

Winterborne Stickland Parish Council

Chairman: David Godden

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MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 21st January 2019

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

In attendance: Sam Smith (Clerk) & 7 members of the community.

1. **Welcome & Apologies:** Cllr D Godden welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **District Councillor's Report:** Cllr Burch did not attend the meeting or send a report in advance.
3. **PC Officer's Report:** Cllr Manners had no local crime information to report.
4. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meetings held on the 26th November 2018 & the 4th January 2019 were agreed and signed by Cllr Godden.
5. **Clerk's update/actions:** We are still waiting for work to start on rebuilding of the Stickland War Memorial flint wall. The Clerk agreed to chase this up with the contractor. A number of months ago, the PC had been involved with submitting an application on behalf of the village to register The Crown Pub as a Community Asset. It appears that NDDC has misplaced the paperwork that the Clerk originally submitted. The Clerk has been chasing this matter & has requested the assistance of Cllr Audrey Burch, this is an ongoing matter for the Clerk to chase. It was agreed that the Clerk should purchase a gift for Alex Ross to thank him for his work on maintaining the PC website on behalf of the PC. Cllr Harlock reminded the Clerk that the footbridge near Mulberry still needs repairs, the Clerk agreed to chase this up.
6. **Democratic Period:** Village Trail booklet - a group of residents attended the meeting to talk about a booklet that they have put together in the form of a guided walk of Stickland including historical information & landmarks. All Cllrs had read a draft copy of the booklet and the idea was supported by all that attended the meeting. The booklet is still a work in progress and it was requested if the PC could contribute to the printing costs of the booklet. Cllr Sutcliffe spoke of the Solar Fund and how this project would be the eligible for funding support if an application was submitted & agreed by the SF Committee. A resident spoke of the recent Ofsted inspection that had taken place at the Stickleberries Nursery. The report has rated the nursery as 'Inadequate'. The nursery has been granted some time to improve & the opportunity to be re inspected. In the meantime government childcare funding has been suspended at the nursery. Unfortunately for parents this means that children need to be bused to another nursery or parents must pay full price for any childcare at the nursery. There is an appeal at present being undertaken to ask that the childcare funding is reinstated, reasons for this are given as we are in a rural area & other childcare options are limited for parents. Cllr Godden agreed to see if he could contact anyone at DCC Education on behalf of the PC and offer the PCs support in trying to remedy the situation.
7. **Declaration of Interest:** None
8. **Planning applications received:** None

9. Planning applications decision notices & progress updates: Tufton, 3 North Street, DT11 0NH - erect 1st floor side extension & extension to side porch. Install 2 rear roof lights. Permission has been approved.

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

S Smith **£518.67** (Clerks salary December 2018 & January 2019 & expenses)
C Lovell **£200.00** (grass cutting for December 2018 & January 2019)
Liz Sellen **£18.79** (Clerks holiday cover Oct 2018 PC meeting)
David Godden **£37.00** (Chairman's Fund - River Group)

A cheque has been received for **£140.00** from Colin J Close Funeral Service (payment for a headstone at the Stickland burial ground)

From the Solar Fund account -

Hazel Lappin **£500.00** (plants & compost for the village)
FA Sutcliffe **£1,732.49** (village defibrillator)

It was agreed that the Clerk should investigate the possibility of online banking for the PC, mainly to allow the Clerk access to the account balances rather than having to wait for bank statements to arrive in the post. The Clerk will submit to HMRC a reclaim for VAT before the next PC meeting in February.

10.1 Budget 2019/20 - The Clerk circulated a draft PC budget for 2019/20. All proposed items of expenditure were discussed. It was agreed that the precept for 2019/20 should be kept the same as in 2018/19. The Clerk will submit a request for £9,391.30 for 2019/20.

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 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. We are just awaiting written confirmation from MAPC to confirm this arrangement, the Clerk will contact the MA Clerk to arrange.

11.2 Play park: The Clerk has arranged for the remaining play park equipment to be safety inspected at a cost of £78.00, this will take place in February 2019. Simon Jones attended the meeting and presented Cllrs with some quotes & proposals for a new play park. The estimated cost for a new park was quoted at approx £60,000. It was agreed that funding should be sought if this project was to go ahead, possibly with a contribution from the SF and other sources. The PC has a small amount of money set aside for the play park and this could be used as a starting fund. It was suggested that as Milton Abbas have already gone through the process & installed a new park they should be the first point of contact for information & guidance. Simon agreed to get in touch with the MA Play Park Committee. Cllr Godden suggested that some research should be done into the need of a play park in Stickland, to find out how many children are there in Stickland that would use the park? We need to establish whether it is a project that residents would support? The PC thanked Simon for his efforts so far in this important undertaking.

11.3 Defibrillator: The current village defibrillator is being returned to South West Ambulance Service and a replacement has been purchased. The original price paid for the 1st defibrillator (minus VAT) will be refunded by SWAS back into the PC bank account. The new defibrillator will be covered under the PCs existing insurance policy for theft/damage. The new defibrillator will still be situated at The Crown Pub but this time slightly closer to the road.

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11.4 John Gill memorial plaque: Cllr Godden agreed to put together some words for the plaque and circulate these to Cllrs via email for approval.

12. Correspondence: All correspondence had been forwarded to Cllrs ahead of the meeting. It was agreed to nominate Cllr Godden into the DAPTC draw for the chance to attend the Queens Royal Garden Party on the 15th May 2019. Hilary Cox is hosting a divisional meeting on the 26th February MA @ 7pm, this will most likely be her last divisional meeting. There is a new procedure for ordering grit to refill the village bins. Refills can now be requested by residents online via Dorset for You website. The Clerk agreed to check the grit bin information on the online map to insure that it is correct.

13. Items for the next agenda:

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm

Next meeting Date: Mon 25th February 2019 @ 7.30pm **Venue:** Pamela Hambro Village Hall.

Signed.....Presiding Chairman

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