

## Winterborne Stickland Parish Council

**Chairman:** David Godden

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### MINUTES of the Annual Parish meeting held on the 29th May 2019

**Present:** As AGM **Apologies:** As AGM **In attendance:** As AGM & 6 members of the community.

- 1. Welcome & apologies:** As AGM
- 2. A review of the year:** The Chairman gave a review of the past year which covered the following - the new Unitary Council, Dorset Council, came in effect on the 1st April 2019. We have said goodbye to County Cllr Hilary Cox & District Cllr Audrey Burch. We have in turn welcomed Cllr Andrew Kerby, our new Unitary Cllr, who will be responsible for the Winterborne Ward. We have also said goodbye to PC Cllrs Keith Cowan & Vaughan Manners who have both served many years on the PC. Cllr Godden expressed the PCs thanks & bottle of wine was given to each as a gift of thanks. Earlier in 2019, the PC part purchased a SID (Speed Indicator Device) which we share ownership with Milton Abbas PC. The device is now up and running & appears to be working well. The WSSCC is at present self sustaining and successful, although membership numbers and planned activities have reduced. The River Management Group has been busy maintaining the stream, bank repairs have taken place, swallow holes filled & some false watercress removed. Although management of the stream continues to be a contentious village issue, the group has the backing of the Environment Agency and the village did not suffer with any flooding from the stream in the winter just gone. Tim Martin was mentioned for his help in removing the waste weed & the trimming of village verges & hedges. Cllr Tebb was thanked for her hard work on co ordinating the restoration of the village white fingerposts. Kevin Oakley was nominated & received a Community Hero Award last summer for his contribution to village life, but also in recognition of the volunteer work he undertook on the restoration of the Village Sign for the TV programme 'The Repair Shop' Stickleberries Nursery received a poor Ofstead rating and had their funding withdrawn for a short period. Improvements have been made & the funding has recently been re instated. The Crown Pub has been successfully registered with Dorset Council as a Community Asset, but with the new tenants in place, the pub appears to be thriving and successful again.
- 3. Challenges for the coming year:** At present the Stickland PC has 3 vacancies for Cllrs, younger members of the community are particularly sought. Please contact the Clerk if you would like to find out more about contributing towards the management & future of your village by becoming a Stickland Cllr. The Stickland Play Park future is a big issue for the coming year as the equipment has now realistically reached the end of its life. Do we need a replacement park? and is there a village need for one? We do not yet know how the forming of the new Dorset Council will affect us as a PC and if any further responsibilities will passed on to Parish Councils from above, over the next 12 months more will be known.
- 4. Matters raised by the community:** None
- 5. Closing remarks from the Chairman:** Cllr Godden thanked the Clerk and all the Parish Councillors for their support over the past year.

**End of meeting**