

## Winterborne Stickland Parish Council

**Chairman:** David Godden

**Clerk:** Mrs Sam Smith: Hill Cottage, Milton Abbas, Blandford Forum, DT11 0AZ

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### MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 21st August 2017

**Present:** Councillors J Sutcliffe (Vice Chairman), V Manners & P Harlock, **Apologies:** Cllrs D Godden (Chairman) K Cowan, J Tebb, K Hickson & District Cllr A Burch **In attendance:** Sam Smith (Clerk) & 1 member of the community.

1. **Welcome & Apologies:** Cllr D Godden was absent from the meeting, the meeting was chaired in his absence by Cllr J Sutcliffe (Vice Chairman)
2. **District Councillor's Report:** Audrey Burch did not send a report in advance of the meeting.
3. **PC Officer's Report:** Cllr Manners stated that no incidents of local crime had been reported since the last meeting. The Blandford annual Steam Fair is due to take place over the Bank Holiday weekend, the Police have set up a temporary Police station in Tarrant Hinton for the duration of the event.
4. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on the 24th July 2017 were agreed and signed by Cllr J Sutcliffe.
5. **Clerk's update/actions:** The tree works at the War Memorial are due to go ahead on the 30th August, with the 2 Yew trees being reduced in height. Ownership of the failing wall still needs to be ascertained before a repair can be carried out. The Clerk will write to the property owner to update her with events and to ask her if she can help us, with confirming, who is responsible for the maintenance of the wall. The Clerk has asked David Judd to remove the dead tree on the grass triangle at the end of the village. Cllr Harlock agreed to look at the metal tree cage and see if it can be removed and stored safely. A replacement tree will need to be purchased, to be discussed at the September 2017 WSPC meeting.
6. **Democratic Period:** Nothing raised
7. **Declarations of Interest:** None
8. **Planning applications received:** None
9. **Planning applications decision notices:** None
10. **Matters Arising:**
  - 10.1 **W Stickland Play Park:** A quote has been received from Sovereign for a replacement platform for the slide structure. It was agreed to go ahead and order the new platform as until a decision is made about the future of the play park, the existing equipment needs to be safe. It was agreed that once delivered the platform could be stored at the Sports Club. The old platform will need to be removed and the new one installed by volunteers. The Clerk agreed to contact the 'Dads' who replied to our article in the Valley News and see if they would be willing to help. The new play park in Milton Abbas is now open and we are still looking for volunteers from Stickland to form a play park committee with a view to refurbishing the Stickland play park.

**10.2 Village sign BBC2:** Unfortunately the Stickland Village Sign did not make it back in time for the Village Summer Fete. The sign has been repaired and restored but is still in the Chichester workshop with BBC2. The BB2 crew are now on holiday for all of August, they will contact us again in September to arrange the returning of our sign. The Clerk will chase this up before the September WSPC meeting. Kevin Oakley has organised and completed cleaning the base plinth at the Village Green.

**10.3 Village fingerposts:** Cllr J Tebb has been in touch with Katherine Wright at ANOB Partnership with regards to repairing the W Stickland fingerposts. It was agreed at the July WSPC meeting to start with the post at the end of the village on the junction to Blandford. Cllr Tebb has instructed Katherine Wright to go ahead and start the refurbishment process. Cllr Tebb will give a progress update at the September WSPC meeting.

**10.4 Speed Watch:** Another volunteer from the village has come forward to operate a Speed Watch scheme but we still do not have enough volunteers to go ahead. In the meantime the WSPC will keep communicating with the local Police over village speeding issues.

**10.5 Support for the River Management Group:** A lot work maintenance work has been carried out on the stream over the past months. Swallow holes have been filled and weed removed. It is looking like some extra work maybe needed with some help being sought from DDC Highways or the Environment Agency. The River Management Group has requested that the WSPC allocate some funds to help fund the extra work needed. The Clerk stated that £150 had been set aside in the 2017/18 PC budget for weed removal/stream work. It was agreed by all Cllrs that this money should be available for the RMG to use immediately. If more than £150 is needed then a detailed quote would need to be submitted to the PC for discussion. The Clerk agreed to contact DCC Highways and to obtain a quote to clear the village drains in time for Winter & at the same time also ask if the same machine can clear the silt in the stream at the bridge (Pam Ham Hall).

**11. Financial Report:** Cheques for payment were agreed as follows:  
S Smith **£232.79** (Clerks salary August 2017 & expenses) C Lovell **£100.00** (grass cutting for August 2017) DAPTC annual subscription 2017/18 **£195.00**

**12. Correspondence:** received as follows - An email from Environment Protection (West) with regards to NDDC seeking to form a PSPO (Dogs & Dog fouling) starting with a 12 week consultation public consultation. It was agreed by all Cllrs that the proposal would cover the open areas in Stickland. A letter had been received from St Marys PPC thanking the PC for use of the Village Green for the Summer Fete and stating that the event raised £1,600. Information has been received with regards to The Dorset Care Record, a new confidential computer record joining up all different health, social & care records more details are available at [www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/dorset-care-record](http://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/dorset-care-record).

**13. Items for the next agenda:** replacement village tree

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.05 pm

**Next meeting Date:** Monday September 25th 2017 @ **7.30pm Venue:** Pamela Hambro Village Hall.

Signed.....Presiding Chairman

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