

## Winterborne Stickland Parish Council

**Chairman:** Cllr Simon Jubb (Chairman)

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### MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September 2021

**Present:** Cllrs S Jubb (Chairman), E Peachey & C Williams, P Harlock & P Dunn (part)

**Apologies:** PC Cllrs C Mc Cormick (Vice Chairman) K Hickson & Unitary Cllr Andrew Kerby

**In attendance:** Sam Smith (Clerk) & 9 members of the public

- Welcome & apologies:** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. It is hoped that Cllr Kerby will be back at work soon.
- Co-option of a 7<sup>th</sup> PC Councillor:** All Councillors agreed to co opt Paul Dunn on to the Parish Council. Paul then joined Cllrs at the table and introduced himself to the audience. It is hoped that Paul will take on 'village communications' as his area of responsibility.
- Approval of the minutes of the PC meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August 2021:** The minutes of the meeting were approved & signed by Cllr Williams.
- Unitary Councillors report:** Cllr Andrew Kerby did not attend the meeting or send a report in advance.
- Democratic period:** A resident requested that Cllr Jubb replies to a letter that he has sent him recently. The Chairman explained that he had only just received the letter and had not managed to read it yet. Cllr Jubb will reply to the resident when he has read the letter.
- Declarations of Interest:** Paul Dunn lives at Sunnybank, North Street (see planning)
- Planning applications/decisions/updates:** **P/HOU/2021/02845 The Engine House, Quarlestone Farm DT11 0NP - erect 1<sup>st</sup> floor extension & install solar panels.** All Cllrs agreed that they had no objections to the application. **P/HOU/2021/02496 Sunnybank, North Street DT11 0NB - erect extension to form sunroom & new balcony.** Cllrs highlighted the issue of possible light pollution at the road junction after dark. The Clerk will submit these comments to Dorset Council Planning. A lack of site notice was noted, this seems to be becoming more common in general. **P/PABA/2021/03318 Knife Hill Farm, Knife Hill Farm Road DT11 0NA – form dirty water lined lagoon with floating pvc cover –** the PC has not been asked to comment as this application is to determine if planning permission is required.
- Financial Report: Cheques for payment were agreed as follows:**

<b>S Smith £413.55</b>	(Clerks wages & expenses for September 2021)
<b>R Smith £85.00</b>	(grass cutting September 2021) paid by standing order
<b>DAPTC £78.00</b>	(Planning training, part 2)
<b>S Jubb £564.90</b>	(wooden bench at the War Memorial) from the SF account
<b>Home Front £6,565</b>	(balance for the play structure)
<b>Home Front £8,000</b>	(balance for the play structure) from the SF account
<b>A Ross £8.87</b>	(PC domain name renewal)
<b>Gallagher Insurance £86.68</b>	(top insurance for the new play structure)

The balance in main PC account is currently **£16,915.61**

Play Park savings account **£1,030.50**

Solar Fund account **£62,873.83**

#### **9. Matters arising:**

**9.1 Play Park:** Installation of the new play structure was completed today. The external Play Park Inspector has visited to sign off the new structure for use & safety check the existing equipment. A few missing items were highlighted, and this was due to the workman just finishing installation. The safety mats were partly down & a few wooden bars were missing, but these items have now been finished. The PC insurance has been extended to cover the new equipment. A site clean-up took place at the

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weekend, a big thank was said to all that came to help. Another day will need to be arranged as there are still some jobs to complete once the wood has dried out. The grass will be cut this week in the old bike track. At some point we need to look at levelling off the bike park and making the area easier for the contractor to maintain. The existing waste bin needs to be replaced. Signage needs to be erected with emergency numbers, safety information etc. The Clerk has obtained a quote for this. Cllr Harlock agreed to take the lead on the signage. Our grant application has been submitted to the Lottery for the play park, the agreement being that if we are fortunate enough to be allocated some funding the monies will be repaid into the SF account.

**9.2 River/stream:** The remaining roots of Dropwort have been removed from the riverbank at the village Green. The sedge clump in front of the road drain will be removed. The Dropwort needs to be stopped from seeding. The issue of excess silt/grit was again raised, this needs to be removed by a machine, but Highways and the Environment Agency are reluctant to get involved. The PC are still hoping to arrange a village meeting with Highways & the Environment Agency to discuss the river/stream & flooding prevention. The autumn clearance of Water Lane & Clenston Road needs to be organised. It was agreed that this should take place on the weekend 23<sup>rd</sup>/ 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021. The Clerk will arrange the collection of the weed, either via Tim Martin or Dorset Waste bins. The hedges have been trimmed along Water Lane. The verges are still overgrown but this is the responsibility of DC. A resident in the audience voiced an interest in re-starting the River Management Group along with other volunteers. Any further Village Green improvements will need to wait until next April to allow for the work to be budgeted for in advance. The owner of the pump house has agreed to the siting of a small fence around the area, as long as she is kept in the loop with progress.

**9.3 WSSCC:** A WSSCC meeting is being held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October 2021, a request has been made that a PC Cllr attend. Cllr Jubb agreed to go to the meeting.

**9.4 War memorial:** It was agreed by all Cllrs that Cllr Jubb could go ahead and instruct the survey of the War Memorial. The cost quoted is £364 + VAT. This cost is recoverable from a War Memorial Trust grant. Once the survey is completed and the scope of work known renovation can start. Three benches are currently on order for the site.

**9.5 Village communication:** Alex Ross who maintains & runs the PC website attended the meeting. How can the PC engage better with residents was discussed. Facebook, flyers, NB, website, Valley News are all possibilities. Alex suggested that we set up a residents mailing (email) list. Alex will design a form which he will upload on to the PC website. Residents will be able to enter their details (these will be kept protected & safe) information can then be sent from the PC to the mailing list, as a group. Cllr Dunn would like to take a lead on village communications. Posting planning applications on the website was also suggested, with a link to the drawings on the DC website. It was agreed that we should return to using the Valley News, submitting a condensed version of the minutes each month. A resident stated that he had a number of historical maps etc that might be suitable for use on the website.

**10. Correspondence:** The defibrillator at The Crown was unfortunately needed at the weekend. The pads will now have to be replaced. Cllr Williams has sent the Clerk the ordering info via email. The Clerk will order the replacement pads. In the meantime, the defib from The Pam Ham Hall is at The Crown temporarily.

**11. Items for the next agenda:** Precept 2022/23

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm. Next meeting 25<sup>th</sup> October @ 7.30pm 2021  
Venue – Pamela Hambro Hall

**Signed Chairman**..... **Date**.....