WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 7th May 2014 in the Village Hall, WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH

PRESENT
Mr Don Byrom (Chairman)
Mrs Christine Flemming (Vice)
Ms Caroline Ward
Mrs Aideene Turley
Mrs Emma Parker

IN ATTENDANCE Mr R Turley (Clerk), 2 members of the general public.

50/14. Apologies for absence- Pam Thornton

51/14. Public Participation –.

A question was asked about how could the Parish Council increase public participation in their meetings as attendance was very low. The response was that generally people come if they want to complain about something or if there was a contentious planning issue such as the wind turbines.

It was suggested that more should be advertised about the forthcoming PC meetings such as in the Valley News to promote more interest although currently a report is provided about each meeting held already.

52/14. Approval of Minutes- The Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd April 2014 had been previously circulated and were now approved and duly signed.

53/14. Matters Arising- Community Speed Watch Team update by DB advised that to date 118 vehicles had been reported to the local SNT for exceeding the speed limit including a few specific cases which the local police have made contact with the owners directly. DB reminded the meeting that if any resident sees any notable motoring offence to inform the PC or CSW Team and it will be passed to the local police. Another A frame has been obtained which it is hoped to make a new 'No Excuses' and 'Numbers Caught' sign to replace the previous stolen one.

CF asked if the team could get permission to operate from her driveway down Blandford Hill direction. DB will follow this up with the local SNT. Another suggestion was made that more CSW operations are needed and that a rota be set up for future times planned. DB and AT to deal with this.

The current original 'No Excuses Sign which was previously suggested to be used in the side lanes but this proved difficult due to its size was now suggested to be used in the centre of the village by the bus shelter as an additional reminder.
It was also suggested that the PC try again to get County to improve the signs that motorists are entering a 30mph zone.
54/14. Lady Bailey Bus Shelter Although it had recently been agreed to re-clad the shelter it was now suggested that it would be more viable in the long term to replace it. Recent quotes for around £2000 have been obtained so CF proposed this – seconded by CW Carried..
55/14.The clerk advised that although the new notice board had been ordered it was now not likely to be ready for some time so it was agreed to consider an alternative supplier after checking with current one as to confirmation of situation.
56/14.War Memorial-AT advised that she will need a small working party to clean up the memorial again for the Anniversary of the start of the 1st World War in August. The clean up hoped to be done next month. AT also advised that a small box planted with Flanders Poppies will be placed at the base of the Memorial.

57/14. Planning –Applications/Decisions:
2/2014/0330/PLNG La Lee Farm DT11 0AW-Erect replacement agricultural storage building (demolish existing dutch barn) **WWPC has no Objections**

58/14. Correspondence
Request from Macmillan Cancer Support to display a flyer about the Dorset Bike Ride that will pass through the area on Sunday 6th July.
Letter from Dorset Wildlife Trust inviting representative of the PC to attend a workshop at the Dorford Centre, Dorchester on May 17th-passed to CW also letter from Dorset CC regarding the same workshop
Application from for grant from Spectrum –appears that PC are not able to apply due to restrictions
59/14. REPORTS

a) Playground – AT confirmed that the Play Park was reopened before Easter thanks to all those who assisted in laying the new wood chip. AT said that it is hoped to shortly carry out further restoration of the timber equipment and

benches and that another 2 bags of wood chip are also needed to top up further the now settled areas. A request of £250 for these items proposed CW – seconded EP Carried

The Clerk was also able to confirm that he had received a copy of the new lease from the Dunbury Academy solicitors to replace existing one in October –This would assure that the costs made on the Play Park are justified.

b) Footpaths – CW—Only issue was a faulty stile at Field Barn Farm which has been reported & awaiting repair.

c) Fields Close-CW –only issue was with the grass cutting—CF confirmed that the contract does not include removal under the 3 year fixed price agreement.

The grass is currently looking a lot better.

60/14. FINANCE

After discussion on annual Insurance Renewal regarding query over Inspection Company Play Park stock valuation compared with Insurance cover and Clerk advised that he was waiting for further confirmation although Insurance company happy with cover they provide it was agreed to proceed with issuing cheque for renewal.

Current Account at 30th April 2014	£8995.01

Less Cheques not yet presented £180.67

Cheques for authorisation

R.Turley Clerks Expenses Postage Stamps ink/paper	£ 33.44
Broker Network Ltd-Insurance renewal	£ 530.44
HMRC PAYE payment on Clerks Salary 2othApril 2014	£ 47.60
WW Village Hall –Hire Sept13-Mar14	£ 45.00

Cheque issued since last meeting R.Turley £474.30 for play park wood chippings(reimbursement)

Clerk's Salary SO 20th April 2014 - £238.81…
Income
£37.40 refund of overpaid Clerk salary20/04/14
due to PAYE change
New SO signed for £201.41 for May 20th 2014 onwards Clerks Salary

61/14. Audit 2013-14- Sections 1 and 2 of Annual Audit Return approved

62/14.Other information for report only

The state of the grass at bottom of Dorchester Hill by bus shelter has been damaged by vehicles when working there –Highways informed

A further Wind Turbine Exhibition is being held this week end 9th& 10th May in the Village Hall

63/14. Public Participation-None

64/14. Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 11th June 2014
Meeting Closed at 9:34 pm