WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 10th December 2014 in the Parish Room, WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH at 7:30 PM

PRESENT

Mrs Christine Flemming (Chairman)
Ms Caroline Ward
Mrs Aideene Turley

IN ATTENDANCE Mr R Turley (Clerk), and 10 member of the general public

128/14. Apologies for absence- Pam Thornton, Emma Parker, and Dist Cllr Jane Somper.

129/14. Public Participation –. Jim Luke from Village Hall Committee asked if the PC were appointing a representative for Village Hall Committee to replace Don Byrom. The decision was that not at present so Jim Luke will provide copy of their minutes to the PC.

A Lady Bailey resident said that they were concerned about the mention of a complaint letter stated in the PC report in the Valley News as they had not had any problems. Councillor C Flemming replied that as the letter had been received the PC was reporting this and there had been further issues raised by other residents since. A further letter had also been received about similar issues and it was confirmed that the PC had written to the Electricity and Water companies for advice. A report from Dist Cllr Jane Somper was read out confirming that the NDDC last inspection was in July and some issues are currently being dealt with and a suggestion that the residents and the site owner meet with NDDC in the New Year to try and resolve the problems raised by the residents.

The resident of Hillside in Chescombe Lane asked why the PC objected to his planning application to build a bungalow in the back garden. The PC explained that it was felt to be out of keeping with the area and NDDC have declined the application on similar grounds.

Another resident raised the now closed Milton Arms pub and asked if a local consortium could be formed to raise money to run the pub as a community venture.

Jim Luke advised that the Milton Arms was actually reopening very shortly with the return of a previous landlord and that Punch Taverns were considering 2 offers made to purchase it.

130/14. Approval of Minutes- The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2014 had been previously circulated and were now approved and duly signed.

131/14. Matters Arising-

Community Speed Watch: AT advised that the team had been in operation 5 times in November, 60 vehicles had been reported to the police travelling in excess of 36mph in the 30mph zone. A further 3 planned dates had to be cancelled due to the weather. A new area has just been allocated in Chescombe Lane near the Dunbury Academy. AT also said that more volunteers are still needed.

New Notice Board to be placed in the brick bus shelter now received and replacement litter bin for Play Park also received requiring fixing in place.

Play Park Lease: just waiting on confirmation of new lease registration.

LB Bus shelter and replacement Notice Board: No further update received from supplier and currently chasing for this. Clerk to chase again.

Update on Issues regarding Electricity supply and water pressure –covered in 29/14 above.

132/14. Near miss outside Dunbury Academy when a vehicle drove through group of school children crossing Dolway Lane between school buildings forcing them to get out of the way and almost hitting one child–vehicle failed to stop . The police have since been involved. School request for safety improvements to road outside school from DCC and requested WWPC to support this which they have agreed to do.

133/14 A request from Blandford Leisure Centre to surrounding villages to support it and help in providing ideas to raise funds to run it. It was felt that it was unclear exactly how many village residents actually used it as the report said the Winterbornes not Winterborne Whitechurch also those that had used it in the past had complained about difficulty with the limited parking.

134/14 St Marys Church – Ed Thornton PCC Treasurer advised that it cost £800 a year to cut the grass in the churchyard and asked the PC to consider taking over the grass cutting in place of donation but this was rejected as could present further burden on the Precept. The PC agreed however, to donate £500 again this year towards the Churchyard grass cutting –Proposed CF, seconded by AT, Carried.

135/14Plans for Parish Council Web Site: The PC had discussed the possibility with a web site supplier and now feel that it would be a new way to provide information to the residents on what the PC is doing and other local information. It was agreed to further discussions with the firm to set up a web site. A budget of up to £500 was agreed for this.

136/14 Renewal of grass cutting contract with current supplier at same cost £800 P.A. for a further 5 years when current 3 year agreement ends next year. Proposed CW seconded by AT -Carried

137/14. Planning –Decisions: 2/2014/1289/OUT

Location:Hillside, Chescombe Lane, Winterborne Whitechurch, Dorset, DT11 0AR
Description of Development: Develop land by the erection of 1 No. dwelling with a detached garage (all matters reserved). -- NDDC Refusal of Application on 10th Dec 2014 on following reasons:

1. The erection of a dwelling on the site proposed, behind existing dwellings, lacking a road frontage would amount to an unacceptable form of backland development harmful to the openness of the collective gardens and also appearing cramped and would be harmful to the character of the area contrary to Policies 1.8 and 2.6 of the North Dorset District Wide Local Plan (First Revision).
2. The development proposed would result in the amenities that are currently enjoyed by the existing dwellings adjoining the site being adversely affected by overlooking and is contrary to Policies 1.8 and 2.6 of the North Dorset District Wide Local Plan (First Revision).

138/14. Correspondence: letter from another resident of Lady Bailey about electricity supply interruptions over 2 days affecting 6 homes. This and the original letter was then read out (see 29/14 already dealt with)

139/14. REPORTS

Playground – AT advised that waiting for annual inspection but we would also likely need to replace the timber surround holding the wood chip area next year. CW advised that an application has been made to have beech tree crowned-awaiting outcome.

Footpaths– CW—Nothing to report

Fields Close-CW Nothing to report-CF advised that Charles Lovell has confirmed that he will be replacing bulbs possibly damaged when mowing.

140/14. FINANCE

Balance Current Account at 3rd Dec 2014	£8194.96

Less Cheques not yet cleared £ 156.66

- Cheques for authorisation

C. Lovell- Grass Cutting 1month instalment	£ 66.67	513

WW Youth Club-Donation	£ 100.00	508
Clerk addition salary due to scale increase	£ 13.22	514
HMRC PAYE payment on Clerks Salary 20th November 2014	£ 51.00	515
DAPTC Training	£ 30.00	516
St Marys PCC--Donation	£ 500.00	517
Cheques issued since November Meeting		
Land Registry –registration Play Park Lease	£ 40.00	510
Clerk-Reimburse cost of notice board	£ 115.14	511
Clerk-Reimburse cost of Litter bin	£ 141.60	512

Clerk's Salary SO 20 November 2014 - £201.41…

NALC/ Local Government Clerk's new salary scales for 2014-2016 and non-consolidated payment to be made in December 2014.- Delayed until February Meeting due to AT declared interest

Budget & Precept for 2015/16

CF and the clerk had reviewed the budget for next year and with the current expenditure and account balance together with the expected requirement cost for next year the budget would be at £6830. On this basis it was decided to maintain the same precept for 2015/16 as this year. Proposed by AT seconded by CW –Agreed.

141/14. Other information for report only

142/14. Public Participation

PCC Treasurer Ed Thornton asked if the PC would be able to discuss his village website request regarding the possibility of St Marys Church closing and was the PC able to support him. CF confirmed that the PC had no duty to support the PCC. It would however fall to the PC to then step in and maintain the church graveyard. There were suggestions on how they could obtain the village residents assistance such as a questionnaire, some ways to make the church more available to the community. Ed Thornton said that he had not been in the village that long. It was suggested by Jim Luke that he came to some of the local organisations such as Village Hall committee etc to see if there was anything that could be provided for the

community by the church. Other comments were made that they no longer went to church because the church had lost its ‘Family Feeling’

The Meeting Closed at 8:58 pm

143/14. Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 4th February 2015