

Winterborne Stickland Parish Council

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MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 26th October 2020

Please note - This meeting was held via 'Zoom' due to the Coronavirus crisis

Present: Cllrs C Mc Cormick (Chair) P Harlock, Simon Jubb, B Drammis, C Williams, J Stephen, E Peachey & K Hickson **Apologies:** Unitary Cllr Andrew Kerby & PC Cllr Gary Critchell **In attendance:** Sam Smith (Clerk) & 0 members of the public.

- Welcome & apologies:** Cllr Mc Cormick welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Unitary Councillor's report:** Cllr Andrew Kirby did not attend the meeting or send a report in advance.
- PC Officer's report:** Cllr Drammis reported that there had been a recent burglary in Stickland, equipment was taken from a garage & out buildings. The same type of incident had also been reported in W Whitechurch, taking place around the same time.
- Democratic period:** Nothing raised.
- Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Caroline Williams is a direct neighbour to The Old Farmhouse (planning)
- Planning applications/decisions/updates:** **The Old Farmhouse, Chalky Path 2/2020/1140/HOUSE - erection of a detached garage (amendment to previous application approved under 2/2017/1243/FUL)** The amendments include the addition of windows & raising of the roof height. All Cllrs agreed that they had **no objections** to this application.
- Financial report:** Cheques for payment were agreed as follows:

S Smith £405.50	(Clerks salary October 2020 & expenses)
R S Smith £100.00	(grass cutting for October 2020)
A Ross £8.87	(PC website domain renewal)
WSPC £1,000	(transfer to the WSPC play park savings account)

7.1 The Clerk informed Cllrs that she had obtained 2 forms from HSBC. One to apply for Internet banking & the other a bank mandate form to enable the PC to add further cheque signatories to the accounts. As agreed at the September PC meeting, Cllrs Drammis, Williams & Jubb will be added, it was agreed at this meeting to also add Cllr Peachey. The Clerk & Cllr Hickson will remain as existing signatories. The Clerk will circulate the bank forms in the next couple of weeks to obtain Cllrs signatures for the forms.

7.2 2020/21 PC Budget - The Clerk had circulated the current year's PC budget to Cllrs prior to the meeting. The 2021/2022 budget will be on the November agenda for discussion. Prior to the next meeting The Clerk will circulate a working budget document for discussion, including all the PCs set/regular costs & the estimated costs for 2021/22.

8. Matters arising -

8.1 Chairman & Vice Chairman vacancies: Cllr Jubb volunteered to take on the role of WSPC Chairman & all Cllrs agreed to elect him to this role. Cllr C Mc Cormick agreed to take on the role of PC Vice Chairman and all Cllrs agreed to elect him to this role.

8.2 War memorial: It was suggested at the last meeting that the service personal (born or lived in Stickland) that had died in service since WW2 should be added to the War Memorial list of names. Cllr Jubb has been researching this. Cllr Harlock suggested asking current village residents & adding a note to the Order of Service which will be given out at the 8th November remembrance service. Cllr Jubb will ask the Rector if this is possible. The service on the 8th will be held in The Crown car park & then move out into the road. A wreath will be laid on behalf of the PC. It was agreed that Peter Wells who

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is leading will read the roll call of names at the service. The litter bin needs to be removed on the day & the plastic barriers could be used for crowd direction. The 2nd section of the flint wall still needs to be repaired, Cllr Jubb will contact the contractor. It was agreed that the War Memorial grounds should be refurbished, a resident has some ideas for replacing the broken fence panel at back, maybe with some sort of artwork? Renovation grants can be applied for from the War Memorial Trust and some costs could be added to the PC budget for 2021/22.

8.3 The stream/river: On Saturday the 17th October 2020 Cllr Drammis along with a group of volunteers completed the autumn clearance of the stream (Water Lane) from the Fish Farm to West Street. DWP had delivered wheelie bins to remove the extracted weed. Unfortunately the bins can only hold so much weed & DWP seem a bit reluctant to help with further bins. It was decided that the remaining weed will be left on the river bank to break down naturally. Cllr Peachey offered 2 of her brown bins to remove a little bit more weed. Another River Management Group needs to be formed in time for winter and to manage the village flood plan. This will be discussed at the next PC meeting in November.

8.4 Play Park inspection: The play park annual safety inspection has taken place. A copy of the report was circulated to all Cllrs. Cllr Harlock will visit the park with the report in hand and check the issues raised in the recent inspection. There are no major safety issues that need immediate attention.

8.5 PC website: Cllr Jubb has spoken to our website manager. A discussion was had on making the website more of a village website. An informative Homepage would be a good start. £400 approx has been quoted to update the website. It was suggested that a village welcome pack could be incorporated listing clubs, school and surgery info etc. Cllr Jubb will report back with progress at the next PC meeting.

- 9. Correspondence:** All correspondence had been forwarded to Cllrs ahead of the meeting. The Clerk has received a report of an overgrown hedge at Honeysuckle Cottage, the Clerk will contact the property owners. A post had recently appeared on FaceBook stating that the village dog waste bins were going to be removed. The PC has received no notification from DC or DWP that this is happening. A consultation started on the 19th Oct 2020 concerning the future of local Tourist Information Centres inc Dorchester. The information can be found on the Dorset 4 you website. Dorset Council have informed the PC that car park charges are to be standardized across all public DC car parks. Charges will now apply 8am - 8pm everyday, including Sundays. A letter had been received from Blandford Town Council asking if the PC would like to contribute to the running costs of the public toilets in Blandford. It was agreed not to contribute from WSPC funds.
- 10. Items for the next agenda:** PC budget 2021/22, churchyard, River Management Group, play park, PC website, war memorial.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm. Next meeting 30th November 2020.