

## Winterborne Stickland Parish Council

**Chairman:** David Godden

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### MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 29th October 2018

**Present:** Cllrs D Godden (Chairman) J Sutcliffe (Vice Chairman) V Manners, K Cowan, P Harlock & District Councillor Audrey Burch **Apologies:** Cllrs K Hickson & J Tebb

**In attendance:** Liz Sellen (stand in Clerk) & 4 members of the community.

1. **Welcome & Apologies:** Cllr D Godden welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **District Councillor's Report:** Mr Stuart Caundle, Solicitor, has been employed on a six month contract to take the shadow Dorset Council Partnership on to full council. The Christchurch appeal against the new unitary authority has been thrown out. The new Dorset Council will be based in Dorchester, its premises have yet to be decided.
3. **PC Officer's Report:** Cllr Manners reported on going telephone fraud relating to internet issues such as "your BT internet contract has been cancelled".
4. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on the 24th September 2018 were agreed and signed by Cllr Godden.
5. **Clerk's update/actions:** All on this agenda.
6. **Democratic Period:** Audrey Burch enquired which councillors had attended the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018 planning meeting at South Walks House Dorchester. None of the Councillors had been able to attend. The Clerk offered to email a copy of the post briefing notes to Cllrs for information.
7. **Declaration of Interest:** None
8. **Planning applications received:** None
9. **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 that the structure does not conform to the agreed plan and they are investigating. The studio will either have to be removed or the property owner may be asked to submit a request for retrospective planning permission, the PC will be notified if this is the case. David Godden added that the Conservation Officer had suggested that the structure would not be considered suitable for retrospective planning permission, in which case the issue would be passed back to the Enforcement Officer. The previous owner of the land expressed his concerns at some length.
10. **Financial report:** Cheques for payment were agreed as follows:
  - S Smith **£247.51** (Clerks salary October 2018 & expenses)
  - C Lovell **£100.00** (grass cutting for October 2018)

From the Solar Fund account -

- PCC Stickland **£3,000** (Church organ & electric rewiring)
- K Wyatt **£500.00** (planters and plants for the grass triangle)
- C Miller **£258.09** (play group - equipment)
  
- Received into the PC bank account - **£4,695.65** (Septembers instalment of the 2018/19 Precept)

## 11. Matters arising:

**11.1 SI Device:** David Godden briefly outlined the previous months decision; two sites in Stickland and sharing the SID unit with Milton Abbas PC. It was agreed to fund the site posts and the solar unit, but not clear which unit – Vario with message options or the basic model with no frills. It was confirmed at this meeting that Cllrs intended to purchase the Vario unit. Mrs Freddy Robinson attended as a representative of the Milton Abbas CSW (Community Speed Watch) team and confirmed that Milton Abbas are happy with the 50:50 split of costs. Joe Allen & Rob Camp (Dorset Highways) had expressed some concerns that this would not allow for enough time at each site. FR & DG agreed to discuss this outside of the meeting to consider the viability of sharing with Milton Abbas. Cllrs agreed that they are happy to proceed on basis of a 50:50 split with 8wks on, 8 wks off rotation between the 2 villages.

**11.2 Play Park:** A clean up/maintenance day on the 13th October 2018 went well. The equipment was washed with the swing areas re painted. Four Cllrs and members of the public attended to remove unsafe equipment and tractor assistance was provided by Dan Gammon from Knife Hill Farm which was greatly appreciated. The next step is to fill the holes left with top soil and re paint the last swing set. JS suggested a note could be posted on the village Facebook page to request topsoil. It was agreed to allocate up to £250 max to acquire some topsoil if no free offers were forth coming. Cllrs acknowledged Cllr P Harlock's commitment to the project, he had been there all day & also provided refreshments for the volunteers.

**12. Correspondence:** All correspondence had been forwarded to Cllrs ahead of the meeting. David Godden will obtain a wreath from the British Legion in Blandford (£20 donation) Cllr Harlock will attend the remembrance service to place the wreath at the war memorial. A stream weed clearance is planned for the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2018, Dorset Waste Partnership will deliver 3 wheelie bins on Saturday to collect the weed. The DAPTC AGM is on the 10th November 2018, David Godden cannot attend due to a prior engagement, the Clerk agreed to send apologies as none of the other Cllrs are available to attend.

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

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm.

**Next meeting Date:** Monday 26th November 2018 @ **7.30pm**

**Venue:** Pamela Hambro Village Hall.

Signed.....Presiding Chairman

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