WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th September 2017 in the

Old School Room, WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH

**PRESENT**

Mrs Christine Flemming (Chairman)

Mrs Aideene Turley

Mrs Pam Thornton

Mr Steven Pringle

**IN ATTENDANCE** Mr R Turley (Clerk), and 6 members of the general public.

**107/17. Apologies for absence**- Cllr Emma Parker & Dist Cllr Jane Somper

**108/17. Public Participation –**. A member of the public and representatives from the Dunbury Academy asked if the PC and the Academy could not make a joint plan for refurbishment of the play park. A Councillor of the PC pointed out that when the school was approached over a year ago they were unable to assist in any way. The current plans that the PC agreed after speaking to those who did come forward with ideas are now due to be started and completed before the end of September. A member from the school said that they had offered money from a grant they received from the Lottery but the PC pointed out that, this offer, came at that time with a condition of installing the Academy’s chosen exercise equipment in the play park which the PC then confirmed was not feasible due to the area being too small. The PC had to still continue with its own plans to replace the rotted slide tower and install a birds nest swing asked for by local residents. This involved a grant application already made to Viridor which included signed support from local residents who did respond earlier in the year.

The Parish Council’s agreed suppliers of the new equipment, ABC were approached only this week on behalf of the Academy without the knowledge of the PC and have confirmed that they could provide something bigger than currently being made at an increased cost. This would be subject to the school purchasing the additional equipment with their grant or donating the money to the PC play park fund. It was agreed for a meeting to be held with ABC as they would need to re-inspect the playpark, to confirm the space available would be suitable, later this week. It was however pointed out by the PC that the work would likely have to be delayed and would have to then go to tender thus not necessarily involve the same supplier due to the Financial regulations the PC has to follow. It may also jeopardise the Viridor grant already made.

After further discussion Councillors were of the opinion that they had no option at this late stage other than to proceed with the existing order and installation date. But they were open to a change of layout, to enable a further phase at a later date, if a meeting with ABC on Friday showed this was feasible.

**109/17. Approval of Minutes**- The Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd August 2017 had been previously circulated and were now approved and duly signed.

**110/17. Matters Arising-** Horse warning signs –The clerk advised that nothing further has been heard from either Highways or County Councillor Hilary Cox.

The poor recent repairs to roads in the area carried out by Highways has also caused concern in other areas of Dorset. It was suggested that anyone wishing to complain to contact Highways on line survey and log their issues.

It was proposed that the Quiz & Supper planned for 16th September be cancelled due to low take up because of other local events on the same day. Proposed SP seconded MD

**111/17. Planning –Applications/Decisions:**

2/2017/1070/LBC - **- Proposal:** Remove remains of existing greenhouse and replace, carry out external alterations in association with this. **Location:** Whitechurch House, Chescombe Lane, Winterborne Whitechurch, Dorset,

2/2017/1069/HOUSE **Proposal:** Erect greenhouse, (demolish existing).  **Location:** Whitechurch House, Chescombe Lane, Winterborne Whitechurch, Dorset, WWPC have no objections to these applications

2/2017/1236/FUL **Proposal:** Erect office/store. **Location:** Lady Bailey Residential Park, Dorchester Hill, Winterborne Whitechurch, Dorset,

WWPC have no objections to this application

2/2017/1327/TPTREE 2/2017/1327/TPTREE | T1 - Wellingtonia (Sequioadendron giganteum) - Fell and replace with an Oak-2 Milton End, Winterborne Whitechurch, Dorset DT11 0AN

This is a repeat application to 2/2016/1673/TPTREE including same supporting evidence reports as last time

**112/17. Correspondence**

Issues raised by residents about problem with time taken to repair electricity in the village when a pole generator was damaged by squirrels between Fields Close & Old Oak Way. The Clerk has spoken to SSE and appears that they have made a repair by installing a temporary generator but will be installing a permanent one in the corner of Fields Close later in the year after planning permission given. This would also involve a new cable run under WWPC grassed area in Fields Close. Awaiting further details in due course.

District Councillors report provided by EP

Donation towards the Play Park Refurbishment received from Mr & Mrs Cooper.

**113/17. Reports**

1. **Playground – AT** Dealt with earlier **b) Footpaths – SP—**-No current issues

**c)Fields Close-MD & AT-** The flower boxes are doing well and still in bloom after pruning was carried by 3 members of the Parish Council last month **d)SpeedWatch-AT-** Community Speed Watch Team has been out 8 times in August and is currently trialling a display screen which shows the oncoming vehicles their speed from the radar gun used.

**114/17. FINANCE**

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| Current Account at 6th September 2017  After £4500.00 Transferred to Play Park Account  Less Cheques not yet cleared £135.00  Play Park Account at 6th September 2017  After 1st payment of £4427.50 to ABC to make equipment.  Plus donation received £100 not yet cleared | £2468.48    £100.42 |

* Cheques for authorisation

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| HMRC - PAYE Sept 2017 | £ 27.20 |
| Clerks Salary Balance April 2017 | £ 125.04 |
| Expenses Printer Ink & Paper | £ 41.00 |
| St Marys PCC –Hall Hire | £ 14.00 |
| DAPTC Annual Subs | £ 276.44 |
| Valley News Advert | £ 17.00 |

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

Annual review of Clerks- salary Deferred until October Meeting

**115/17.Other information for report only**

PT advised that there are 3 events happening in the village over the next couple of months

Harvest Festival St Mary’s Church

Macmillan Coffee morning 2pm to 4pm on 29th September

Christmas Fair 18th November

**116/17. Public Participation**

**117/17. Date of Next Meeting** – Wednesday 11th October 2017