

Winterborne Stickland Parish Council

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MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 30th November 2020

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

Present: Cllrs Simon Jubb (Chairman) C Mc Cormick (Vice Chairman) P Harlock, B Drammis, C Williams, J Stephen, E Peachey (part) & Gary Critchell **Apologies:** Unitary Cllr Andrew Kerby & WSPC Cllr K Hickson
In attendance: Sam Smith (Clerk) & 1 member of the public.

1. **Welcome & apologies:** Cllr Simon Jubb welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Unitary Councillor's report:** Cllr Andrew Kirby did not attend the meeting or send a report in advance.
3. **PC Officer's report:** Cllr Drammis reported that the SID will be moving to Milton Abbas for the month of December. It will be returning back to Stickland on the 1st January 2021. Cllr Harlock agreed to help Cllr Drammis to move the equipment. No local crime issues to report.
4. **Democratic period:** Nothing raised.
5. **Declarations of Interest:** None
6. **Planning applications/decisions/updates:2/2020/1249/HOUSE - Vine Cottage, West Street DT11 0NT - change of use & alterations to existing former garage to form additional living accommodation** - all Cllrs agreed that the PC had no objections to these plans.
P/LBC/2020/0026 - The Barn, Dunbury Lane, DT11 0NN - removal of partition wall to create open plan kitchen/diner - all Cllrs agreed that the PC had no objections to these plans.
7. **Financial report:** Cheques for payment were agreed as follows:
 - S Smith **£405.50** (Clerks salary November 2020 & expenses)
 - R S Smith **£85.00** (grass cutting for November 2020)
 - Pamela Hambro Hall **£80.00** (Room hire - Post Office sessions)
 - DAPTC **£18.50** (Good Cllr Guides x 4)
 - Play Park Inspection Company Ltd **£81.00** (Annual play park inspection)

 - **£25.00** received from WSSCC (annual rent)

7.1 2020/21 PC Budget: The Clerk had circulated a working document with regards to the 2020/21 budget. The WSPC precept request will need to be finally agreed at the January 2021 PC meeting. A discussion was had on village projects planned for 2021 and the associated costs involved. The Clerk will work on the budget between now and the January PC meeting.

7.2 Clerks laptop: It was agreed that the Clerk could go ahead and purchase a PC laptop to replace the existing one which has come to the end of its life. An approx amount of £450 was agreed for the purchase of a laptop.

7.3 Bank mandate signatories: The Clerk has completed the HSBC forms, they have been signed by Cllrs. The Clerk will take them to the bank this week. Hopefully by the January PC meeting the new signatories will be in place. In the meantime, The Clerk will inform Cllrs if further ID is needed by HSBC.

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8. Matters arising -

8.1 WSSCC: We have been informed by WSSCC that the boiler at the club has broken and needs replacing. WSPC is the landlord & so essential repairs are the responsibility of WSPC. An alternative suggested was to discard the calor gas boiler and tank and install electric convection radiators. WSSCC are presently gathering quotes for the work and hope to present these to the PC at the January PC meeting. The club is currently closed due to Covid/lockdown.

8.2 War memorial: The boundary flint wall still has sections that need repairing. The vegetation needs to be removed 1st to allow a proper survey of the wall to take place. Cllr Jubb, along with some volunteers, have some ideas for the Memorial and a mock up sketch is currently being drawn. This will then be circulated around the village to residents for consultation. It is hoped that any expenditure will be spilt between the PC, the War Memorial Trust (a grant) & the Solar Fund. The War Memorial itself will be professionally cleaned and the lettering restored and some extra benches are proposed. Cllr Jubb thanked Cllr Harlock for stepping in and representing the PC on Remembrance Sunday. The blue waste bin will be moved from its current position to a more suitable one.

8.3 Village history books: These books were historically produced by the WSPC and sold to raise village funds. There is a red, blue, green book, maybe even a yellow? The WSPC has the copy right to these books. A possible re print and re issue of the books was discussed, could they be updated? If anyone remembers or was involved in the original printing of these books, please contact The Clerk as any information would be very helpful. It was agreed that this could maybe be a project for the future.

8.4 The stream/river: The need for forming a new river management group was discussed. All Cllrs should familiarize themselves with the location of the sand & sand bags and the action to be taken in the event of a village flood. The sand/bags are stored at Hedge End Farm. Flood Wardens were discussed. Cllr Harlock agreed to locate all the RMG flood resources - road signs, tabards etc. Cllr Harlock will then notify the PC of the situation. Cllr Jubb agreed to contact Michael Trevett. Flooding on Clenston Road was discussed, the longstanding problem hedge has been trimmed. The culvert by the bridge to Quarleston Farm requires clearing. Cllr McCormick agreed to see if this section could be cleared by residents, if not himself. The wheelie bins of weed waste have now been removed from the lay by at the Fish Farm.

8.5 Play park: Simon Jones joined the meeting to discuss the play park. Cllr Jubb agreed, as a starting point, to contact the Milton Abbas Clerk to gain information on the development of the MA play park. The WSPC already has a sum of money set aside towards future play park costs, but additional/match funding will need to be sought for any new equipment. A project manager and a play park committee will need to be formed. Do we need to provide a facility for teenagers? or just the younger age groups? other facilities were discussed - outside table tennis, basketball, skate park etc. Cllr Jubb will also talk to Andrew Kerby. All agreed that action must be taken in 2021 to bring the play park issue to a conclusion, either develop the park or take the current facility away.

8.6 PC website: Cllr Jubb has spoken to Alex with regards to developing the existing WSPC website. It needs to be updated to include the new accessibility regulations. The possibility of expanding the information to make a more village website site was also discussed. Alex is currently putting some ideas together for the PC to discuss.

8.7 Burial ground: Cllr Harlock requested that the PC thank the volunteers who currently maintain the burial ground on behalf of the PC. Cllr Harlock reported that the burial ground is looking the best it has looked in years. All Cllrs agreed to a token of thanks being given, Cllr Harlock to agree to organize this along with the Clerk.

9. Correspondence: All correspondence had been forwarded to Cllrs ahead of the meeting. Free Xmas car parking will be available in Dorset Council town centre car parks on December 5th, 12th & 19th 2020. The new Dorset Council Dog related Public Spaces Protection Order 2020 - enforcement commences on the 1st Jan 2021. The 2021 National 10 year Census will take place next year on the 21st March 2021. Dorset Council is undertaking an asset review following the 6 Councils combining together to form the 1 Unitary Council. The review could see DC assets/responsibilities in the future being passed down to Town Councils & PCs. The current DC Climate Change Consultation ends on the 20/01/2021.

10. Items for the next agenda: PC budget 2021/22

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm. Next meeting 25th January 2021.