

WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 4 July 2012 in the Village Hall, WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH

PRESENT Mrs Christine Flemming Vice-Chair
Ms Caroline Ward
Mr Richard Fry
Mr Don Byrom
Mrs Aideene Turley
Mrs Emma Parker (from 8.20pm)

IN ATTENDANCE Mrs P. Parker (Clerk) and 4 members of the general public.

83/12. Apologies for absence- Paul Ritchie, Jane Somper. Emma Parker would be unavoidably late.

PCSO Luke Goddard was unable to attend.

RF expressed concern that the Police response to the PC's request for attention to speeding traffic had seemed so negative. He felt that the problem had become worse and, far from accepting that everything possible was already being done, the PC should push for positive action. At a future meeting, he hoped that the Police, DCC Highways and Dorsetroadsafe would attend to suggest a way forward.

84/12. Declarations of Interest- None

85/12. Public Participation – The following points were raised:

The subject of speeding traffic was further discussed and the point made that the flashing speed signal seemed to have little effect. A suggestion was made that the Dunbury School may wish to become involved with traffic speed checks.

86/12. Approval of Minutes- The Minutes of the meeting held on 30 May 2012 had been previously circulated and were now approved and duly signed.

87/12. Matters Arising

Congestion of the Winterborne - Despite contacting NDDC twice, the Clerk had received no reply. Another attempt would be made.

Conditions at Church Cottage- NDDC had confirmed that all conditions had been met in the recent work.

Out of date posters- The Clerk at Milborne St Andrew had agreed to ask her Councillors to remove posters when out of date.

Hedge on Dorchester Hill- The Clerk would again report the overgrown vegetation. Although it had been cut back, the 30mph sign was still not easily visible.

Cost of benches – RF had looked into the cost of wooden seats at a Blandford outlet and confirmed that a 4 foot one was £164, and a 5 foot cost £184. They were solid and came with a 10 year guarantee. It was suggested that, as well as serving the purpose for the Fields Close initiative, one of these benches may be a replacement for the one at the junction of Fields Close and Whatcombe Lane. It would be discussed at the next meeting.

88/12. PLANNING

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

Application for work to tree: 3 Rook Lane

The Clerk was asked to send the following response to NDDC:

If the tree is interfering with drains at the property, the PC would be sympathetic to its removal, but otherwise it would prefer it to stay. Pruning could perhaps overcome most of the problems, especially the branches which overhang the road. Regarding the telephone and power cables, the main growth of the tree is above these. Willows are supposed to be beneficial in a flood area.

89/12.CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk drew attention to the following:

Dorset Police- No Excuses Newsletter, which had been emailed to Councillors.

DCC- Roundabout Sponsorship, for information only.

DAPTC- Training Course on the new code of Conduct. The Clerk was asked to book places for AT, DB and CW.

NDDC- Details of charges for PC by-elections from 2013.

Julie Girling , MEP- Poster for display giving contact details.

90/12. REPORTS

a) Playground

RF and DB would attempt to repair the wooden bar between the swings and Multi-Play.

RF had carried out extensive research to find suitable and reasonably priced wooden chippings as these now needed topping up. He had concluded that the best way forward was to purchase a single bag of similar quality chippings at approx £100, for topping up specific areas. The Clerk would pass on to RF the number of Digley Associates, who may be able to advise further.

b) Footpaths

CW had reported the Chescombe footpath, as discussed at the previous meeting.

91/12. ADOPTION OF THE NEW CODE OF CONDUCT

The Parish Council resolved to adopt the new Code of Conduct, with all in favour.

Regarding the completion of registration forms by Councillors, concern was expressed that pecuniary details of spouses and partners were required, by law, to be given. EP said that NDDC was due to hold another meeting on the subject because of similar concerns from District Councillors. Consequently, Councillors decided that they would defer completion of forms until further advice and information had been obtained.

92/12. OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY – THURSDAY 12 JULY

AT and CF up-dated the PC as follows:

A Risk Assessment had been completed. A copy was given to the Clerk and another would be sent to NDDC.

Bunting would be put up on Sunday 8 July.

On Blandford Hill, verges had been cut back and the street cleaner had been.

£50 donated by The Valley Players towards the festivities would be passed to the Clerk.

Assurances had been received from Kevin Cheleda (DCC Road Space Manager) that road re-surfacing in Rook Lane would not take place on 12 July.

Posters had been put up in all local villages and a full page advert had been placed in Valley News. An article had been sent to the Blackmore Vale Magazine.

Lloyds Bank intended to provide stickers, balloons and ribbons on sticks.

Evening activities would include a bar, barbecue and other refreshments. The Village Hall had been booked for the whole day and equipment used to show videos of the day's events had been insured. This had cost nothing from Came Insurance, although a £250 excess charge applied.

A final planning meeting was planned for Friday 6 July.

93/12. RECRUITMENT OF CLERK

Job adverts had been placed in Valley News and on the DAPTC website. Another would be placed on the PC notice board.

94/12.FINANCE

Current Account (at 26 Jun)	£7,368.65
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- Cheques for authorisation

DAPTC – Councillor training	404	£40.00
Mr C. J Lovell – Grass cutting at Fields Close	405	£200.00
Valley News- job advert	406	£9.00

Clerk's Salary SO 7 Jun - £254.58

The Clerk explained that an over payment of £29.15 had been made to Came Insurance when renewing the policy. This had been refunded and was now in the Current Account.

BDO had returned the Audit, high- lighting a small rounding-up error. The conclusion of audit poster would be displayed in the PC notice board.

The Village Hall Committee had agreed to pay half the cost (£34) of the new fencing between the Hall and PC land.

The Clerk had prepared a bank reconciliation and copies were given to Councillors and public. It was pointed out that the total amount in the bank included £2,275 for maintenance of Fields Close.

Disposal of funds raised at the recent Jubilee celebration- CF thanked RF and his committee for their work in putting on a very successful event. RF explained that the raffles, so well supported by prize donors that three had been held, had raised £400. Consequently, overspends made elsewhere had been covered, and £150 had been donated to The Dunbury School. There remained £150 which the Jubilee Committee wished to donate to a village organisation.

It was suggested that the funds could be used to pay for carers' seats on Bus2Go trips when wheelchair users wished to join an outing. This idea would be taken back to the Jubilee Committee for consideration. RF gave the Clerk a copy of the budget showing debits and credits for the 'party in the park', to be kept on file.

RF gave a cheque for £50 from the Jubilee Committee to the Clerk, which, added to £100 from Valley News and held by the PC, made £150. This amount would be entered on the PC budget and marked for donation to be made by 31 March 2013.

95/12. Other information for report only

CF suggested that the draft minutes of this meeting, after approval by email from all Councillors, should be posted on the PC notice board during the summer break. This was agreed by all.

The Clerk was asked to book places on a DAPTC course, 'Councillors' Powers and Duties', for DB, RF and AT.

Concern was expressed about cars for sale in the village and it was agreed to contact the relevant parties.

CW would try to obtain a new bus timetable for the Lady Bailey Park.

A Damory bus was being parked very regularly for whole days in the lay-by near the kitchen shop. The Clerk would contact Damory to find out why.

EP had information from the recent NDDC Travel Workshop which she would make available. She had been appointed to the Service Review Committee, the Licensing Sub-Committee and the Shaping the Future Board.

EP informed the meeting that e-Planning consultation was being piloted at the moment.

96/12. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

EP was asked to find out why, when local bus services were making a profit, DCC should be funding them.

97/12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 5 September at 7.30pm

The Clerk pointed out that, should a new Clerk not have been appointed, she could not make this date and an alternative would have to be arranged.

Mrs Parker was thanked for her service as Clerk.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.