

WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 2 May 2012 in the
Village Hall, WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH

PRESENT Mr Paul Ritchie (Chairman)
Mrs Christine Flemming (Vice-Chair)
Ms Caroline Ward
Mrs Emma Parker
Mr Richard Fry
Mrs Aideene Turley

IN ATTENDANCE Mrs P. Parker (Clerk), Mrs Jane Somper (District Councillor) and 8 members of the general public.

56/12. Apologies for absence- Mr Chichester

57/12. Declarations of Interest- None

58/12. Public Participation

In answer to a query about speeding ‘wires’, CF said that there had been one on Blandford Hill for some time. PR confirmed that a report had been received, about two years previously, detailing volume and speed of traffic.

Following a question as to whether the PC had any idea of its intended spending for 2012-13, the Chairman said that a review of the budget , which had been discussed and set at the meeting in December 2011 with copies available to the public, would be made at the next PC meeting.

Mr Wade, a resident in Fields Close, had kindly offered to replace the fence near the Village Hall for only the cost of the materials, which he had priced at £92. There was concern that the green container may be more visible when the new post and rail fence was erected, and a suggestion was made that it might be screened with hedging.

The subject of lack of bus services was raised and deferred until Correspondence.

59/12. Approval of Minutes- Minutes of the meeting held on 4 April 2012 had been previously circulated and were now approved and duly signed.

60/12. Matters Arising

Provision of extra dog bins- Ken Wilson at Dorset Waste Management had confirmed that money was not available for extra provision at the moment but that the Clerk should make regular contact in case the situation changed. As DWM was not keen on permanent loan of litter picking equipment, the Clerk would check the cost of the various implements in case the PC wished to purchase its own.

Debris on Dorchester Hill- Despite the Clerk having reported this, nothing seemed to have been done. EP would follow up with NDDC.

No Excuses sign – RF had been displaying the sign on an irregular basis, as advised by the Police. His view was that it was having a beneficial effect on traffic speed down Dorchester Hill. CF suggested that it could also be placed on Blandford Hill. There had been a welcome Police presence in the village over the previous two weeks, apparently checking traffic speed.

Grass cutting at Fields Close- CF proposed that Mr Lovell be asked to continue to cut the grass for one year. This was seconded by CW and agreed by all.

The Clerk would contact DCC about their responsibility to cut the verges and roundabout at Fields Close.

Benches at Fields Close- The Clerk had obtained a catalogue with varying prices for benches. A quote was awaited from Mr Vater in Chescombe Lane.

RF had asked the Jubilee committee their opinion of the proposal to place two benches at Fields Close. There had been total approval.

Hedge at house in Fields Close on border with PC land – Spectrum Housing had been asked if the hedge could be trimmed.

61/12. PLANNING

Application:

2/2012/0428- Sunnyside Stud- Demolish existing dwelling and garage. Erect one replacement dwelling.

The PC had no objection to the above application.

Decision:

2/2012/0179/PLNG - Church Cottage, Chescombe Lane – GRANTED

Works to trees at Bourne House. The PC had no objection.

62/12. Correspondence

NDDC- Having undertaken the usual consultation, the District Council had informed the PC that it was free to co-opt another member. Mr Don Byrom of Chescombe Court would be co-opted at the next meeting.

DCC- Review of Mobile Library Service. AT would pass on questionnaires to regular users.

Lord Lieutenancy of Dorset- Invitation to the Chairman to attend a service at Wimborne Minster for the Queen's Jubilee. Unfortunately PR had to decline.

NDDC- Invitation to a Travel Study Workshop. EP would attend.

Came & Company (Insurance) - Newsletter /Guide to PC Insurance (Already forwarded to Councillors)

DCC Highways – Advice on new initiatives in a time of decreased budget.

63/12. REPORTS

- a) Playground – RF reported that he was continuing with recorded inspections as recommended by the Insurance company. Chippings in the slide pit could be raked to improve depth when the weather was better.
The Clerk would pass the padlock and chain to RF to be used in case the Playground should ever have to be put out of bounds.
- b) Footpaths – Mr Chichester would be asked if dangerous spikes, the remainder of old fences, could be removed from the path behind the walled garden above Whatcombe Lane.

64/12. Summer Events – Update

Jubilee Party - RF reported that committee members were proving to be very proactive and a pleasure to work with . Everyone had been allocated a task to take charge of on the day. 14 field events were planned as well as a parade. An advert had been stapled to the cover of the latest edition of the Valley News, posters were planned and leaflets would be delivered to every house. A risk assessment, first aid provision, marshals and a drinks licence would all be in place soon.

Mr Roberts was thanked for organising a quiz which had raised £128. A coffee morning was planned to raise further funds.

The Chairman thanked RF for his work and report and commented that the Village Hall looked festive, decorated with Union Jacks.

Olympic Torch - AT reported on the progress of the committee. Planters had been constructed ready to fill with plants for display near the village signs. Another meeting was planned for 11 May. The Chairman thanked AT.

EP had attended a meeting at NDDC concerned with safety on the Torch route. Traffic coming in the opposite direction would not be stopped. Barriers were seen as dangerous because they may fall into the road. Schools should be responsible for their pupils. It may be that some training of marshals would be available. Another meeting was due on 21 May. The Chairman thanked EP.

65/12. FINANCE

The Clerk had provided copies of the Bank Reconciliation for 31 March 2012 which were handed to the public.

Current Account at 10 April 2012	£8,574.51
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The first instalment of the Precept, £3,281.25, was included in the above total

The Clerk was pleased to report that The Valley News had given the PC, along with all other local PCs, a grant of £100 to be put towards the cost of Jubilee celebrations. The clerk had thanked the magazine editor and team.

The following cheque was authorised:

Clerk's Expenses	£11.04
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Clerk's Salary (Standing Order) 10 April - £254.58

Audit 2011-12- Sections 1 & 2 of the Annual Return, having been checked, were duly approved and signed by the Chairman.

Mr Chichester, Internal Auditor, had checked the accounts and found everything in order.

Repair of bench- consideration of quote. Mr Flemming had carried out a temporary repair but the bench was in need of serious renovation. Mr Adams had quoted £100 to restore it including a clean and varnish. CF proposed that this be accepted. This was seconded by RF and all were in favour.

Authorisation of Bank Signatories form This was signed by the Chairman and Vice – Chair, and the Clerk would return it to Lloyds TSB. Signatories would now be PR, CF, CW and RF.

Renewal of Insurance for 2012-13, due by 31 May – The Clerk was asked to obtain other quotes for PC insurance. RF proposed that, if other quotes proved more expensive, PR and CF should be given authority to sign a cheque for Came Insurance, the present insurers, for £620.47 before the next meeting. This

represented the cost of the premium when a long-term (3 years) agreement was undertaken. This was seconded by AT and all were in agreement.

66/12. Other information for report only

The new community transport scheme, Bus2Go, had got off to a very good start and four more trips were planned.

CF had witnessed a WNS lorry in Bere Regis with empty plastic bottles set to fly out and litter the road, proving that local litter was probably partly caused in the same way.

67/12. Public Forum

The Chairman made clear, in answer to Mr Luke's question, that the grant from Valley News would be spent first by the Jubilee committee, it having been pledged for that specific use. The PC's promised funding would be in addition to this.

Jane Somper would find out whether members of the public were invited to the forthcoming ND transport workshop. She expressed her dismay that local bus services were being reduced. She felt that rural services were particularly threatened. A resident from Lady Bailey Residential Park agreed that buses seemed to be few and far between.

68/12. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 30 May 2012 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.05pm.