

WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 3rd July 2013 in the Village Hall, WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH

PRESENT

Mrs Christine Flemming (Chairman)
Ms Caroline Ward (Vice)
Mrs Aideene Turley
Mr Don Byrom
Mrs Emma Parker (District Councillor)

IN ATTENDANCE Mr R Turley (Clerk), and 10 members of the general public.

82/13. Apologies for absence-Jane Somper (District Councillor)

83/13. Public Participation –.

Piers Chichester advised that he is building a bridge over the river on his land to allow tractors to cross without causing damage to the riverbanks. As it is near to a public footpath he wanted people to be aware.

A member of the public pointed out that he had received a letter regarding a further planning application for 2 new homes on Lady Bailey (this is instead of the recently rejected application for 4 homes) He advised that he had no objection to this new plan as long as the infrastructure of Lady Bailey is improved to cope with the additional homes as there has been issues with the services provided for the current number of units on the site.

CF advised that the 40mph buffer zone that the PC was currently attempting to have reintroduced appears to unlikely due to the costs involved and DCC are not willing to restore the buffer zone. It was suggested that it may be that a clearer advance warning of the approaching 30mph area could be found instead.

It was noted that the grass verges had been cut again but not very well.

Another member of the public also spoke about the new plans for additional homes on Lady Bailey and agreed that 2 were better than 4 but the current lack of maintenance to the services especially to the sewerage(cesspit) are cause for concern. The current licence limits the number of homes to 90 and with these 2 new proposed homes plus the 2 existing empty plots this would exceed the licence by 4. It was agreed that EP would investigate the licence position with the DC.

It was confirmed that plans are progressing to clean the Village War Memorial and a member of the public suggested that her college may be able to assist. The Clerks contact details were provided for a response from the college.

Mike Rea from the Clenston Estates Trustees advised the meeting that they were currently preparing plans for phase 2 of Fosters Meadows and wanted the Village to be kept informed of what will happen. They are currently clearing the field behind the allotments of fly tipping materials and trees and vegetation. They will be submitting draught plans to NDDC shortly and then come back to WWPC to inform the local residents of the progress planned etc. The Trustees who own the land the allotments are on will be contacting the lease's shortly to regularise the area. This will also include contacting some of the residents of Queens Square who have encroached onto the Trustees land without permission. The Trustees then plan, without prejudice, to pass the allotments to the PC or DC for their decisions on the future of the allotments. He also mentioned that some of the properties in Queens Square do not have full deeds of ownership which will need to be sorted out at the same time. Michael Rea will return to the PC with copy of the plans shortly. He provided his contact details for the PC.

84/13. Approval of Minutes- The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th June 2013 had been previously circulated and were now approved and duly signed.

85/13 Tom Roberts from the Milton Abbey Project provided the meeting with an interesting short talk on the plans for maintenance and improvements to the Abbey which is set within a heritage site which includes the surrounding Capability Browns Gardens. The Abbey is currently underused, having few visitors due in part to the lack of facilities. The Project objectives are to submit a request for a donation from the Lottery Fund, open up the heritage site to more visitors, establish contact with local interested parties to get involved, breathe new life into the Abbey and stimulate more use of it, and establish a funding scheme.

The Abbey currently does not have its own car park and any visitors use the School car park. They are looking into a plan to use an area of School land to provide a new car park. Tom asked for any suggestions to help provide funds or ideas on improving ways to get more people interested and more visitors to the Abbey. He agreed to return in the future with any updates in the future.

86/13. Margo Kirk from Bus2Go provided an update on the service they provide to the villages in the area including WW. It was said that it is very much a community thing and are able to offer the opportunity to those without transport or are infirm to get out and visit places otherwise unable to. A request was also made to the PC for donation. After a discussion and a few questions to Margo Kirk including 'how many WW residents regularly use it a vote was taken. £100 donation was proposed by CW 2nd by EP all were in favour.

87/13. Matters Arising-

It was noted that some repair was still outstanding to the seat at the bottom of Fields Close.

The new bench at the top of Fields Close was now fixed in place by Ian Pitman. Ian had very kindly agreed to only charge for the materials used at £150. Many Thanks to Ian for this.

A thank you to Marion Clemens was also made for looking after the bench just prior to it being fixed.

The Community Speedwatch application was now almost completed and just waiting on a few more volunteers signatures before submitting it. The cost of the scheme is basically £300 with which comes with 6 safety jackets, 2 signs and the hand held camera. W Kingston PC had contacted the Clerk recently to see if the 2 villagers would jointly apply but WW felt that it would be preferable to go it alone.

It was agree to remove the No Excuses signs for a period of time pending update on the numbers caught figures from Dorset Roadsafte.

The War Memorial update. AT provided the approximate costs for the materials needed including new gravel around the base and plans were to start after the repainting of the PlayPark was completed. It was also agreed to see if students from the Weymouth College would also be able to help as suggested by the member of the public earlier.

88/13. Planning –Applications/Decisions:

The Clerk advised that he had just received a new application regarding Lady Bailey which only differed from the previous one by only now proposing 2 new homes instead of 4. The plans having been circulated and discussed it was agreed to object on the same grounds as before as felt that the current infrastructure, sewerage, mains water, and electricity would not support any additional homes as the current

ones are already having problems. It was again noted that the site licence was already on maximum 90 homes and with the 2 now proposed together with the already planned replacement of 2 empty existing plots it would be 4 over limit.

89/13. Correspondence

SNT Newsletter was passed round.

90/13. REPORTS

- a) Playground –AT confirmed that the new bark had been delivered as agreed at earlier meeting and a work party was due to deal with this on the Sunday morning following this meeting. A member of the public also offered to help. The plan is then to start cleaning the basketball board and some of the equipment together with sanding down and repainting the 2 benches and picnic table and some of the equipment that are in need of it.
- b) Footpaths – CW –No issues noted
- c) Fields Close- It was reported that an area of grass at the top end of the Close requires reseeding due to vehicle tyre damage.

Thanks noted to the P in P Committee for clearing up after P in P

91/13. FINANCE

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| Current Account at 26th June 2013 | £8178.56 |
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Less cheques not yet presented £243.87

Cheques for authorisation

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| HMRC PAYE payment on Clerks Salary | £ 3.60 | No446 |
| R Turley-Additional salary due to tax code change | £ 34.80 | No447 |
| R Turley- Playground wood chippings | £ 102.00 | No448 |
| Bus2Go -donation | £ 100.00 | No449 |
| Ian Pitman – fixing Fields Close New Bench | £ 150.00 | No450 |

- Clerk's Salary Standing Order 20 June 2013 - £177.86
- Receipts in –nil
- Clerk's Annual Incremental pay increase- It was agreed to increase Clerks salary by one scale step as from 1st September 2013

92/13. Other information for report only

none

93/13. Public Participation

A member of the public had concern over the resignation of R F. during the last meeting after a vote on his request for donation as Chair of the WW 2013 Celebrations Committee.

94/13. The meeting closed at 9:03pm

95/13. Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 4th September 2013