

WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 5th December 2012 in the Village Hall, WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH

PRESENT

Mrs Christine Flemming(Vice-Chair)
Mrs Aideene Turley
Mrs Emma Parker
Mr Richard Fry
Mr Don Byrom

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

136/12. Apologies for absence- Mr Paul Ritchie (Chairman), Ms Caroline Ward, Mrs Jane Somper (District Councillor)

137/12. Declarations of Interest- A Resolution was passed by the Parish Council to give the Clerk the power to give dispensation to participate in the meeting to discuss and vote on the Precept. The Clerk then gave the Councillors this dispensation.

138/12. Public Participation –(a) An update was provided by Piers Chichester on the Parish Church of St Mary's which forms part of the local Winterborne Valley and Milton Abbas Benefice. The Benefice consists of six Parishes. He advised that in March 2013 they will be welcoming the new Rector, Alan Ryan who will join with the two Associate Priests and a Licensed Lay Minister. They are helped and supported by a number of Lay Pastoral Assistants.

(b) A member of the public reported that there were a number of pot holes in the area around the village and was concerned also with the general condition of the roads, pavements and again concerned about the speed of the traffic coming through the village.

A resident of Lady Bailey asked a question about the planning application on the Residential Park. This was deferred until the Planning Application would be considered later in the meeting.

139/12. Approval of Minutes- The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2012 had been previously circulated and were now approved and duly signed.

140/12. Matters Arising-

It was confirmed that Caroline and Graham had recently finished clearing the pavement on Dorchester Hill when Highways did not do it fully.

CF advised that Litter Picking had been carried out during the last few weeks but again further litter had appeared including flattened cans after the Recycling Vehicle had been through the village.

The Dorset Waste Recycling Scheme- AT provided a report on the meeting at Blandford on November 2012. The various options were explained and that a letter would be sent out to the residents in January with further explanation together with a form to opt for your preferred service choice. Leaflets on the new scheme which showed the bins to be used were distributed to all present. The new Service is due to start in June 2013. It was agreed that WWPC would request the demonstration bins to be supplied to the village and for a visit by the Dorset Waste Partnership to provide further information in the New Year, EP agreed to deal with this.

There were further discussions on the Traffic questionnaire. It was decided to be shortened as the draft copy provided by RF was generally felt to be too long and could be confusing to some. A further draft will be prepared for the Parish council to agree before being put out to the residents.

It was agreed that the questionnaire on the Village Shop idea was to be postponed until a later date.

141/12. Planning

2/2012/1451 – Alterations to 2 Rook Lane –The only concern raised was regarding the addition of a store on the plans as it was unclear what this was for and the actual position of it. No Objection although a clarification was requested regarding “new store” as appeared to possibly be a garage.

2/2012/1469 – Land at Lady Bailey –Change of use to erect four additional homes- Two residents on Lady Bailey were concerned with the loss of current parking spaces and demolition of garages currently in use, together with loss of a side access to one of the adjacent homes. They said that they had no objection to just either one or two units being erected as this should leave sufficient space around them for replacement parking etc.

It was disclosed that the current infrastructure has had problems in the past coping with the existing homes, on site, especially the strain on the sites cesspit sewerage system, water supply and electricity system.

It was also advised that the site licence was for 90 homes only and that there were currently 92 plots of which 90 were occupied as 2 recently removed, awaiting replacement. It was also noted that No 5 did not exist although shown on plan provided with application and not included in figures above. This would breach the licence even without the new home now applied for.

These comments were noted together with the Councillors own observations and after discussion the Parish Council is to object to the planning application on the grounds discussed above.

142/12. Correspondence

A request from Pamela Mason has been received suggesting the addition of either 3 reflective triangles on the trees by the junction of A354 and Whatcombe Lane or some form of lighting to show the junction more clearly in the dark or fog.

It was noted that similar requests have been made to Highways in the past without success, but it was agreed to try again with the idea of reflectors on the trees.

The Clerk advised that a call from the Air Ambulance had been received advising that they have removed the clothing recycle bin from outside the Village Hall and thanked the village for all their support in the past.

A letter from British Red Cross has been received requesting donations to assist them –as the PC has decided to only consider donations to local good causes only it was agreed to decline any assistance at this time.

143/12. REPORTS

- a) Playground – RF –Nothing to report
- b) Footpaths – Nothing to report

144/12. FINANCE

Current Account at 29 th November 2012	£9015.77
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Cheques for authorisation

Richard Fry -cost of new bench	419	£180.00
Richard Fry -late receipts for Jubilee Celebrations	420	£ 43.41
Charles Lovell-payment for grass cutting	423	£600.00
HMRC-PAYE—payment on Clerks Salary	422	£ 38.40

- Clerk's Salary Standing Order -20 Nov 2012--£177.86
- Receipts in Village Flower Boxes maintenance-£59.96

Discussion on the Parish Council Budget 2013/14 and these were agreed and further decision to keep the Precept as previously at £6562.50 was agreed.

It was noted that this may need reviewing once the outcome of the new Localisation of Council Tax Support is known shortly.

145/12. Other information for report only

The repeated flooding of the bus stop lay-by on A354 at the bottom of Blandford Hill had recently been emptied. A local landowner has offered to have the lay-by to be drained into his field, if the necessary drainage pipe could be installed. This will be passed to Highways for their consideration.

The new bench in Fields Close is waiting to be installed –RF to chase estimate for this –The plaque to be placed on the bench to read DIAMOND JUBILEE 2012

146/12. Public Participation

The meeting closed at 9:10 pm by Councillor Christine Flemming after wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year.

147/12. Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 6th February 2013