WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 22nd November 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 3 members of the general public.

**133/17. Apologies for absence**- Dist Cllr Jane Somper

**134/17. Public Participation –**. A resident of Rook Lane said that he had spoken to Roland Skeats of DCC Highways about the 30 mph signs at the junction with Dorchester Hill. When the Parish Council had spoken to Highways previously regarding these signs they were told that there had to be a minimum of 12 houses within the road to warrant them being beyond these. Chris has been told that this is not correct and Roland Skeats had confirmed that the signs are in the wrong place but they would not be able to move them unless the PC paid for this at a cost of £3-£4000 although even then due to a points system used it would be a long time before it would be done. The PC does not have this amount of money and agreed to write to County Councillor Hilary Cox to request that as they sited the signs incorrectly, Highways should reposition them to correct their error urgently.

**135/17. Approval of Minutes**- The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th October 2017 had been previously circulated and were now approved and duly signed.

**136/17. Matters Arising-**

**137/17.**Play Park including update from Dunbury Academy –An email received from the Head Teacher Ben Barker saying he was glad that the PC are pleased to accept the gift of the additional play equipment from the school, but they are now not going to gift it as the Diocese are going to class it as a fixture and lease it together with the land to the PC.

As there are no other fixtures and fittings already leased in the lease the PC is now seeking legal advice and effect on insurance regarding this withdrawal of its already agreed offer by the school.

AT asked if we could see a copy of the Lottery Fund offer to the school as this may be the reason for the change. The clerk felt that this does not have any effect on the

Diocese new decision as the school had already confirmed that the Lottery had already agreed for the school to give it to the PC.

Once the legal position is known the PC can then respond further to the school.

**138/17.**PLANNINGDecisions: 2/2017/1235/FUL

**Proposal:**. Station 1 No. mobile home and demolish existing building.

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

 NDDC have GRANTED Application

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

 NDDC have GRANTED Application

**139/17.Correspondence-**

 An email from Heidi Stephenson regarding the play park to which the clerk sent an agreed reply explaining the current position.

 North Dorset Local Plan Review - Issues & Options Consultation –a request for all councillors to go online to view and /or attend

 Newsletter from Blandford Leisure Centre including a request for donations which after a short discussion it was agreed to decline a donation again due to the continued problem with parking there which still deters many local residents from using the centre.

 Request from St Mary’s PCC for donation to Churchyard upkeep Due to Declared Interest both Cllr Pam Thornton and Cllr Steven Pringle left the room.

After a short discussion it was agreed to increase the amount by £100 to £600 due to increase in maintenance costs. Proposed by EP seconded by AT rest in favour. PT &SP returned to the meeting.

**140/17. Reports**

1. **Footpaths – SP—**some footpaths are crumbling and SP asked if there were legal widths for paths and who was responsible to maintain them

**b)Fields Close-MD** advised that the flowers in the boxes are looking untidy and they needed cutting back **c)SpeedWatch-AT** advised that there will be no

Speedewatch for November & December due to shortage of volunteers at present owing to other commitments etc but will start again in January

**141/17. FINANCE**

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| Current Account at 15th November 2017 | £7452.94 |

Less cheques/payments not yet cleared £189.20

* Payments for authorisation

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| HMRC - PAYE November 2017 | £ 38.60 |
| Clerks Salary Balance November 2017 | £ 171.18  |
| St Marys PCC –Hall Hire | £ 14.00 |
| St Marys PCC Hall Hire Donation | £ 50.00 |
| C Lovell Grass Cutting Instalment | £ 200.00 |
| St Marys PCC Annual Donation for Churchyard Maintenance | £ 600.00  |

 Clerk’s Salary SO November 2017 - £201.41……..

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| Play Park Account at 15th November 2017 | £1769.02 |

 Less cheques/payments not yet cleared £290.00

 Income £4427.50 from Viridor 06/10/2017

 Income £2000 from Tesco Bags of Help 08/11/2017

 plus £70 Donation from Mr & Mrs Tory 07/11/2017

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| ABC final payment made 06/11/2017  |  £4874.90 |
|  C Lovell -Turf etc for Play Park | £ 450.00 |

 **142/17**  6 monthly accounts up to 30th September 2017

 The clerk/RFO provided the councillors with copies of the income and expenditure for both the accounts up to the end of September 2017 and current budget expected until end of this financial year for them to consider preparation for 2018/2019 Budget which will be discussed at the January meeting. Further information to be provided for January meeting.

**143/17.Other information for report only**

EP advised that NDDC have agreed charging Town & Parish Councils for Local Election fees.

NDDC have agreed to ban Helium Balloons and Lanterns at function on NDDC owned property.

**144/17. Public Participation**

**145/17. As this is the last meeting in 2017 CF wished everyone a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year Meeting closed at 9:15 pm**

**146/17. Date of Next Meeting** – Wednesday 10th January 2018