

Winterborne Stickland Parish Council

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MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 24th April 2017.

Present: Councillors D Godden (Chairman), J Tebb, K Cowan, V Manners, P Harlock & K Hickson **Apologies:** Cllr J Sutcliffe (Vice Chairman) & District Cllr A Burch

In attendance: Sam Smith (Clerk) & 2 members of the community.

- 1. Welcome & Apologies:** Cllr D Godden welcomed everyone to the meeting. He also expressed his thanks to Phil Harlock for agreeing to join the PC as a Councillor and welcomed him as our newest member.
- 2. District Councillor's Report:** Audrey Burch was absent from the meeting, she had reported by email that we expect no further news on the proposed formation of 2 unitary authorities until after May 4th 2017.
- 3. PC Officer's Report:** Cllr Manners reported that a there had been an attempted theft of a Landrover in Winterborne Kingston recently.
- 4. Minutes:** The minutes of the meetings held on the 20th March 2017 were agreed and signed by Cllr Godden.
- 5. Clerk's update/actions:** The PC AGM & APM will be held on May 22nd 2017. The meeting will start earlier than usual at **7pm**. The funeral of Prunella Erdozain had recently taken place on the 3rd April at the church, her burial also took place in the PC burial ground. The Clerk has arranged to meet a rep from Hags (playground equipment suppliers) to discuss the Stickland play park. Quotes will be sought for repairs to the equipment or possibly replacement. The Clerk has recently visited Blanchards Bailey to obtain copies of some historical PC documents. These copies were requested by a resident. The resident has been invoiced and payment has been received for the extra work incurred by the Clerk. Cllr Harlock completed and signed the Disclosable Pecuniary Interest & Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms and handed these to the Clerk for processing.
- 6. Democratic Period:** No issues raised
- 7. Declarations of Interest:** Cllr D Godden is a neighbour to **2/2017/0460/OUT**
- 8. Planning applications received:** **2/2017/0394/FUL - Knife Hill Farm, Knife Hill, Farm Road, DT11 0NA** - Will Tizzard from Knife Hill Farm attended the meeting. He presented to the PC his plans for an organic dairy farm, with grazing and milking parlour. After a discussion it was agreed by all Cllrs that the PC did not have any objections to this proposal. Cllr Godden mentioned a recent issue with cows from the farm churning up mud on the footpaths/gate entrances. Will agreed to look into this with a view to placing some stones/rubber matting at the gate entrances. **2/2017/0460/OUT - Land West Of The Old School House, Dunbury Lane** - this application has been submitted previously and was refused by both the PC and NDDC planning. This second application is almost identical in detail to the first application. All Cllrs agreed again to oppose this application (Cllr Godden abstained). The Clerk will submit the PCs views to NDDC planning, repeating the many reasons why this application should not go ahead. **2/2017/0497/VARIA - The Old Farmhouse, Chalky Path, DT11 0NS** - all Cllrs agreed that they had no objections to this application.

9. Planning applications decision notices: None

10. Matters Arising:

10.1: Speed limits in Stickland & speeding issues: Cllr Godden had met with PCSO Luke Goddard and discussed speeding in the village, mainly traffic entering the village from Blandford. Placing extra line markings on the road was discussed but this needs to be implemented by Highways. Cllr Godden had spoken to Paul Starkey (Highways) and discussed the matter. Paul had agreed to obtain some costings for Cllr Godden. This has not yet been received - the Clerk agreed to chase Paul for this information. PCSO Goddard had also agreed to assess some possible 'Speed Watch' sites in Stickland. If suitable sites are identified it may be possible to ask a Speed Watch team from another village to complete a trial run in the village.

10.2 WSPC grass cutting contract: Charles Lovell's 3 year village grass cutting contract has come to an end. An ad had been placed in the Valley News asking for tender applications. Charles had reapplied for the new contract. It was agreed to keep the contract as a 3 year term. After discussion it was agreed by all Cllrs to renew Charles contract for the next 3 years. The cost has risen slightly but it was agreed that the new amount was still good value for money. The Clerk will inform Charles of the decision. Due to a month gap in the old and new contract it was agreed to pay Charles at the new higher rate for April 2017 - £100.

10.3: River Management: An email had been received from Philip Winslow, Enforcement Officer at the Environment Agency with regards to weed removal from the stream. Cllr Godden agreed to pass the email on to the River Management Group. Paul Starkey (Highways) had confirmed to Cllr Godden that there was a possibility that work to repair the highway/stream bank along Water Lane would take place in June 2017, subject to the various permissions being sought & given.

10.4 Sports Club: The rental agreement has been signed by the Clerk & Cllr Godden and given to WSSCC for signing. The signed document has not yet been received back by the PC. Cllr Manners reported incidents of vandalism & dog fouling at the sport field. The purchase of some CCTV equipment is being investigated by WSSCC at present. The Clerk agreed to look into purchasing some signs for the sport field to inform the public that dogs are not permitted onto the field.

10.5 Village fingerposts: Cllr Tebb had met with Katherine Wright at Dorset ANOB. Cllr Tebb had agreed with Katherine to take photos of the Stickland fingerposts and to forward these on to her. The PC does not have the funds to refurbish all the fingerposts at once but the ones in the poorest condition will be tackled first. Once some costings have been agreed, the PC can make a decision as to how to proceed and to investigate into how the refurbishment will be funded.

10.6 War Memorial: The old oak bench has been removed from the war memorial site by the Clerk. The new replacement bench is still waiting to be installed. The Clerk will chase up the resident who volunteered to complete the work. The Clerk has received a request from a resident for the PC to tidy up the war memorial site, trim the trees, clear brambles etc. The PC asked the Clerk to approach Charles Lovell for a quote.

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

- S Smith **£220.71** (Clerks salary April 2017 & expenses) the Clerks annual pay rise for 2017/18 was agreed by all Cllrs.
- C Lovell **£100.00** (grass cutting for April 2017)
- Valley News **£11.00** (grass cutting contact ad)
- Colin J Close - **£279.00** Erdozain burial
- PCC **£111.00** A W Barnes (headstone)
- Resident **£25.00** (Clerks retrieval of documents from Blanchards Bailey)

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- **Solar Fund account** - Pamela Hambro Hall **£500** (broadband)

A proposal has been put forward to purchase a village defibrillator from the Solar Fund account - all Cllrs agreed that this would be an appropriate use of the funds.

12. Correspondence: received as follows - An email from the Senior Tree & Landscape Officer at NDDC. The PC will no longer be receiving notifications of tree works in the village and therefore will no longer be consulted on tree applications. The applications will still appear online (Dorset for You) and comments can still be made online if required. The MacMillian Dorset Bike Ride will pass through Stickland on the 2nd July 2017. A request has been received from DAPTC to complete a consultation - Housing White Paper 'Fixing our broken housing market'. The proposed White Paper sets out the Government's plans to reform the housing market and boost the supply of new homes in England. Responses needed by 5pm on Friday 28th April 2017. The Clerk had received an email from a Downfield resident with regards to a neighbour issue. Details were discussed at the meeting and it was agreed that Cllr Cowan (a Downfield resident) would visit both the concerned parties to gain facts and try to resolve the issue.

13. Items for the next agenda:

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm

Next meeting Date:

PC AGM - Monday 22nd May 2017 @ **7pm Venue:** Pamela Hambro Village Hall.

Signed.....Presiding Chairman

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