WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th October 2017 in the

Old School Room, WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH

**PRESENT**

 Mrs Christine Flemming (Chairman)

 Mrs Emma Parker (Vice Chair)

 Mrs Aideene Turley

 Mr Martin Dodd

 Mr Steven Pringle

**IN ATTENDANCE** Mr R Turley (Clerk), and 4 members of the general public.

**118/17. Apologies for absence**- Pam Thornton & Dist Cllr Jane Somper

**119/17. Public Participation –**. None

**120/17. Approval of Minutes**- The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th September 2017which had been previously circulated and were now approved and duly signed.

**121/17. Matters Arising- An** application from SSE requesting permission to connect anew section of H/V cable from the main H/V cable underneath the parish councils land in Fields Close which will run for approx 7 metres below the grass and then across the County Council’s road to the corner next to Chescombe Court where a new padmount substation is being installed. SSE will cover all legal costs incurred.

After a short discussion it was proposed by MD to agree to this request Seconded by AT. All were in favour.

X12 Bus Service new tender- The clerk advised that there has been no further information as to the decision by DCC on this as yet.

**122/17 The Play Park** – With the grant from Viridor together with other money donated to & raised by the PC the 2 new items of equipment have been installed in the play park by ABC on 28th & 29th September. Although a green slide was expected a red one arrived and after a discussion with ABC felt that it matched the new swing better. Unfortunately another rope net climber panel is needed to the replace the one supplied which was too short plus a couple of other adjustments are needed (which are due this week) before an inspection this coming weekend on Saturday 14th October. Following the inspection any required work needing attention and possibly grass turf/seeds etc around the edges to be sorted out.

An official opening is being planned for Wednesday 8th November at 10:30 am with refreshments in the Old School Room afterwards.

The Parish Council has also been awarded £2000 from Tesco Bags of Help scheme which will be used for something to be decided on once Dunbury Academy have decided on their project proposal as nothing has been heard since our last meeting in September.

**123/17** [Himalayan balsam](http://www.google.co.uk/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=2&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=0ahUKEwir7Iurg9LWAhXEDcAKHcHLA98QFggtMAE&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.plantlife.org.uk%2Fuk%2Fdiscover-wild-plants-nature%2Fplant-fungi-species%2Fhimalayan-balsam&usg=AOvVaw1kk2g3PL3VCIpYxX_MU_-3) (Impatiens glandulifera) problems have been reported in local area rivers including the Winterborne- Two Riparian Owners were present at the meeting and were aware of the issues. The annual letter to include the issue.

**124/17. Planning –Applications/Decisions:** 2/2017/1235/FUL **Proposal:** Station 1 No. mobile home and demolish existing building.

**Location:** Lady Bailey Residential Park, Lady Bailey Caravan Park, Dorchester Hill,

Winterborne Whitechurch, Dorset, The PC felt that the plot which the current office stands is fairly small and situated opposite the entrance to Lady Bailey Caravan Sales Service area/ yard where vehicles with trailer caravans turn into and it is understood that several times these cut across the front corner of this plot when turning due to the restricted yard access. Concern was raised as to safety for the residents of this plot currently visiting the office there and and the occupant in the future. It is also understood that there are water pipe access point etc in the area of the plot for other homes.

2/2017/1327/TPTREE: 2 Milton End Winterborne Whitechurch DT11 0AN,T1- Wellingtonia Fell and replace with an Oak. After a discussionthe PC decided to respond to NDDC as follows:

Winterborne Whitechurch Parish Council do not support this application which is identical to the previous application 2/2016/1673/TPTREE with the same reports provided as then. Although on the previous application the stated that there was nothing wrong with the tree apart from the previously removed top and did not state that it needed to be removed.

We now understand that the tree is now unwell and if the expert opinion from the tree officer is that it does need to be removed we would support his decision for the sake of the tree. We would however suggest a replace should be a beech not an oak if this were the decision.

**125/17. Correspondence** The issue regarding the poor surface of the road in Dolway Lane and St Mary’s Close especially for mobility scooter users has been raised by a resident. The clerk to forward this onto Highways.

**126/17. Reports**

1. **Footpaths – SP—**Nothing to report**b)Fields Close-MD** quiet at present **c)SpeedWatch-AT** advised that the although only out a few times from the details provided to the police 22 first letters were issued, 8 second letters and 3 third letters issued to those exceeding the 30mph limit in the village.

**127/17. FINANCE**

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| Current Account at 4th October 2017Including 2nd instalment of Precept £6000Less Cheques not yet cleared £162.20 (HMRC)..........................................................................................Play Park Account at 4th October 2017Including donation received of £100and 1st payment of £4427.50 to ABC Plus Income received 6th October £4427.50 from Viridor | £8084.03................................................ £200.42 |

* Cheques for authorisation

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| HMRC - PAYE October 2017 | £ 27.00 |
| Clerks Salary Balance October 2017 | £ 125.24  |
| St Marys PCC –Hall Hire | £ 14.00 |
| C Lovell Play Park clearing ready for new equipment | £ 290.00 no 2 a/c |

 Clerk’s Salary SO 20 October 2017 - £201.41……..

 Annual review of Clerks- salary Deferred from September Meeting

 It was agreed to increase salary by 1 step scale to SPC 20 £10.099p p hr

 from September 2017

 Increase NALC pay scale rise backdated to April 2017 at SPC 19 from £9.647p

 p hr to £9.72

 Proposed EP seconded SP All in favour (AT did not vote due to declared

 interest)

 **128/17.**  Outcome of Annual Audit The clerk advised that the Annual External

 Audit had no issues although a comment was made that the internal auditor did

 not provide a separate report other than complete the Annual Audit form when

 no issues were made. Clerk to query this as DAPTC guidelines appeared to not

 require a report unless any issues were raised by the nternal auditor. Proposed

 that Pc accept report with comments noted proposed EP seconded MD-all in

 favour.

 **129/17.Other information for report only**

 SP advised that regarding the plans for the new office at Lady Bailey it was

 understood that there were no future coffee mornings expected to be held in it.

 It was reported that several residents have commented on the land behind

 Fosters Meadow is being cleared and concerns raised about the possibility of

 new plans to built there. The PC has received no notice of any planning

 application from Clenston Estates regarding this.

 It was reported that the telephone box by the Reading Room that the phone has

 been damaged. Clerk to look into this.

 **130/17. Public Participation**

 It was reported that there are pot holes along Lower Street which are causing

 concern It was confirmed that Highways had been advised in the past but the

 clerk will again report it to Highways

 Mrs Tory from East Farm said to the PC that they had held a few functions on

 the farm over the summer and had raised money for local charities including

 motor neuron disease etc and thanked all the local residents who supported

 them and using their farm shop and would also like to donate £70 towards the

 village Play Park Refurbishment such as a new gate etc. CF thanked Mrs Tory

 for the donation.

 **131/17**. The meeting closed at 8:45 PM

 **132/17. Date of Next Meeting** – Wednesday 22nd November 2017