

Winterborne Stickland Parish Council

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MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 22nd February 2021

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, C Williams, E Peachey, J Stephen & K Hickson **Apologies:** Unitary Cllr Andrew Kerby & WSPC Cllr Gary Critchell
In attendance: Sam Smith (Clerk) & 2 members of the public.

- 1. Welcome & apologies:** Cllr Simon Jubb welcomed everyone to the meeting. Cllr Critchell sent his apology in advance of the meeting.
- 2. Unitary Councillor's report:** Cllr Andrew Kerby did not attend the meeting or send a report in advance.
- 3. PC Officer report:** Cllr Critchell was absent from the meeting.
- 4. Democratic period:** Nothing raised.
- 5. Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Williams is the joint owner of The Old Malthouse (Chalky Path)
- 6. Planning applications/decisions/updates:** **2/2020/0775/OUT Land North of Quarleston Farm, Clenston Road, erect 5 dwellings** – Cllr Mc Cormick reported that a traffic report & environment report had appeared on the DC planning website relating to this planning application. It was noted that the traffic report had been completed during the Covid lockdown period. Cllr Mc Cormick had written to Dorset Council to state his concerns about the accuracy of this report.
P/HOU/2020/00272 The Hollow, Chalky Path – erect extension to garage (modifications) it was agreed at the January PC meeting that Cllrs had no objections to this application, it has since been noted that a wall has appeared on the proposed plans. The drawing including the wall appeared after the 25th January PC meeting date. It was agreed that the PC would still have had no objections to the proposed application even if Cllrs had seen the plan for the wall at the time of the January PC meeting.
2/2020/0897/FUL Land at Hillfoot, erect 1 dwelling – appeal no further action needed from the PC at present.
- 7. Financial report: Cheques for payment were agreed as follows:**
 - **S Smith £405.50** Clerks wages & expenses for February 2021
 - **R Smith £85.00** Grass cutting for February 2021

HSBC has confirmed that the new Cllr signatories have been added to the PC bank accounts.

Cllr Jubb spoke about the proposed war memorial survey. The cost for this has been quoted at £750 plus VAT. Hopefully this cost can be recovered from the WMT Grant. Cllr Jubb stated that due to Covid/lockdown the quotes received have been limited. Cllr Jubb agreed to investigate into getting some further quotes as it is now looking like the Covid restrictions will be coming to an end.

8. Matters arising

8.1 WSSCC: The PC has been informed by WSSCC that the boiler at the club has broken and needs replacing. Miriam (WSSCC) attended the meeting via Zoom. WSSCC have obtained quotes for replacing the calor gas heating. It has been proven hard to find a reputable LPG registered contractor to quote for the work. The WSSCC has obtained a quote for 2 options of calor gas boilers, extra pipework will also be required to connect the hot water feed. The quote is approx £3,500 in total cost. This would include a

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combi boiler to also supply the hot water. Electric heating was discussed. A possible electric heat pump (air sourced) was discussed, and it was thought that a Government Grant might be able to help with the cost of this. Cllr Harlock Phil agreed to ask the Pam Ham Hall what heating they use at the hall for reference. Miriam agreed to investigate all the options and to report back to the PC with her findings.

8.2 Downfield track: The Clerk has received a call from the company that empties the septic tank at Downfield. They have reported that the track is overgrown again and impeding access for the lorries that empty the tank. The overgrowth at the track was last cut back in August 2020 so it seems very unlikely that this is the case. Cllr Harlock agreed to go and have a look at the track and report back. It was agreed that the track itself is not the responsibility of the PC, only the land/foilage.

8.3 The stream/river: The current village River Management Plan needs to be re activated with a flood plan put in place. Cllr Harlock has been to Hedge End Farm and the sand & bags are still stored there. New volunteers from the village will need to be sought. Cllr Jubb agreed to read through the River Management Plan and investigate putting it back into working action. Cllr Jubb will put together an emergency plan to cover the village until the end of this winter. The bore hole at Delcombe needs to be monitored daily to assess the risk of flooding. Cleaning of the drains was discussed, and it was agreed that Dorset Council have done a good job of this so far and the drains are currently as clear as they can be.

8.4 Solar Fund: John Sutcliffe attended the meeting via Zoom. The 2021 SF payment has been received from BSR into PC bank account. The amount is £9,866.50. So far only £823.98 has been spent from the SF account this tax year. Cllr Stephen is monitoring the SF email address. It was agreed that ideally some more should be spent before the end of this tax year 2020/21. The cost of the replacement heating at the WSSCC was discussed, could this be funded/part funded from the SF? John S agreed to arrange a SF committee meeting in the next couple of weeks. Cllr Williams stated that she would be looking to apply to the SF soon, for funding for the village play park improvements on behalf of the PC. John agreed that he would liaise with Miriam and Cllr Williams, application forms for funding help would be sent out to them. John offered to help move their possible applications forward with advice and support.

- 9. Correspondence:** All correspondence had been forwarded to Cllrs ahead of the meeting. A consultation on the Dorset Council Local Plan is currently running until the 15th of March 2021. A poster has been placed on the PC noticeboard informing residents of their options should they wish to comment on the proposals. A Blandford Hill Eco Hub (located south of Blandford hill on the A354 nr Winterborne Whitechurch) is being proposed by Naturalis. The Hub would include a rapid electric vehicle charging station for several cars & a café. The electric would be supplied by a proposed solar farm adjacent to the station. There is a consultation via zoom on Thursday 4th March 2021 5.30 - 7pm www.blandfordhillecohub.co.uk. The UK National Census will take place on 21/03/21. Dorset Council is proposing to stop funding the Tourist Information Centres in Dorchester, Sherborne & Wareham. Correspondence has been received by the PC from a resident regarding a recent planning application in Chalky Path, the PC has responded to the resident by email and addressed his concerns.

- 10. Items for the next agenda:** War memorial, river management plan & the play park.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm. Next meeting 29th March @ 7.30pm 2021.