Draft Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th March 2017 in the

Old School Room, WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH

**PRESENT** Mrs Christine Flemming (Chairman)

Mrs Emma Parker (Vice Chair)

Mrs Aideene Turley

Mrs Pam Thornton

Mr Martin Dodd

Mr Steven Pringle

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

**29/17. Apologies for absence**- Dist Cllr Jane Somper

**30/17. Public Participation –**. A question was asked if the PC had any update on the DT 11 Action Group regarding local transport-It was confirmed that they had not.

**31/17. Approval of Minutes**- The Minutes of the meeting held on 15th February 2017 had been previously circulated and were now approved and duly signed.

**32/17. Matters Arising-** Damaged Wall in Jubilee Walk- The clerk advised that following DCC Highways visit, NDDC had carried out an inspection of the wall which apparently showed that the wall was stable and not in danger of immediate collapse. The owner has also confirmed that based on this he has no plans to do anything to it. Everyone felt that everything had been done as a PC regarding the wall and had exhausted all avenues it was therefore agreed to close the issue. If any issues are raised in the future these should be forwarded to the owner.

Horse riding signs –Chescombe Lane, - The clerk advised that he had confirmation from Highways that the PC is unable to pay for such signs even though Highways will not erect any signs themselves due to a change in priorities. It was decided to forward this to County Councillor Hilary Cox if no progress could be made. We are still waiting on a quote however for the Village Hall sign.

Avian Flu Awareness of restrictions for owners of birds etc, - The clerk advised that the restrictions within the parish have now been lifted at it is now outside of the danger area although some precautions are still recommended.

The web site renewal fee £120 has been received which the PC agrees to continue with. Due to the problems of updating the information on the system, the clerk suggested that he obtains the training from the web host. This was agreed at the cost previously quoted. (£150)

**33/17.** Play Park Committee

Christine Flemming reconfirmed that the committee was only there for fund raising as there seemed some confusion amongst some of the committee members. All decisions are to be made by the PC and all correspondence through the Clerk/RFO. Aideene Turley in her dual role of Parish Councillor and Chair of the committee is authorised to make general enquiries, keeping the Clerk informed. All details concerning financial matters must be discussed with RFO as rules and regulations on finance are very strict. Financial regulations shall confirm that a proposed contract for the supply of goods, materials, services and the execution of works with an estimated value in excess of £10,000 shall be procured on the basis of a formal tender. Not by obtaining quotes.

CF said that to avoid further confusion an email is being sent to all members of the committee making it clear that their role is only fund raising.

CF felt that until the outcome of the application by the school is known, donation request letters should not be sent to local businesses. Regarding the donation request letters to residents should not also be sent out due to the increase in the Precept which includes some money for the play park. It is hoped that the residents will support the fund raising events planned.

All members of the PC agreed.

AT was able to report that the Dunbury Academy has applied for a grant £8,000 to £10,000 for equipment in the grounds of the Academy and has agreed that the money if granted can be used by the PC for new equipment. Due to this it was agreed to put other application grants on hold temporarily. A suggestion from the committee about the school children making a poster to go in the reopened play park with a list of local sponsors was felt not appropriate although a poster without such a list was agreed.

The committee plans for a Dog Show and Craft Fair on 16th September was agreed to proceed.

It was confirmed that the centre structure has not been removed and AT advised that she has been unable to obtain a response from the person who was going to do this. AT has obtained another quote of £160 to remove this and also repair the damaged bench. As the play park needed to be cleared and prepared asap to enable the area to be ready for matting and the new items once a decision is made on the supplier, The quote was agreed and arrangements to be made hopefully for removal next week.

The 3 quotes received for the replacement of the centre tower and an addition of a nest swing for disabled children were now to hand (a forth quote provided via a member of the committee has failed to arrive so cannot be considered)

The quotes were provided for the meeting and after a discussion it was agreed to opt for the one from ABC –Proposed by EP seconded by SP All in favour.

**34/17.**  The Freedom of Information Publication Schedule- The clerk provided 2 versions of a generic publication document for this and one was chosen amended for WWPC.

**35/17. Planning –Applications/Decisions:**

PRE/2017/0007 PREAPP

**Proposa**l: Erection of extension to add bedroom & lounge & toilet (advice & site meeting)

**Location**: Dwelling north of Keepers Cottage, Whatcombe Lane, Winterborne Whitechurch.

Everyone had received and viewed the application and No Objections raised

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**Proposal:** Variation of Condition No. 2 of Planning Permission No. 2/2008/0372

to allow 12 months unrestricted occupancy.

**Location:** Lady Bailey Caravan Park, Dorchester Hill, Winterborne Whitechurch,

AT & SP left the meeting prior to this application discussion due to declared interest

EP felt that issues needing consideration were possible over development, Local plan regarding Tourism (a further review of the local plan was agreed)

A representative of the LB Residents Association was present and was allowed to provide their issues with the application which included objection to the 48 static homes to provide permanent occupation which is considered a redevelopment of L B Residential Park with the proposed breach of the rules which states Age restriction of 55 & Over whereas this application states 50 & over. Also the work stated in the application that sewerage, water and electricity has been completed it is still ongoing and was only advised to be for the current Residential Park not a 50% increase in homes. The existing roads are inadequate and poorly maintained and the increase in traffic would cause even more congestion added to the Caravan sales traffic which is also increasing.

Overcrowding would also increase noise.

The grounds that the PC felt should be considered for proposed

objection are

1, Overdevelopment of site

2, Infrastructure not yet completed & not yet reliable for current residents

3, Tourism

4, Younger age Group

EP proposed PC should object seconded by MD All 4 in Favour

It was agreed for EP to look further into the local plan to support objections and anything addition to be discussed at April 12th meeting ( An extension until 13th April for consultation was agreed for this purpose)

**36/17. Correspondence**

Minutes and updates from Simon Hoare MP roundtable meeting which are available for the members of the PC. It included many replies to queries/ questions raised including the proposed Dorset Hospital restructure plans.

Dorset Waste Plans including a possible new waste & recycle centre for Blandford with a few options for location. The PC was felt that one of these, Black Lane was not suitable due to the school.

A request from surgeries in Blandford for local Parish Councils to include information about their newsletters in the village newsletters etc.-It was suggested that a link could be made from the PC web site ( when it is fully operational again) .

**37/17. Reports**

1. **Playground –** AT Already Covered at 18/7 apart from the application for removal of the damaged/dying cherry tree. The clerk advised that it appeared that the new system used on line does not have this and it was agreed for EP to contact the NDDC Tree Officer to find out what has happened.
2. **Footpaths –** SP—Nothing to report.

**c) Fields Close-**The Daffodils are now out and providing a colourful display.

**d)SpeedWatch-**AT reported that the team had been out 3 times since the last meeting and monitored a total of 1054 vehicles with 25 of these reported to the police for speeding of which 8 were logged at 40mph and above and top speed of 45 mph.

AT also confirmed that Dorset Road Safe have agreed to include Winterborne Whitechurch in their night camera team schedule.

AT also reported that there will be a combined exercise in April with members of Devon & Cornwall Police CSW present.

**38/17.FINANCE**

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| Current Account at 8th March 2017 | £5109.86 |

Including £201.00 Play Park Fund

Less Cheque not yet cleared £200.00

* Cheques for authorisation

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| HMRC PAYE February £36.80 & March £36.80 2017 | £ 73.60 |
| Salary Balance February & March 2017 ( up to end of current financial year) | £ 230.88 |
| Expenses- Printer Ink & Paper | £ 41.00 |
| St Mary’s PCC hall Hire | £ 14.00 |
| C Lovell - Grass Cutting Final instalment 2016/17 | £ 200.00 |

A cheque of £300 was received from LB Residents Association as donation for Play Park Fund.

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

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**39/17. Other information for report only**

CF advised that the bench by the Reading Room needs repairing.

EP reported that the permissive footpath by the river along Whatcome Lane which is a busy footpath has signs of horse usage which could be a danger for those walking there. It was mentioned that the local Hunt had been out recently and may have been that way. It was suggested that maybe a warning sign could be placed on the gateway on the day that the Hunt is out to pre-warn walkers especially those with dogs. Speak to Piers

The lay-by on Dorchester Hill is still continually full with resident’s vehicles instead of using their own driveways and again the Camera Van has had difficulty using it on its visits, also the CSW team also find it a problem at times.

**40/17. Public Participation - None**

**41/17.** The Meeting closed at 9:24 pm

**42/17. Date of Next Meeting** – Wednesday 12th April 2017