

WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 6th March 2013 in the Village Hall, WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH

PRESENT Mrs Christine Flemming (Vice-Chair)
Ms Caroline Ward
Mrs Aideene Turley
Mr Richard Fry
Mr Don Byrom

IN ATTENDANCE Mr R Turley (Clerk), PC Dave Mullins and 17 members of the general public.

15/13. Apologies for absence- Paul Ritchie (Chairman), Emma Parker and Jane Somper.

16/13. PC Dave Mullins from Blandford SNT provided an update on the No Excuses Campaign on 23 January 2013 in the form of a Newsletter. Unfortunately some of the data recording equipment was damaged so not all details on the average speed of traffic etc was not available for the day. He confirmed that there is also a presentation in the Village Hall on Wednesday 20 March providing a 2 hour theory course for drivers, free (this usually costs £5), for any one in the village wishing to attend. It was also confirmed that if any one was able to provide information of specific vehicles of concern passing through the village to the police, they would collate this any follow up in the course of their duties. Contact is by phoning 101 and providing Day, Time, Place, and if possible vehicle details, make, model, colour, plus registration number but do not worry if not obtained. They will see if there is a pattern to time of day and will arrange visit with camera to check out the concerns.

PC Dave Mullins was thanked for his visit by the Parish Council and the present public.

17/13. Public Participation – Several questions were directed at PC Dave Mullins in response to his report. These included concerns also with speeding traffic in Chescombe Lane going to Milton Abbas. PC Mullins confirmed that if the same process was adopted for any of the local roads not just the A354, they would follow up on it. Another concern was that it was difficult for pedestrians walking along Whatcombe Lane near the junction with A354 as there was no pavement and if you walk facing the oncoming traffic there was a danger from traffic turning off the main

road. PC Mullins was unable to assist apart from suggesting it would be best to cross to the other side of the road before reaching the junction and then using the grass and then the lay by outside the Reading Rooms. He also suggested the PC contact the DCC Traffic Engineer to see if there is any other possible solution. Another comment was made about crossing the A354 to reach the other bus stop and that a pedestrian crossing across the A354 would be a good idea.

18/13. Approval of Minutes- The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2013 had been previously circulated and were now approved and duly signed.

19/13. Matters Arising- An update on the Questionnaire on the speeding traffic was provided by RF and he confirmed that this had now been distributed to the residents and it was important that everyone did reply but on their own prompt as the PC would not chase this as wanted a genuine gauge to the village residents concern on the subject. 30 completed forms have been returned so far and all replies are needed by the end of March.

The No Excuses update had already been dealt with by PC Mullins.

Fields Close – CW had confirmed that trees in Fields Close are in the conservation area so are afforded the same statutory protection as TPO's

The fixing of new bench and the repair to the other bench are still pending waiting on better weather.

The ditch along A354 where the young saplings were noted is being cleared by Highways under a request from the River Authority.

CF thanked Piers Chichester for dealing with the manhole cover along Whatcombe Lane.

20/13. Planning –Applications/Decisions: NONE

21/13. Correspondence

Blandford South Homewatch Newsletter Feb 2013

A letter from Janet Page, Chairman of DAPTC regarding the retirement of Chief Executive, John Parker.

Invitation from DAPTC for all Councillors to a meeting at Kingston Maurward regarding Young people in Local Councils

All 3 items circulated to the Councillors for their individual consideration.

22/13. REPORTS

- a) Playground – RF – the chippings are still waiting to be replaced once the weather improves. RF had received a report from the Insurers who have suggested that apart from the Annual Inspection of the Playground there should be a weekly inspection which RF confirmed he did. They also suggested a quarterly Inspection which they can provide at a cost of £195. This was felt to be an unnecessary cost. RF to respond to the Insurers A comment about the No Cycling sign being damaged (the “No” being erased) RF to deal.
- b) Footpaths – CW It was mentioned to CW by a member of the PC that the Footpath Sign at the top of Dorchester Hill was damaged and leaning against the property wall. CW to deal.

23/13. FINANCE

Current Account at 27/02/13	£7276.68
3 Cheques not yet presented totalling- £192.00	

Cheques for authorisation

HMRC PAYE payment on Clerks Salary February 2013	£38.40
WWPCC additional grant -membrane for Church Yard paths as agreed last meeting Payee -Richard Fry	£60.00
Clerks-expenses Travel to meetings/training +postage	£41.20
DAPTC Training Course-Essential Finance	£25.00

- Clerk’s Salary Standing Order -20 Feb 2013 £177.86
- Receipts in £23.95 Jubilee Bench plaque,
£32.00 for questionnaire printing

It was agreed that the balance left from the amount from the Jubilee Event (later confirmed as £106.59) to be passed back to the Jubilee Committee Chairman for forwarding to the new, Village Celebration Committee for the events to be planned in June.

24/13 It was confirmed that the 3 empty grit bins will be refilled. Clerk to deal.

25/13 PC Laptop. After a discussion it was proposed by AT and seconded by DB to replace the laptop. This was also agreed by all.

26/13. Other information for report only

The flooding of the layby by the bus stop on the A354 (in Dorchester direction) has again been reported to Highways and the clerk confirmed that he had spoken to them also and the alterations to the drainage at that spot is on their list but still do not have an actual date yet to carry out this. In the meantime they will be attending unblock/clear it as soon as possible.

The clerk advised that the request for Highways to consider reflector triangle near the junction of A354 with Whatcombe Lane has been remade as nothing heard from previous request in December 2012.

The condition of the Notice Board was mentioned and the Clerk confirmed that it was showing signs of wood rot and the support also were starting to come weak. It was agreed to either repairing it or replacing it. It was also suggested that it could be moved to a better place in the village at the same time.

27/13. Public Participation

A member of the public thanked the Parish Council for their efforts towards dealing with the speeding traffic issue. Another member of the public did ask that caution should possible be observed as the publicity regarding the village view on this problem may have a detrimental effect on the village with could effect the property values and give it an image of a bad place to live but another public member suggested that safety was perhaps more important issue than that.

Further comments regarding the speeding issues from the public as when they recently drove into the village 3 motor bikes overtook at high speed with one intimidatingly tailgating first. PC Mullins responded that all traffic users are treated the same and again that any such incidents should be reported to him via a 101 telephone call to enable it being investigated. He repeated that the residents need to provide the information on any traffic event for the police to act on. PC Mullins also confirmed that following the success of the No Excuses Campaign in Winterborne Whitechurch they have had several other villages request the same in their areas. It was also confirmed that he will try to assist us with our aims for a safer road through our village.

There was a public request for the 40mph zone to be reinstated which the PC concur and will be actively pursuing this with Dorset County Council.

A request for speakers to talk louder as some were unable to hear all that was said. An apology was given for this. It was pointed out by the Village Hall Committee Chairman that there was an induction loop already installed but when tested it did not work so he agreed that this would be sorted out as soon as possible.

The meeting closed at 8:50 pm.

28/13. Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 3rd April 2013