorset Countryside to see if they can cut it more frequently, if paid for by the PC.

12. **Correspondence:** The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is at present running a consultation on the proposed new ward boundaries in Dorset. The consultation runs until 27th August 2018 and can be viewed online at www.lgbce.org.uk It is proposed that Winterborne Stickland will be part of the North Winterborne Division. DCC Highways have notified the Clerk that some patching of the tarmac will be taking place soon along North Street, no date was given.

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

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm Next meeting Date: Monday 20th August 2018 @ **7.30pm** Venue: Pamela Hambro Village Hall.

Signed.....Presiding Chairman

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