

## **WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013 in the Village Hall, WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH

**PRESENT** Mrs Christine Flemming (Chair)  
Ms Caroline Ward ( Vice-Chair)  
Mrs Aideene Turley  
Mr Richard Fry  
Mr Don Byrom  
Mrs Emma Parker

**IN ATTENDANCE** Mr R Turley (Clerk), Jane Somper (District Councillor) and 12 members of the general public.

### **54/13. Apologies for absence-None**

### **55/13. Public Participation-**

A member of the public asked about the War Memorial in the churchyard as it needs sorting out and cleaning etc. He understood that it was the Parish Councils responsibility and that it needing sorting before June 2014 for the Anniversary of the start of the 1<sup>st</sup> World War. The PC agreed to look into this It was pointed out that we should talk to the Church Warden.

JS said that there are changes to welfare housing policies and benefits which could effect council tenants or housing association tenants claiming housing benefit, they may face money problems and risk falling into rent arrears and possibly eviction making more homeless.

Jim Luke again mentioned the flooding on A354 in the bus stop layby. He had been complaining to Highways but nothing has yet been done. The clerk confirmed that he had also been in contact with Highways and spoken several times to them and they confirmed that they do have plans to solve the repeated problem but as yet nothing has been done. It was pointed out that the culvert passes under the road around this point and the layby could be sinking. He will be contacting Highways again to chase this.

**56/13. Approval of Minutes-** The Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd April 2013 had been previously circulated and were now approved and duly signed.

### **57/13. Matters Arising-**

**RF** confirmed that he had had a reply from Hilary Cox from his letter to her and Peter Finney on the PC plans to progress the Campaign on the Speeding Traffic. HC confirmed that she will be pursuing on our behalf once the District Council Elections are over. As yet Peter Finney has not replied. RF will chase this and pursue other ways to progress the Community Speedwatch campaign. The clerk mentioned that during his recent discussions with the Dorset Roadsafe -No Excuses Campaign Manager that it was suggested that the PC write to the Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner for assistance in this also. RF to deal.

RF also mentioned that further questionnaire replies had been received and the response now stands at 32%. A report on the questionnaire results has also been in the Valley News.

The clerk advised that the No Excuses figures are being rechecked by Dorset Police as the details from local SNT appear to have not been provided in correct format. The PC have been told by NDDC that they can co-opt a new Parish Councillor to fill the current vacancy.

#### **58/13 Planning –Applications/Decisions:**

2/2013/0290/PLNG -Land at Church Cottage, Chescombe Lane, WW. - Proposal to erect 1 No. dwelling. WWPC have objected to this under material planning consideration on the grounds visual amenity and the impact on the grade 2 listed church.

2/2013/0372/PLNG –form parking and turning area at front of Chapel Cottage Blandford Hill DT11 0AB-No objections.

The Parish Council have also written to The West Dorset District Council objecting to the plans for a Wind Farm near Milborne St Andrew.

#### **59/13. Correspondence**

DAPTC Training programme received which includes one on Responding to Planning and Issues with District Council which 5 members of the PC are interested in.

#### **60/13. REPORTS**

Playground – RF advised no issues to report and still waiting for weather to improve to replace the bark. He had also been sent a copy from the PC insurers advising that the Playground inspection company currently being used is no longer recommended

due to complaints received and recommends an alternative. The clerk pointed out that the last annual inspection had certain tasks to be completed by certain dates and that the date to refill the bark chippings was 23 March 2013 now passed.

Footpaths –a, CW advised that the stile off of Dolway Lane is still damaged –Piers Chichester advised that as yet he has not looked into this but will do so.

b, EP has advised that the footpath by Fosters Meadow is being used by horse riders and motorbikes recently and neither has permission to do so and could be a danger to walkers. Piers Chichester agreed to look into this and will see if he can sort something out to prevent this happening.

### 61/13. FINANCE

Current Account at 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2013	£9511.56
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Less cheque not yet cleared £483.95

Cheques for authorisation

Came & Co Insurance renewal	No.440	£542.09
DAPTC Subscriptions	No.441	£211.87
R Turley Clerks Expenses	No.442	£ 59.30

- Clerk's Salary Standing Order 20 April 2013-£177.86...  
PAYE to be made once new HMRC system sorted
- Payment of cheque since last meeting –  
No. 438 HMRC £230.40 replacement cheque for cancelled  
cheque nos. 418,422 427,430  
No. 439- B&A Computers Ltd £483.95 for new laptop

**62/13. Audit 2012-13** –accounts presented by clerk to PC for Approval of sections 1 and 2 of Annual Return—to be signed at next meeting

### 63/13. Other information for report only

RF told the PC that it was the intention of the organisers of the WW Celebrations 2013 to provide pony rides in Fields Close and that the residents of Fields Close had no objection to the use of the grass area (Insurance to be provided by the Pony provider) –The Parish Council had not previously been asked permission of this and after discussion felt this would likely ruin the grass especially if wet, RF asked if the PC had any objection to the ponies being on the road instead. Although it was suggested that the organisers should check with the pony providers first that they were happy with this taking health and safety/insurance into account the PC had no objection in the use of the road..

### 64/13. Public Participation

A member of the public asked if the rural transport consultation mentioned by Hilary Cox in her annual report was going to be public. EP agreed to check on this.

It was mentioned that further to the issues raised earlier about a motorbike on the footpath behind Fosters Meadow there was also one being ridden up and down fast in Fields Close recently.

Regarding the footpath Piers Chichester agreed to look into how a gate may be placed at the beginning of the path behind the two paddocks. It was also suggested sign prohibiting horses and bikes from it be erected.

AT mentioned about the increase in vehicles for sale in the Milton Arms Car Park which others had already mentioned last year.

The meeting closed at 8.59 pm

**65/13. Date of Next Meeting** – Wednesday June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm