

Winterborne Stickland Parish Council

Chairman: David Godden

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MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 29th July 2019

Present: Cllrs D Godden (Chairman) B Drammis & J Tebb

Apologies: Cllrs J Sutcliffe (Vice Chairman) P Harlock & K Hickson

In attendance: Unitary Cllr Andrew Kerby, Sam Smith (Clerk) & 3 members of the community

1. **Welcome & Apologies:** Cllr D Godden welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Unitary Councillor's Report:** Cllr A Kerby talked to Councillors about 'Corporate Parenting', this relates to how children in care & care leavers are looked after by the Local Authority. Cllr Kerby spoke of the number of children in care & care leavers in Stickland, the surrounding areas, and the challenges that they & the Local Authority face. The issue of the current condition of Water Lane to Houghton was raised. Parts of the road are collapsing and although DC Highways have confirmed in the past that a budget has been set aside for the work, a date for repairs has not been forthcoming. Cllr Godden agreed to contact Paul Starkey at DC Highways for an update & Cllr Kerby also agreed to chase this matter.
3. **PC Officers Report:** Nothing of note to report.
4. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on the 24th June 2019 were agreed and signed by Cllr Drammis.
5. **Clerk's update/actions:** The Stickland War Memorial wall has now been repaired. We are still waiting for another quote for the back section of the wall, The Clerk agreed to chase. The SID is currently set up in Stickland, 2 weeks at Clenston Road & 6 weeks on the Blandford Road.
6. **Democratic Period:** A resident attended the meeting to talk about the unauthorised structure at The Hollow, Chalky Path. This matter is now in the hands of DC Planning. Enforcement will be taken or a retrospective application submitted by the property owner.
7. **Declaration of Interest:** None
8. **Planning applications received: 2/2019/0734/HOUSE Echelon, Clenston Road DT11 ONP - erect single storey extension & pitched roof (demolish existing garage & single storey extension)** all Cllrs felt that these proposed plans would enhance the appearance of the existing property and so they agreed to support the application.
9. **Planning applications decision notices & progress updates:** None
10. **Financial report:** Cheques for payment were agreed as follows:
 - S Smith **£242.07** (Clerks salary July 2019 & expenses)
 - C Lovell **£100.00** (grass cutting for July 2019)
 - Dorset Council **£414.00** (Solar panels for SID)

 - **£140.00** received from Grassby & Sons (headstone at Stickland burial ground)

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11. Matters arising:

11.1 Graveyard maintenance: A family who have 2 plots at the burial ground have expressed an interest to the Church in helping to tidy up the area, the Clerk agreed to contact the family to discuss this matter further. Cllr Harlock has agreed to meet the family at the graveyard if they wish & to talk through any plans that they may have.

11.2 Village Fete participation: The Parish Council has been asked if they would like to contribute to the Village Fete in August, it seems that most Cllrs will be away on holiday. Cllr A Kerby agreed to volunteer if any help is needed.

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

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

13. Items for the next agenda: play park

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

Next meeting Date: Wednesday 28th August 2019 @ 7.30pm

Venue: Pamela Hambro Village Hall

Signed.....Presiding Chairman

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