

Winterborne Stickland Parish Council

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MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on the 29th of November 2021

Present: Cllrs S Jubb (Chairperson), C Mc Cormick (Vice Chairperson) E Peachey, C Williams, P Harlock, P Dunn & K Hickson **Apologies:** None **In attendance:** Sam Smith (Clerk) Unitary Cllr Andrew Kerby & 21 members of the public

Before the commencement of the PC meeting a question-and-answer session was held with two representatives from The Environment Agency. Henry Quinney - Asset & Maintenance Engagement Advisor & Nicol Sellick – Wessex Flood & Coastal Erosion Risk Management Advisor. This session gave residents the opportunity to ask questions and voice their concerns with regards to the village river/stream & flooding.

1. **Welcome & apologies:** The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Approval of the minutes of the PC meeting held on the 25th of October 2021:** The minutes of the meeting were approved & signed by The Chairperson.
3. **Unitary Councillors report:** Cllr Andrew Kerby attended the meeting. Cllr Kerby has recently been promoted within Dorset Council to the role of portfolio holder for the safeguarding of children. The recent Ofsted inspection of Dorset Council Children's services rated it as Good. The current outbreak of Avian Influenza has meant rules & restrictions on housing chickens have been imposed, birds must now be kept indoors or outdoors under cover. Dorset Council Planning have cleared their validation back log, but they are still overwhelmed with applications awaiting decisions. The roads are currently being gritted by DC Highways and salt has been stocked up for severe weather. St Marys School in Shaftesbury has been renamed Coombe House School. This new facility will provide services for children in care and for those with special educational needs.
4. **Democratic period:** Flooding at the village triangle was discussed. A request was made by residents that a repeat clearing of the triangle drains takes place. Cllr Kerby agreed to contact DC Highways and request another visit from the jetting vehicle.
5. **Clerks update since the last PC meeting:**
 - 5.1 **Play Park signage & bike track:** It was agreed to go ahead with the large PC information sign at the play park, a space on the sign will be left for the future PC logo, adding a sticker at a later date was suggested. The Clerk will contact the sign maker to action this matter. **Bike Park:** No action to date but Cllr Harlock has this matter in hand.
 - 5.2 **WSSCC:** The PC has received a letter from the Chairperson of the WSSCC. Three members have decided to resign from the Sports Club Committee, if replacements cannot be found they will be no longer be quorate and cannot operate. The letter gave the PC 6 months' notice of WSSCCs intention to terminate the lease on the building. Three of the current committee members attended the meeting and gave a plea for new committee members to join. Any resident interested should contact The PC Clerk in the first instance. A resident stated that she would like to set up a Youth Club in the village, but this can only take place if the management of the Sports Club is up and running. Running costs need to be met electric, water, insurance and a number of activities need to take place annually to cover these costs. Ground maintenance has become a problem, the equipment is not up to job and the current volunteer feels that his time mowing has come to an end. The heating/boiler at the Club is currently not working & this needs to be fixed by the PC as the Landlord.
6. **Declarations of Interest:** Caroline Williams – Chalky path (neighbour)
7. **Planning applications/decisions/updates:**

TPO/2021/0063 new tree preservation order Blue Cedar Elma, Clenston Road DT11 0NP – the PC has been informed of the new TPO.

Tranquillity site – all Cllrs agreed that the recent work undertaken (removal of the trees) has made the site look bare and has upset a number of Houghton residents. There has been excessive mud on the road and safety concerns have been raised with regards to site security. It was agreed that the build has

been poorly managed and consideration for residents has been lacking. HSE, Dorset Council & the Tree Officer are already aware of developments at the site.

P/HOU/2021/04181 Kersin DT11 ONB – erect 1st floor side extension & single-story side extension

Cllrs raised concern with regards to the new extension being so close to the existing boundary line. This might result in damage to the existing trees & their roots. The new owners of Kersin have contacted The Clerk requesting that the boundary trees are pruned back. The Clerk has checked the land registry documents and the trees are on PC land, so they are our responsibility. The trees are not in the conservation area or protected under any TPOs. The owner will undertake some superficial pruning on his side in the meantime. The PC will need to budget in the future for this tree work. The Clerk will contact David Judd and ask for a quote for the work to enable us to set aside an amount in our 2022/23 budget to cover the associated costs.

P/LBC/2021/03721 Wyvern Cottage, North Street DT11 0NJ erect extension, replace garage/new office with parking/landscaping – Cllrs has no objections to the application but questioned the use of black metal and a tin roof close to a listed building.

P/HOU/2021/02363 Hillfoot, Chalky Path DT11 0NS retain 1 dwelling & erect workshop.

The original application for this site was first presented to the WSPC back in 2015, at that time we had no objections to the proposed plans. Since then, the size of the original building plot has been reduced, with a section being retained by the original owner of the site. This has resulted in the site being developed in a way that the WSPC might not have agreed to if it had been presented to us in its amended format back in 2015. The original application stated that the property was to have a grass roof, and this has not materialised to date. Larger skylights are now being proposed and these will add a considerable amount of light to the dark sky skies in an unlit area of the village. The proposal to move the front door will also mean that this door (and a light above) will be seen from the village green, again adding more artificial light to the dark sky. The original application allowed room for a vehicle turning circle as Chalky Path is unlit, narrow and the visibility poor. To date a turning circle has not been created and as a result the PC has concerns with regards to cars exiting from this property and road safety. The WSPC has recorded its objection to the application with DC Planning.

8. Financial Report: Cheques for payment were agreed as follows:

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| S Smith £421.47 | (Clerks wages & expenses for November 2021) |
| R Smith £85.00 | (grass cutting November 2021) SO |
| S Jones £21.00 | (War Memorial postcrete) |
| S Jubb £45.98 | (War Memorial postcrete & anchors) |
| H Lappin £20.84 | (Village Plants) from SF account |
| Winterborne Scouts £1,500 | from SF account |

The balance in main PC account is currently **£13,912.44** Play Park savings account **£1,030.50**

Solar Fund account **£51,834.53** HSBC have informed the Clerk that the PC now has to pay for its banking services at approx £8 per month. It was agreed that the Clerk would investigate finding some fee free banking in the New Year.

8.1 Budget/Precept 2022/23: The Clerk distributed to Councillors some financial documents that she had prepared. A current budget v spend analysis, a bank reconciliation & an income and expenditure document. Cllrs were asked to start thinking ahead of projects for 2022/23 that will need funding. It was request that bids are submitted to The Clerk by 5th January 2022. The final Precept amount needs to be agreed at the January 2022 PC meeting. It was agreed to have an informal meeting (Zoom?) at the beginning of January and then present the final budget figures at the January PC meeting for approval.

9. Matters arising:

9.1 PC Website village communication: Alex is working on the upgrade of the PC website. The website now has an email mailing list form on the website. Residents should complete the form to be kept up to date with village news, especially useful for non-FB users etc. The PC Logo competition has started. All ideas for a PC logo are welcome. Unfortunately, the PC has been informed that we are not permitted to give a winning prize which was our initial intention. Very generously two members of the audience volunteered to donate £50 as a cash prize for the chosen logo.

9.2 Solar Fund: Following a resident raising the issue of some inconsistencies in the current SF Constitution it has now been reviewed and some sections re written. All Cllrs have reviewed the new draft along with the current SF committee members. The objective is to make the allocation of funds process as open and transparent as possible. Any committee election will be open and advertised so all residents will have the opportunity to get involved. It was agreed by all Cllrs to adopt the new Constitution at tonight's meeting. The Constitution was signed by John Sutcliffe, Simon Jubb and witnessed by The Clerk. A copy will be posted on the PC website.

10. Correspondence: A memorial bench for village green is arriving on Friday 10th December 2021. Cllr Williams agreed to meet the delivery to ensure that the bench is placed in the correct space. The defibrillator at The Crown is now back up and running and the other defibrillator has been returned to the

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the Pam Ham Hall. From the 19th of November 2022 the Post Office service on Fridays will cease, Mondays will continue. The remaining weed needs to be cleared from the stream banks along Water Lane. The waste bins have not been collected/emptied yet so it was suggested that their contents may have now rotted down, allowing the remainder to be placed inside. It was agreed Cllr Harlock would check the bins contents and then hopefully at the weekend the remaining weed can be removed.

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

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 9.30pm. Next meeting January @ 7.30pm 2021
Venue – Pamela Hambro Hall

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