

Winterborne Stickland Parish Council

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

Present: Cllrs D Godden (Chairman) P Harlock & B Drammis

Apologies: Cllr J Sutcliffe (Vice Chairman) J Tebb, K Hickson & Unitary Cllr Andrew Kerby

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

1. **Welcome & Apologies:** Cllr D Godden welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Unitary Councillor's Report:** Unitary Cllr Andrew Kerby was absent from the meeting & did not send a report in advance.
3. **PC Officers Report:** A car was recently stolen from a private drive, overnight in Downfield, it is thought this was not a random theft but planned in advance. The SID will be moved this week from the Clenston Road site to the Fairmile Road end of the village.
4. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on the 30th September 2019 were agreed and signed by Cllr Godden.
5. **Clerk's update/actions:** DC Highways have visited the village and jetted the ground rainwater drains. The grids had become blocked and the recent heavy rain had caused flooding. Cllr Godden has written to Highways to request provision of larger grids and pipe work outside the houses and he requested DC engineers explore this solution. The River Management Group completed some work on the stream on the 19th October 2019. There is still no news on when work will commence on the repairs of Water Lane.
6. **Democratic Period:** Nothing was raised.
7. **Declaration of Interest:** None
8. **Planning applications received:** None
9. **Planning applications decision notices & progress updates:** **2/2019/0957/HOUSE The Hollow, Chalky Path** - the unauthorised structure has now been removed & WSPC has received a letter from DC Planning Enforcement to say that the matter is now closed. **2/2019/0009/FUL Stickland Farmhouse, West Street** - This application was heard at a Planning Committee meeting on the 22nd October in Sturminster Newton, Cllr Godden attended the meeting. The application was given the go ahead by the Committee and approval given by DC.
10. **Financial report:** Cheques for payment were agreed as follows:
S Smith **£408.07** (Clerks salary October 2019 & expenses inc play park spares)
C Lovell **£100.00** (grass cutting for October 2019)
Valley News **£115.00** (12 months Solar Fund advert)
11. **Matters arising:**
11.1 The Crown Pub: WSPC has received notification from Shoosmiths (Marston's Solicitors) that they are planning to dispose of The Crown Pub. A village meeting is planned for Wednesday, 30th October at the Pamela Hambro Hall 7.30pm to share the latest information and to discuss what action residents may wish to take. The Crown was

registered last year by the WSPC as an Asset of Community Value, which in theory gives the village or a Community Group the opportunity to purchase The Crown, should the occasion arise. The WSPC has written to both Marston's & Dorset Council for clarification on a number of points with regards to The Crown.

11.2 Play Park: The cables for the basket swing have been replaced by Cllr Harlock. It was agreed that the issue of the future for the play park would be discussed at the January PC meeting and hopefully Simon Jones will be able to attend.

11.3 WSPC Standing Orders & Financial Regulations: The Clerk will update these with the changes & then the new copies can be adopted at the next PC meeting.

11.4 Clerks hours & contract: The Clerk had highlighted to Cllrs that since taking on the role of WSPC Clerk 5 years ago, the duties undertaken by the Clerk had grown with more responsibility being passed down from District Council, the Solar Fund & PC website etc. The Clerk explained that she was finding it hard to complete the role in the agreed paid monthly hours. It was agreed to keep the hourly wage the same as this is a set rate, but increase the number of hours to be paid per month by 11.5, this brings the total monthly hours that the Clerk will be paid to 35 hrs per month. This will commence from 1st November 2019.

11.5 WSSCC: Miriam Leigh on behalf of the WSSCC Committee attended the meeting along with 2 members from the Winterborne Valley Croquet Club. Miriam explained that the Croquet Club, has until now, been based at Kingston Maurward but a notice has been served for them to vacate the site. The Croquet Club has been looking for a new site to base itself and after looking at a number of options they have settled on the W Stickland site as being the most suitable. A contract is at present being drawn up and finalised. The Croquet Club would like a 5 year rental agreement as they wish to invest money to make the site suitable including upgrading storage and changing rooms etc. The WSSCC has a 1 year rental agreement with WSPC so it was suggested that if the WSSCC was to fold then the CC could take over the running of the main Club to see out the remain 5yrs agreement. The contract will need to signed and agreed by W Houghton PC & Clenston as part owners of the land.

11.6 DAPTC voting on resolutions: It was agreed by all Cllrs that Cllr Godden should vote on behalf of the WSPC at the DAPTC AGM on the 9th November 2019.

12. Correspondence: All correspondence had been forwarded to Cllrs ahead of the meeting. The Clerk had received a text from a resident with regards to an incident with a school bus on the Clenston Road. The bus pulled over to let a tractor & trailer pass, the tractor knocked 3 large kerb stones into the stream. The Clerk agreed to contact Highways with regards to the issue. The Planning Advisory Service (PAS) will shortly be undertaking a peer review of Dorset Councils planning service. This will take place on the 13th November 2019 at County Hall, Dorchester, 1 Cllr is invited to attend. An email has been received from John Sellgren, Dorset Council, Brexit Lead Officer with an update on progress on the councils EU Exit work, which is ongoing and gathering pace.

13. Items for the next agenda: PC Budget 2020/21

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm.

Next meeting Date: Monday 25th November 2019 @ 7.30pm

Venue: Pamela Hambro Village Hall

Signed.....Presiding Chairman

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