

## WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016 in the Parish Room, WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH

### PRESENT

Mrs Christine Flemming (Chairman)  
Mrs Emma Parker (Vice Chair)  
Mrs Aideene Turley  
Mrs Pam Thornton

**IN ATTENDANCE** Mr R Turley (Clerk), and 7 members of the general public.

**01/16. Apologies for absence-** Helen Hakimzadeh, C Cllr Hilary Cox, Dist Cllr Jane Somper

**02/16. Public Participation-** It was again mentioned that the dog waste bin lid in Dolway Lane was still damaged. Clerk will chase DWP again. It was also reported that the recycle bin by the village hall has now been removed.

**03/16. Approval of Minutes-** The Minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015 had been previously circulated and were now approved and duly signed.

### **04/16. Matters Arising-**

**Highways update**—After the chairman sent an email to Hilary Cox (Highways had not responded to several contacts made to them ) Finally a call was received by the Clerk from the new local Highways Inspector Paul Starkey apologising for the delay and a visit arranged to go through the previously agreed items again. This took place on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016 and both the Chairman and Clerk together with Paul Starkey walked the length of the village looking at the items previously agreed, but not carried out. Highways Inspector agreed to look further into these and come back with a list of things that can still be done asap. The Winterborne South of the A354 has been cleared together with other areas causing flooding issues. Mr Starkey also hopes to arrange the clearance of the gullies under the main road during the summer.

**05/16 Commemorative VC Stone laying Sidney Ware-** The stone is due to arrive early March and any event to celebrate the Centenary of the VC Action in 1916 should take place on or around 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016. The chairman will attend the next St Mary's PCC meeting to agree plans for a joint event.

**06/16 Pot holes along A354 towards Blandford-** The Clerk confirmed that Paul Starkey does have these on his list and is waiting for BT OpenReach to deal with them, as all 28 inspection covers belong to them. The pot hole in the lay-by outside the Reading Room has also been noted by Highways and will be dealt with in due course.

**07/16 Dorset X12 Bus Service planned cuts-**This will mean that the service will only run between Blandford and Dorchester and not continue to Salisbury or Weymouth. It was pointed out that anyone who wishes to object can go on the DCC website and comment by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

**08/16 Overhanging tree in Fields Close-** It was agreed to arrange for it to be cut back based on Highways requirements ie up to 5.2 metres only. Clerk to contact Charles to arrange this.

**09/16. Planning –Applications/Decisions: NONE**

**10/16. Correspondence**

A letter from NDDC confirming their adoption of the North Dorset District Plan Part 1 up to 2031.

A letter from St Mary’s Church PCC was received thanking the Council for their donation.

The Parish Council has been informed that the speed indicator device (SID) which has been periodically located in Chescombe Lane will no longer be provided as they have reduced the locations from 120 to around 14 from April this year. It was suggested that the Parish Council may consider purchasing their own SID possibly in conjunction with other local villages to share the cost. This to be investigated further.

**11/16 REPORTS**

**a) Playground-** AT advised that due to the very wet weather there is now likely to be more repairs needed than previously agreed. Additional costings will be obtained from the firm due to carry out the already agreed repairs. Work will be done when the weather improves. The new sign with up to date contact details has been put in place. AT has received a request from a parent asking if there could be equipment provided for disabled children. This to be investigated further. AT also suggested that the basketball net could either be lowered or removed as it does not currently get used.

**b) Footpaths-** SP advised that there are no further current issues with the footpaths.

**c) Fields Close-** AT Nothing Further to report

**d) SpeedWatch-** AT confirmed that the Team had been out only 3 times due to the weather and had reported 39 vehicles for travelling between 37mph -49mph

**12/16. FINANCE**

Budget & Precept 2016/17

The Budget for 2016/2017 was agreed at the Finance meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> January with all Councillors present. The Finance Officer suggested that he expected an expenditure of £7900 for the year. This was proposed by PT seconded by AT and all were in favour. This figure was sent to NDDC. It was further agreed to finally decide on the Precept at the next meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

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| Current Account at 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2016 | £5,204.60 |
| Less Cheques not yet cleared                     | £ 114.00  |

### Cheques for authorisation

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| HMRC PAYE payment on Clerks Salary Dec 2015 | £ 74.60  | 564 |
| HMRC PAYE payment on Clerks Salary Jan 2016 | £ 74.80  | 565 |
| Clerks Salary Adjust due to increase        |          |     |
| Dec 2015(62.24) Jan2016 (62.04)             | £ 124.28 | 566 |
| St Marys Church WW PCC Feb Hire Hall        | £ 14.00  | 567 |

Clerk's Salary SO 20 Dec 2015 - £201.41

Clerk's Salary SO 20 Jan 2016 - £201.41

**13/16. Other information for report only** The Clerk mentioned that C Cllr Hilary Cox has money in her fund that the Parish Council could request for any community project.

It was suggested that play park equipment for the disabled may be a suitable idea. This idea is to be looked into further.

PT said that the Vicar has suggested that he would like to see a community event called Fish Sunday held in Winterborne Whitechurch to involve the other 5 parishes in the Benefice.

**14/16. Public Participation-** East Farm reported that they had suffered poaching and also damage to hedges/fences in their fields by persons using 4x4 vehicles. They asked if anyone who had seen anything suspicious to contact the police. EP mentioned incidents involving similar vehicles had also been reported in the Bloxworth area.

**15/16. Date of Next Meeting** – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016