

## Winterborne Stickland Parish Council

**Chairman:** David Godden

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### MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 29th April 2019

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

**Apologies:** District Councillor Audrey Burch, Cllrs J Sutcliffe (Vice Chairman) & V Manners.

**In attendance:** Sam Smith (Clerk) & 3 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 but we were joined by Andrew Kirby. Andrew is the Conservative Party candidate for the Winterborne North Ward. He hopes to be elected at the forthcoming Council elections. Andrew told Cllrs a little bit about himself, his political background and his plans for if he is elected in May. Cllr Godden offered the thanks of the Parish Council to Cllr Burch for all her help and support to the PC over the past years. It was agreed to go ahead & co-opt Brian Drammis on to the WSPC. The forthcoming PC election is an uncontested one, so all Parish Cllrs who have put themselves forward will be automatically re-elected for another term from May 2019. Brian joined the PC at the table for the rest of the meeting.
3. **PC Officers Report:** Cllr Manners did not attend the meeting and has not put himself forward for re-election in May. He was thanked for his services at the last meeting.
4. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on the 25th March 2019 were agreed and signed by Cllr Godden.
5. **Clerk's update/actions:** The Clerk has received notification from Planning Community & Policy Development at Dorset Council that The Crown Pub in Stickland has now successfully been registered as an Asset of Community Value. Although this does not prevent the pub from being sold or redeveloped in the future, what it does do is give the community the chance to have its say in the pub's future, along with the opportunity to run it as a village concern if needed. The Clerk will chase up the rebuilding of the War Memorial wall as this matter has been outstanding for some time.
6. **Democratic Period:** Nothing raised
7. **Declaration of Interest:** None
8. **Planning applications received:** **2/2019/0357/HOUSE - 4 Quarleston Hamlets, Clenston Road DT11 0NP - Erect orangery (demolish existing conservatory)** all Cllrs agreed that the PC could not comment on this application, there was insufficient information on the Dorset for You website to enable a discussion to be had.  
**2/2019/0426/HOUSE - Bournside, Clenston Road, DT11 0NP - Erect 2 single storey extensions & gable to front elevation (demolish existing conservatory & chimney)** all Cllrs agreed that they had no objections to this application.
9. **Planning applications decision notices & progress updates:** The unauthorised summerhouse/garage at Chalky Lane is still in situ. Enforcement are involved and in contact with the new owner of the property. At present we are awaiting developments.

- 10. Financial report:** Cheques for payment were agreed as follows:
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| S Smith        | £252.07 | (Clerks salary April 2019 & expenses)   |
| C Lovell       | £100.00 | (grass cutting for April 2019)          |
| Dorset Council | £391.14 | (supply & install 2nd SID post)         |
| DAPTC          | £206.41 | (DAPTC Annual subscription for 2019/20) |

All Cllrs agreed that the Clerk should receive her annual pay rise for 2019/20 as per the NALC & SLCC recommendations.

**Cheques from the Solar Fund account -**

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| Dunbury Academy       | £3,400  | for new school IT equipment  |
| Village booklet Group | £500.00 | printing & advertising costs |
| Stickland PCC         | £2,500  | St Marys Church electrics    |

**11. Matters arising:**

**11.1 SI device:** The village SID device has now been installed & is in operation. At present it is sited at the Clenston Road but will be moved to the Blandford Road site on the 1st May 2019. There was some debate over its accuracy and Highways have agreed to check that it is calibrated correctly. An electronic version of the S72 Licence has been signed by Cllr Godden & a Risk Assessment needs to take place, it was agreed that Cllr Godden & Harlock would undertake this task. The Clerk agreed to chase the 1/3 payment from Milton Abbas PC towards the total cost of the SID.

**11.2 Elections 2019:** There are a total of 9 vacancies on the PC and 6 Cllrs have put themselves forward for the May elections, therefore there are currently 3 Cllr vacancies on the PC. Brian Drammis agreed to attend the new Cllrs DAPTC training course on the 29th June 2019, the Clerk will arrange. Cllr Godden thanked Keith Cowan for his contribution to the PC over the years as Keith has decided not to stand for re- election in May.

**11.3 Verge Cutting:** The verge at Water Lane was discussed because last year this became so overgrown the road was almost impassable. The Clerk agreed to contact Dorset Countryside and speak to Graham Stanley. Extra cutting outside of the standard x2 per year will need to be paid for by the PC and this is possibly something that Graham could arrange.

**11.4 Groundwater flood warnings:** Cllr Godden has received an email from the Environment Agency who are keen for people to sign up to the Groundwater Flood Warning service. It was agreed that the link would be added to an article in the Valley News within the Streamwatch Report, a supply of leaflets should be put through the letterboxes of all houses in West Street and possibly North Street. It should also be attached to the village Flood Plan and loaded on to the PC website. The Clerk agreed to contact Paul Starkey at Highways with regards to clearing the pipe that flows into the village stream to prevent future flooding.

**12. Correspondence:** All correspondence had been forwarded to Cllrs ahead of the meeting.

**13. Items for the next agenda: AGM & APM 7pm start**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

**Next meeting Date: Wednesday 29th May 2019 @ 7pm AGM & APM**

**Venue:** Pamela Hambro Village Hall.

Signed.....Presiding Chairman

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