

WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT

Mrs Christine Flemming (Chairman)
Ms Caroline Ward
Mrs Aideene Turley
Mr Don Byrom
Mrs Pam Thornton

IN ATTENDANCE Mr R Turley (Clerk), and 6 members of the general public.

13/14. Apologies for absence- Emma Parker and Jane Somper-also apologies received from Pam Thornton who would be about half hour late.

14/14. Public Participation – The problem of speeding traffic in the village was raised by a new resident and asked what plans the PC had to reduce the problem, like a 40mph buffer zone or speed cameras etc. DB replied by pointing out that the community speed watch team had been very active prior to the recent poor weather and would be out again shortly. The issue regarding a buffer zone outside of the 30mph limits had already been looked into but as DCC had the original one removed due to the then Central Government decision to not have these zones and that DCC would not re install the zone due to the cost and current cut backs. The police and Dorset Road Safe do visit the village regularly with their speed cameras. Another resident asked about the yellow rumble strips and the PC confirmed that these had also been looked into but there were issues raised about noise and other problems these can cause.

15/14. Approval of Minutes- The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th February 2014 had been previously circulated and were now approved and duly signed.

16/14. Matters Arising-

Speeding Traffic already dealt with previously.

Following the complaint about the mess on land behind Blandford Hill and next to Fosters Meadows a visit has been carried out by Spectrum who own properties there and a letter is to be sent to their tenants about the problem. Clerk to check with EP if letters had been sent yet.

No response, from the Environmental Department at NDDC yet.

Flooding in the village- There had been several properties pumping out water from around their buildings. 2 emailed letters had been received by the PC from separate properties in Chescombe Lane –See Correspondence email from Andrew MacLeod and Judith Liverman at Whitechurch House regarding the flooding in the fields next to them and along Chescombe Lane and the other from Heidi Stephenson of Milton House this being a copy of a letter sent to Dunbury Academy about flooding from the School playing field behind their home. Both these were read out and a reply from County Councillor Hilary Cox to Whitechurch House regarding the emptying of the gullies along Chescombe Lane which were last done in November 2013.

17/14 Bus Service 183 changes- It was reported that the only change now appears to be the loss of DCC support for the Sunday service.

18/14 Update on Play Park Lease- Still waiting on response from Dunbury Academy Solicitors-clerk to send further email chaser.

19/14. Planning –Applications/Decisions:

None

20/14. Correspondence

Already dealt with under 04/14

21/14. REPORTS

- a) Playground – AT stated that the play park is currently closed until further notice, due to the flooding. An inspection was agreed to be carried out on Tuesday 11th March as the water has now reseeded to see if there is any permanent damage which requires 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

22/14. FINANCE

The request from Blandford CAB for a donation –proposed by CW 2nd by DB all were in favour of a £50 donation.

Current Account at 29 th January 2013	£6845.67
Less cheques not yet cleared £198.74	
• Cheques for authorisation	
Charles Lovell-grass cutting interim payment	£ 66.47
HMRC/ PAYE payment on Clerks Salary Dec 2013 & Jan 2014	£ 10.00
North Dorset CAB-donation	£ 50.00

Clerk's Salary SO 20 February 2014- £238.81

23/14. Other information for report only

A report was provided by CF about the Divisional meeting on Wednesday 26th February about the introduction of Superfast Broadband in Dorset and DCC update on the flooding in Dorset.

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.

24/14. Public Participation-None

25/14. Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 2nd April 2014
Meeting closed at 8:26pm