WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 5th February 2014 in the Village Hall, WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH

PRESENT

Mrs Christine Flemming (Chairman)
Ms Caroline Ward (Vice)
Mrs Aideene Turley
Mr Don Byrom
Mrs Emma Parker (also District Cllr)
Mrs Pam Thornton

IN ATTENDANCE Mr R Turley (Clerk), District Cllr Jane Somper and 17 members of the general public.

01/14. Apologies for absence- Piers Chichester

02/14. Public Participation –

Paul Ritchie asked if the PC would support the anti wind turbine campaign. CF replied by saying that the PC would support the view of the majority in the best interest of the village once the community meeting takes place and the village decides.

Various other questions were asked regarding the wind turbines and these were answered by resident Julien Turner from the action committee.

It was also confirmed that the firm planning the wind turbines were holding an exhibition on 14th & 15th February.

A question was asked about the speeding traffic passing through the village especially the commercial vehicles that speed daytime and night. DB will respond later under matters arising. A question was asked about the flooding in the village and what could be done to prevent this. It was suggested that the landowners along the lanes leading into the village should be keeping the gullies clear although this could just pass the problem further down the route of the Winterborne.

District Councillor Jane Somper gave a report on the Abbey Ward (copy attached)

03/14. Approval of Minutes- The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2013 had been previously circulated and were now approved and duly signed.

04/14. Matters Arising-

As yet nothing further has been received from either the DCC or the bus company regarding the proposed changes to the local bus time table reducing the service to only 3 journeys a day in each direction.
DB provided an update on the community speedwatch team advising that due to the poor weather the team has not been operating for the last 2 months but hopes to be out again very shortly once the weather improves. BD said that in general the traffic had slowed down since the start of the community speed watch campaign although as the recorded figures shown many still ignore the 30mph limit. It was also pointed out that if anyone provides details of vehicles they see driving fast or poorly they can pass the information onto the PC who will forward it to the police to follow up on including contacting the firms whose vehicles are noted. The remaining 'Numbers Caught' board has been updated with the figures provided by Dorset Roadsafe as the numbers are increasing but without any qualifying period stated, it was agreed to look into a way of changing the board to say 'since a specific date' or 'This year' etc.

05/14 Quotes for Noticeboard,LB Bus Shelter and Teenage shelter now received and subject to confirmation on actual specification a final decision on the notice board and bus shelter can be made. After discussion on the teenage shelter as the teenagers requesting this originally, have not been in contact further to support the suggestion, it was proposed that this should not proceed. -Proposed EP- 2nd AT All in favour
EP then gave her apologies and left the meeting to attend another meeting with Jane Somper

06/14. Planning –Applications/Decisions:

22/2013/0855/PLNG-Whatcombe Lodge DT11 0LH-Erect detached outbuilding –GRANTED by NDDC on 04/02/2014

07/14. Correspondence

Letter from Michael Trevett regarding a further dog attack on his sheep.-The letter was read out and the PC and Mr Trevett who was present asked that if anyone knew or sees anything that may be of concern about these incidents or the dog and owner described to contact the police or PC.

Letter from St Marys Church PCC requesting donation towards painting the churchyard railings and another for churchyard maintenance –dealt with under finance.

A letter from a resident (anon) complaining about the mess in the area adjacent to Fosters Meadow-A letter of response from Clenston Estates was also received and both were read out to the meeting. After discussion it was agreed that the clerk would contact the Environment department at NDDC to notify them of the information. It was also agreed that DB would contact Signpost(Spectrum) regarding the suggestion that the problem may be connected to their tenants on Blandford Hill.

Letter from Martyn Gleaden complaining about the Anti Wind Turbines posters in the village –Nothing further heard from Mr Gleaden – Nothing further heard from sender or NDDC

08/14. REPORTS

a) Playground – AT stated that the play park is currently under water due to the flooding and it was agreed that it will be closed until further notice, until the water subsides. Then an inspection will be carried out to see if there is any permanent damage that needs repairing before reopening it.

b) Footpaths – CW—Nothing to report

c) Fields Close-CW advised that the bulbs planted last year around the trees are starting to show through so it is hoped that in the Spring there will be a colourful display

09/14. FINANCE

The request from WWPCC for a donation again this year for churchyard maintenance was agreed at £500 as previous year. It was felt that the PC were unable to provide any addition amount towards the repair to the railings –proposed by DB 2nd by CW all were in favour (PT who did not vote due to a declared interest as Secretary of the WWPCC)

Current Account at 29th January 2013	£7613.98

Less cheques not yet cleared £45.00

- Cheques for authorisation

Charles Lovell-grass cutting interim payment	£ 133.54
HMRC/ PAYE payment on Clerks Salary	£ 20.20

Dec 2013 & Jan 2014	
Clerk's Expenses Printer Ink/paper	£ 29.50
WWPCC Grant for Churchyard maintenance	£ 500.00

Clerk's Salary SO 20 December 2013- £238.81
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The clerk advised that the application for the Precept has been submitted to NDDC as previously agreed at the same amount as last year.

10/14.Other information for report only

It was confirmed that the Community Meeting regarding the proposed Wind Turbines on Blandford Hill will be on Monday 10th March at 7pm in the Village Hall.

11/14. Public Participation-None

12/14. Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 5th March 2014