

## Winterborne Stickland Parish Council

**Chairman:** David Godden

**Clerk:** Mrs Sam Smith: Hill Cottage, Milton Abbas, Blandford Forum, DT11 0AZ

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### MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 26th November 2018

**Present:** Cllrs D Godden (Chairman) V Manners, K Cowan, P Harlock, K Hickson & J Tebb

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

**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:** Due to a bereavement Cllr Burch did not attend the meeting or send a report in advance. The Clerk agreed to send a sympathy card on behalf of the PC.
3. **PC Officer's Report:** Cllr Manners reported that on Saturday 17th November 2018 a white mini digger was stolen from a farm in Winterborne Whitechurch.
4. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on the 29th October 2018 were agreed and signed by Cllr Godden.
5. **Clerk's update/actions:** Colin J Close Funeral Service had contacted the Clerk seeking approval of the design of a proposed headstone to be placed in the Parish Council burial ground. The design had been circulated to all Cllrs in advance via email. Permission was granted by the WSPC for the headstone to be erected. Dorset Community Transport had contacted the WSPC seeking permission to park the Dunbury school bus in WSSCC car park overnight. Approval was given by the PC but the bus will be parked at DCT's own risk & the agreement will be reviewed after the 1st 3 months. Cllr Godden thanked Alex Ross, who attended the meeting, for all his work & help with building & maintaining the WSPC website.
6. **Democratic Period:** No issues were raised.
7. **Declaration of Interest:** None
8. **Planning applications received: Tufton, 3 North Street, DT11 0NH** - erect 1st floor side extension & extension to side porch. Install 2 rear roof lights. The applicant attended the meeting and explained that these were resubmitted plans after a previous application had been refused. All Cllrs agreed that they had no objections to this new application.
9. **Planning applications decision notices & progress updates: Studio/garage @ The Hollow, Chalky Path** - Enforcement, Planning & the Conservation Officer are working towards an acceptable compromise with regards to this matter. It is looking highly likely that a retrospective planning application for the studio/garage will be submitted and this will be referred to the Parish Council for comment.
10. **Financial report:** Cheques for payment were agreed as follows:
  - S Smith **£247.51** (Clerks salary November 2018 & expenses)
  - C Lovell **£100.00** (grass cutting for November 2018)
  - D Godden **£70.00** (British Legion wreath & DWP gratuity)
  - P Harlock **£72.00** (play park expenses)
  - **£1,000** a cheque was signed to transfer this amount into the play park account from the PC main account
  - From the Solar Fund account - Kelvin Wyatt **£500.00** (balance for village planters)

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**10.1 Budget 2019/20** - The Clerk circulated a draft PC budget for 2019/20. All proposed items of expenditure were discussed. It was suggested that some money should be allocated for some work at the War Memorial site, gardening & cleaning the monument, £500 was suggested. The SID device will be the largest expenditure for this forthcoming period at approx £2,700. A few amendments to financial amounts were made & the Clerk will re draft the budget ready for approval at the next PC meeting in January.

### 11. Matters arising:

**11.1 SI device:** Cllr Godden has been in contact with Freddy Robinson in Milton Abbas. The cost for the SID will be split one 1/3 Milton Abbas PC & 2/3 WSPC. The device will spend 8 weeks in Stickland & then 4 weeks in Milton Abbas. In Stickland the device will spend 4 weeks on the Clenston Road & then 4 weeks on the road to Blandford. Cllr Godden agreed to go ahead and instruct Highways to install the supporting posts on the verges, Cllr Godden will also go ahead and order the SID & solar panels. The total cost to WSPC will be approx £2,700.

**11.2 Play park:** The holes in the grass have now been filled at the play park. The PC instructed the Clerk to go ahead & arrange the parks annual safety inspection. The Clerk agreed to write to Will, Farm Manager at Knife Hill Farm and thank him on behalf of the PC for his time & the use of his tractor.

**11.3 Election of Cllrs:** Elections are scheduled for May 2019. Cllrs were asked to consider if they would be standing again and also to encourage any like minded individuals in the village to think about joining the PC between now & next May.

**11.4 Stream management:** A stream weed clearance had taken place on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Vegetation was removed by the River Management Group & then more weed was removed by an unknown individual at a later date. Both the Environment Agency & the Police have received a complaint with regards to this weed removal. The PC was advised that the River needs to be maintained in order to prevent flooding in the village & also to encourage & protect the wildlife. A Houghton resident attended the meeting to raise the issue of over zealous removal of vegetation from the stream. The Police have visited Cllr Godden at his home with regards to this matter. Cllr Godden stated that the River Management Group undertakes a great deal of work on the River on behalf of the village. If the group starts to feel marginalised or unfairly criticised then the village could find themselves without a group to manage the waterway. Cllr Godden agreed to write to Richard & Will and thank them on behalf of the PC for their work on the stream over the last few years, Cllrs agreed to some wine as a gift also. The Clerk agreed to purchase some wine/chocs for Tim Martin as a thank you for his help in the past year, hedge trimming etc

**11.5 War memorial:** Cllrs Harlock and Cowan attended the recent remembrance service to place the wreath at the war memorial. Cllr Harlock also suggested that the memorial could do with some maintenance & repairs. The flint wall is scheduled to be re built in the next few weeks but there is other work that needs to be completed to keep the site looking presentable. It was agreed that some money should be set aside in the 2019/20 PC budget for this.

**12. Correspondence:** All correspondence had been forwarded to Cllrs ahead of the meeting. The new logo for new Dorset Council has been released. There will be some defibrillator use training in The Crown Pub on the 4th December, this is open to all residents.

**13. Items for the next agenda:** 2019/20 PC Budget

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9pm. No meeting in December 2018.

**Next meeting Date:** Mon 21st January 2018 @ 7.30pm **Venue:** Pamela Hambro Village Hall.

Signed.....Presiding Chairman

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