

Winterborne Stickland Parish Council

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MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 24th September 2018

Present: Councillors J Sutcliffe (Vice Chairman) V Manners, K Hickson, J Tebb, K Cowan & P Harlock **Apologies:** Cllr D Godden (Chairman) **In attendance:** District Councillor Audrey Burch & Sam Smith (Clerk) & 12 members of the community.

- 1. Welcome & Apologies:** Cllr J Sutcliffe chaired the meeting in the Chairmans absence & welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2. Declaration of Interest:** Cllr Sutcliffe declared an interest with regards to the Perran planning application as the next door neighbour. Cllr Sutcliffe went and sat with the public for the following planning discussion.
- 3. Planning applications received: 2/2018/1016/HOUSE - Perran, Clenston Road DT11 ONP** - The applicants attended the meeting. All Cllrs agreed that they had no objections to the application, but an issue was raised over a possible lack of privacy for a neighbour. There is also a TPO application running alongside the planning application. Cllrs also had no objections to the proposed tree works. The Clerk will submit the comments to the Planning Officer. **2/2018/1207/LBC - Honeysuckle Cottage, North Street DT11 0NJ internal alterations** - Cllrs agreed to submit no comment as the application is for internal works & the PC are unable to comment without entering the property to assess the works proposed.
- 4. 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. A resident attended the meeting to discuss this issue & it was agreed that the Clerk would chase up NDDC planning for an update on this case. **2/2018/0376/HOUSE 3 North Street** - appeal dismissed by The Planning Inspectorate.
- 5. District Councillor's Report:** Audrey Burch gave us an update on progress with regards to the forming of the new 'Dorset Council' From the 29th March 2019 the County Councils & District Councils will cease to exist, merging to create 'Dorset Council' a shadow council is at present operating at South Walks House, Dorchester. A new Chief Executive has been appointed, Matt Prosser. Council tax will be harmonized across the new 'Dorset Council' region and this will mean an increase in 2019 for North Dorset properties, we have historically had lower rates in the past than other District Councils. The Boundary Commission has just completed its consultation with regards to the new ward & parliamentary boundaries. Cllr Burch informed us that she will not be standing for re election in May 2019.
- 6. Democratic Period:** All issues raised were covered on the agenda below.
- 7. PC Officer's Report:** Cllr Manners reported that the normal internet scams were taking place, a Netflix one being the most recent. A car in North Street had suffered some damage overnight, probably from a passing car.
- 8. Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on the 20th August 2018 were agreed and signed by Cllr Sutcliffe.

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- 9. Clerk's update/actions:** Work is due to start on the Stickland War Memorial wall in the next couple of weeks. Cllr Tebb reported that all the village white fingerposts are now refurbished and the work completed. Highways had agreed to fund the cost of some new posts, so the overall costs had been reduced. The project was funded by WSPC, the Solar Fund & some DCC grants that the PC had obtained. It was agreed that a follow up article should appear in the Valley News in the future.
- 10. Financial report:** Cheques for payment were agreed as follows:
WSPC bank account - S Smith **£247.51** (Clerks salary Sept 2018 & expenses)
C Lovell **£100.00** (grass cutting for September 2018) DCC **£360.00** (traffic survey for SID)
Normtec **£700.00** (fingerposts) **Solar Fund bank account** - Valley News **£115.00** (advert 12 months) Normtec **£1,103.96** (fingerposts) The PC has now received the annual rental payment of **£25.00** for 2018/19 from WSSCC for the Stickland sports field/pavilion.
- 11. Matters arising:**
- 11.1 Play Park:** The Clerk gave a brief history of the village play park and how the PC had come to the decision that it should now close. The play park is inspected every year by an independent company and subsequently each year the list of repairs & recommendations to keep the equipment safe has got longer. Repairing the equipment is now no longer viable or in the best interests of the children using the park. An article will appear in the October issue of the Valley News informing residents of the proposed changes at the park. A number of residents attended the meeting to express their concern that W Stickland might no longer have a play park. The residents have formed a group/committee with the aim of raising the money to fund a replacement park. They were informed that they would be supported by the PC & they were given advice as to where they might be able to obtain funding. It was agreed that a play park 'clear up' day would take place on Saturday 13th October 2018 starting at 9.30am. Volunteers are asked to come to the park & help dismantle the mainly wooden/rotting equipment. The other pieces will be assessed and dismantled or repaired if possible. If any residents would like to be involved in the play park please contact the Clerk at wsticklandpc@gmail.com.
- 11.2 Speed Indicator Device:** The Clerk talked Cllrs through the Speed Indicator Device information. Highways have completed a traffic survey & 2 sites have been identified for the SIDs to be positioned. A quote has been received from Dorset Highways of £651.90 excluding VAT to erect the posts. Estimates have also been received for the SID its self, there are 2 different models costing £2,000 & £2,400 each. The cost of the device itself will be split with Milton Abbas PC, Cllrs agreed to go ahead with installing the posts but The Clerk will first confirm with MAPC that they are still planning to share the costs with Stickland. The solar option adds £120.00 per pole to the costs & it was agreed that this would be a good idea. It was discussed whether the SID should be funded by the Solar Fund or the PC? all Cllrs agreed that the PC should pay for the SID & poles etc.
- 11.3 Sports Club Update:** Veteran football is now up and running at the Club and there a number of social events planned for the coming months.
- 12. Correspondence:** All correspondence had been forwarded to Cllrs ahead of the meeting. There is a Parish and Town Council Planning Session (hosted by Dorset Councils Partnership) 6pm - 8.15pm on Tuesday 9th October 2018 South Walks House, Dorchester Representatives from each parish and town council across North Dorset District, West Dorset District and Weymouth and Portland Borough are invited to attend this event.
- 13. Items for the next agenda:** Play Park

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9pm.

Next meeting Date: Monday 29th October 2018 @ **7.30pm** Venue: Pamela Hambro Village Hall.