

Winterborne Stickland Parish Council

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MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 25th February 2019

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

Apologies: J Sutcliffe (Vice Chairman) **In attendance:** District Councillor Audrey Burch, Sam Smith (Clerk) & 8 members of the community.

- 1. Welcome & Apologies:** Cllr D Godden welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2. District Councillor's Report:** Cllr Burch gave a report as follows - on the 1st April 2019 the 6 current District Councils & 1 County Council will be coming together to form the new Dorset Council. The 2019/20 budget for the new Dorset Council has been agreed at £295 million, with more money being set aside for waste, the homeless & social care. The new Council will see a reduction in Councillors bringing in a £400,000 cost saving. A reduction in Senior Officers will also see a £5 million reduction in costs. Council Tax, will unfortunately be increasing this year for most of us, 'Council Tax Harmonisation' will ensure that all residents in the new Dorset Council area pay the same amount in the same band rate.
- 3. PC Officer's Report:** Cllr Manners had no local crime information to report.
- 4. Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on the 21st January 2019 were agreed and signed by Cllr Godden.
- 5. Clerk's update/actions:** Work on the Stickland War Memorial flint wall is still pending, the contractor needs to ensure frost free days & nights before work can commence as he will be using a lime render. The Crown Pub as a Community Asset - the application form has been located at NDDC by Jane Nicklen, Community Planning & Development Manager. She will contact the owners and ask for their comments. A decision on our nomination will be made within the statutory 8 weeks. Hopefully a decision will be made before the new council comes into being on the 1st April. The footbridge near Mulberry has been repaired by Dorset Countryside, they are also seeking to replace the bridge fully in the next financial year. The Clerk has passed gifts and thanks on to Tim Martin & Alex Ross for their volunteer work supporting the PC in 2018. The wording for John Gills memorial plaque has been agreed, the Clerk will organise this once Cllr Manners confirms the measurements required.
- 6. Democratic Period:** Nothing raised
- 7. Declaration of Interest:** None
- 8. Planning applications received:** None
- 9. Planning applications decision notices & progress updates:** John King attended the meeting to raise the issue of the unauthorised summerhouse/garage at Chalky Lane that is still in situ. Enforcement at NDDC had visited the site previously & offered the property owner the chance to apply for retrospective planning permission. This was not applied for and the property has since been sold on to another owner. There are also some issues with regards to the construction and safety of the summerhouse/garage structure. Cllr Godden agreed to write a letter on behalf do the PC to Jean Marshall, Head of Planning stating that this issue needs to be resolved, or enforcement action taken, failure to see a

closure to this matter will set a dangerous precedent for any future developments in the village. Mr King handed the Parish Clerk a list of items which are in dispute and interested parties may obtain a copy from the Clerk.

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

- S Smith **£306.50** (Clerks salary February 2019 & expenses)
- C Lovell **£100.00** (grass cutting for February 2019)
- Morelock Signs Ltd **£2,994.00** (SI Device 1/3 of this cost minus VAT to be re claimed from MAPC)

A payment from BSR was received on the 7/2/2019 into the Solar Fund account of **£9,567.31**. A **£274.25** cheque has been received from H Lappin, to be credited to the Solar Fund account (surplus money from village planter funding) Cllr Godden signed the 2019/20 budget document that was agreed at the February 2019 PC meeting.

11. Matters arising:

11.1 SI device: The Clerk has received a pro forma invoice from Morelock Signs Ltd for the SI Device. The Clerk will post the signed cheque & instruct Morelock Signs to deliver the SID to Cllr Godden. WSPC have agreed to pay the full amount up front for the SID, with MAPC paying their 1/3 of the cost to WSPC. The solar panel section needs to be ordered separately and this will be done by Cllr Godden. The device when in operation 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 has instructed Highways to install the supporting posts on the verges and this work has been completed.

11.2 Elections 2019: The Clerk distributed Nomination Papers to all Cllrs wishing to stand for re election on the 2nd May 2019. 2 Cllrs have decide not to continue with the PC, so there are now some vacant spaces for new members to join, should anyone in the village wish to put themselves forward. More information on this can be obtained from the Clerk. All Nomination Papers must returned to the Clerk by the March PC meeting to enable the Clerk to hand deliver them to DCC.

11.3 River Management in Clenston Road: The Clerk had received an email from a resident concerned about the condition of the stream along the top part of the Clenston Road. It was agreed that this item will be discussed further at the March WSPC meeting. The Clerk will reply to the residents email.

12. Correspondence: All correspondence had been forwarded to Cllrs ahead of the meeting. Hilary Cox is hosting a divisional meeting on the 26th February in MA @ 7pm, this will most likely be her last divisional meeting. Cllr Godden agreed to attend a roundtable event on the 1st March at The Crown, Blandford hosted by our MP Simon Hoare. The Fairmile Road (near Blandford St Mary) will be closed on the 28th February for BT Openreach to complete some works. The Jurassic Beast cycle event will take place on the 18th May 2019 & this will pass through W Stickland village.

13. Items for the next agenda: Clenston Road - river management

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

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

Signed.....Presiding Chairman

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