

Winterborne Stickland Parish Council

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MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 28th August 2019

Present: Cllrs D Godden (Chairman) J Sutcliffe (Vice Chairman) P Harlock, K Hickson & B Drammis **Apologies:** Cllr J Tebb

In attendance: Unitary Cllr Andrew Kerby, Sam Smith (Clerk) & 8 members of the community

- 1. Welcome & Apologies:** Cllr D Godden welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2. Unitary Councillor's Report:** Cllr A Kerby spoke briefly about 'Community Land Trusts' plots of land purchased by a charity to provide affordable local housing. Local communities can then have a say on who lives in these properties and where the houses are located. It was agreed that Cllr Kerby would bring the Community Land Trust Officer to the next PC meeting to pass on some more information to Cllrs and answer any questions.
- 3. PC Officers Report:** The SID has been moved to Milton Abbas for the next 4 weeks.
- 4. Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on the 29th July 2019 were agreed and signed by Cllr Godden.
- 5. Clerk's update/actions:** The PC is still waiting for another quote from the contractor for repairing the back section of the War Memorial wall, The Clerk had chased this item prior to the meeting. Cllr Godden & Cllr Kerby have again, both raised the issue of the current condition of Water Lane to Houghton, with Paul Starkey at DC Highways. Repairs are needed urgently and this issue has been ongoing for many years with the condition of the road deteriorating year on year. The DC Highways Team have referred this job to their Engineering Department as the road will require some major works to be undertaken. It was confirmed in the past that DC Highways had funding ring fenced for the works, but it is now unsure if this is still the case. The Clerk has reported the broken footpath bridge by Mulberry House to Dorset Countryside for repair.
- 6. Democratic Period:** A resident reported that the culverts at the bottom of Chalky Path are blocked. The Clerk will report this issue online to DC Highways.
- 7. Declaration of Interest:** None
- 8. Planning applications received: 2/2019/0957/HOUSE The Hollow, Chalky Path DT11 ONS - erect timber shed - Retrospective** - the applicant & the neighbours of the applicant also attended the meeting to express their views, all the neighbours objected. A vote was taken and was split, with 2 Cllrs voting for the shed/summerhouse and 2 Cllrs voting against the shed/summerhouse. The deciding vote was the Chairman's, who had previously abstained, and the casting vote showed that the Parish Council does not object to the proposed development. It was hoped that should this application be granted by DC, permanent conditions would be attached, including appropriate screening to protect neighbours privacy & the light pollution from the glass front being taken into account. This is an unfortunate situation that has been unresolved for many months and it is hoped that some compromise can now be achieved amongst all the parties involved.
- 9. Planning applications decision notices & progress updates:** An issue with the development at land south of The Malthouse was raised, with regards to the possible

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excessive removal of foliage from trees. It was requested that The Clerk contacts the DC Tree Officer and requests that the trees in question are checked against the original permission given for the tree works.

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

- S Smith **£289.63** (Clerks salary August 2019 & expenses)
- C Lovell **£100.00** (grass cutting for August 2019)
- DAPTC **£40.00** (new Cllr training - Cllr Drammis)

11. Matters arising:

11.1 Graveyard maintenance: The Clerk has spoken to 2 local residents who are very keen to be involved in the maintenance and up keep of the PC burial ground. It was agreed that Cllr Harlock will meet with the volunteers to discuss the way forward. The Clerk will pass the contact details to Cllr Harlock so that he can telephone the volunteers & arrange a time to meet. Charles Lovell's grass cutting contract expires in April 2020, the Clerk agreed to forward the contract/tender paperwork to Cllr Harlock to be reviewed & amended if necessary ready for putting the contract out to tender again in 2020.

11.2 Play Park: Simon Jones attended the meeting. Simon has conducted a survey of the village with regards to assessing the need for a replacement play park in Stickland. Simon distributed copies of the survey results to Cllrs. It was agreed that Cllrs would read the survey results & a further discussion would be had at the next PC meeting. Cllr Harlock reported that the supporting cables on the basket swing had been vandalised, therefore the basket swing needs to be removed asap. Cllr Harlock agreed to remove the basket & The Clerk will investigate the cost to replace the cables. There is also 2 broken steps on the multi play, Cllr Harlock agreed to fix these.

11.3 WSPC Standing Orders: These need reviewing & updating if required, The Clerk agreed to circulate the current documents to all Cllrs for them to read and comment before the next PC meeting.

11.4 Defibrillator training: Cllr Drammis had requested some defibrillator training. As some has taken place in the village recently, the Clerk agreed to see if any training would be taking place in the surrounding villages in the near future ie: Milton Abbas, and to enquire as to if Cllr Drammis could attend.

12. Correspondence: All correspondence had been forwarded to Cllrs ahead of the meeting. The Clerk had received an email from a resident with regards to speeding in the village, especially tractors, and parking on the village pavements. The PC has recently purchased a SID in an attempt to slow down the traffic, farm owners have been spoken to previously and have always been willing to speak to their contractors re tractor speed. The PC does have limited powers and it was suggested that although the no parking on pavements cannot be enforced, a polite request in the Valley News or a chat with the neighbour may produce a better result.

13. Items for the next agenda: Community Land Trusts, Play Park.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

Next meeting Date: Monday 30th September 2019 @ 7.30pm

Venue: Pamela Hambro Village Hall

Signed.....Presiding Chairman

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