

WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 7th November 2012 in the Village Hall, WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH

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

IN ATTENDANCE Mr R Turley (Clerk), Mrs Jane Somper (District Councillor) and 9 members of the general public including Guest Speaker Mr David Trickett (Chairman of Rural Dorset Branch FSB).

123/12. Apologies for absence- Emma Parker

124/12. Declarations of Interest- None

CF has advised that under new legislation that all Councillors need to sign a form for dispensation to participate in a meeting to discuss and vote on the Precept and return this to the Clerk before that meeting.

125/12. Approval of Minutes- The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th October 2012 had been previously circulated and were now approved and duly signed

126/12. Guest Speaker-David Trickett, Chairman of the Rural Dorset Branch of the Federation of Small Businesses spoke on the idea of setting up a Community Shop. He said that other villages in Dorset have already a Village Shop Project run by the Community Volunteers. These provide local produce and crafts plus mainstream items. First there has to be support from the village residents as without this the idea won't succeed.

There is Government help to set up a project available via County Hall in grants. A suitable site would need to be obtained and a local landowner Eric Amey has offered land opposite Lady Bailey on Dorchester Hill for this at no expense to the project. Subject to planning a shop would need to be built. AT asked about parking and road crossing as no pavement on that side of the road. Mr Amey had already discussed this with Highways. Additional land behind his would also need to be purchased from a local farm to provide suitable parking and delivery areas.

The Project would depend on

1. Residents Support of the idea
2. Government Grants
3. Planning Permission
4. Additional land
5. Suitable parking area
6. Pedestrian Crossing
7. Volunteers to run it

It was agreed to survey the Village Residents on the idea.

The PC thanked Mr David Trickett for his time in providing the information for the village to consider the Project.

127/12. Public Participation –.

JS said that the village of Motcombe did have a community shop and appeared to be successful although did have difficulty in obtaining sufficient volunteers to run it.

A question was asked about timescale for the shop project which was answered by David Trickett –that this could be possible in about a year.

JS also said that due to the current economic growth the NDDC should support such a scheme.

128/12. Matters Arising—

The result of the survey in Fields Close, regarding the positioning of the new bench has been received and the spot agreed.

It was also agreed that DB would ask Ian Cuff to provide a quote to fix it in position.

The Speeding Traffic

The responses provided by Hilary Cox CC were discussed and it was agreed to further pursue the following points:

1. Neighbourhood Speed Watch Scheme involving hand held radar guns to be operated by resident volunteers with training from the Police.
2. Two signs each end of the village-the first detailing the number of previous months recorded speeding offences and the second recording the total year to date. These would be updated each month.

3. 40 mph speed buffer as the traffic currently does not slow down at the 30mph speed sign and only if at all slows in centre of village by the vehicle activated signs.

RF suggested forming a Community Speed Watch Scheme and asked JS for any help on how to set in motion. JS suggested that we should form a group with proposals to County Council for assistance set in motion.

DB suggested that maybe 2 WW Parish Councillors make appointment to see Dorset Road Safe with a District Councillor and a County Councillor. RF would prefer we insist on DRS attending our meetings but this was felt not likely as in past DRS did not attend as invited. David Trickett advised that FSB may be able to help also via Police Community Affairs Plan.

It was agreed that RF would contact all parties for what action needed best to further plan for the village.

Also agreed that aim was to gather appropriate people to a meeting

Set up Community Road Safety Scheme in village

RF to set out and design the questionnaire asking for input from the village residents.

A further questionnaire will also be prepared on the Community Shop idea at the same time.

It was also suggested to put details on Village Facebook page.

129/12. Planning

There were no applications or decisions.

130/12. Correspondence

A letter from Blandford Forum Town Council requesting a contribution towards the cost for providing public toilets in Blandford-this was declined

A letter requesting a contribution towards the running of Bus2Go service-this was also declined

Invite from Dorset Waste Partnership to a briefing on the new recycle for Dorset on Tuesday 20th November at 3pm

131/12. REPORTS

- a) Playground – RF advised that the annual inspection had now been carried out and report received which had only highlighted some small maintenance items which were needed to be dealt with within the next 12 months.
- b) Footpaths – CW advised that—a member of the public reported that the footpath near the old chicken farm was fairly overgrown.

132/12. FINANCE

Current Account at 29 October 2012	£9684.95
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Cheque No.413 outstanding - £70

- Cheques for authorisation

DAPTC Training Budgets & Precepts £20 New Clerks £20	£40.00	415
Clerk's Expenses - printer Ink	£25.60	416
Clerk's Salary Sept & Oct cheque No -	£355.72	417
PAYE payment to HMRC Sept & Oct Cheque No	£76.80	418

Receipts in Sept/Oct

£8.39 refund from TT Communications
£3281.25 -Precepts 2nd instalment

Request for maintenance cost for the flower boxes to be dealt with at next meeting

133/12. Other information for report only-

PR asked if anyone would kindly take over writing the monthly report to the Village News both RF and AT offered to do so.

CF advised that she has the litter pickers and will arrange a litter picking with volunteers shortly

134/12. Public Participation

A member of the public had recently asked Highways to again clear the overgrown vegetation on the pavement on Dorchester Hill but the reply was –not at present.

A member of the public suggested that the village questionnaire on Speeding and Community shop should be provided with an envelope and when completed collected by hand- this was agreed a good idea.

Meeting Closed at 9:20pm

135/12. Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 5th December 2012 at 7.30pm.