

## **WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2013 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 4 members of the general public.

**01/13. Apologies for absence-** Emma Parker

**02/13. Declarations of Interest- Not Applicable**

**03/13. Public Participation** –Piers Chichester apologised for the mess outside the Reading Rooms caused by the current tenant clearing out the premises and closing down the business there. Piers was asked if there was a new business taking over the premises but as yet he had not advertised it. It was suggested that it would make a good local shop to which Piers agreed that if anyone was interested in leasing it to contact him to discuss.

**04/13. Approval of Minutes-** The Minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2012 had been previously circulated and were now approved and duly signed.

**05/13. Matters Arising- Speeding Traffic Questionnaire** –it was agreed for Richard Fry to arrange to put out the final version of this to the Village residents to be able to move forward an application to the County Council for reinstatement of the 40 mph buffer zone. Richard Fry had said that the County Engineer Andrew Brown had agreed that WW is a prime location for such a buffer but there had been no formal request from Hilary Cox to his department on behalf of the Parish Council for this although we had asked for this previously. It appears that, there are a number of applications already waiting to be considered but only provision for one such scheme to be included in the current plans.

It was also agreed to push for WW to be included in the Community Speedwatch Scheme and there was support from Peter Finney, Dorset Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation.

Jane Somper agreed that the questionnaire was the right way to proceed with this aim.

It was agreed to find the most economical way to produce the questionnaire.

**New Recycling for Dorset collection Scheme-** Emma Parker had obtained a set of the new bins which were on display at the meeting. These will be held by the Parish Clerk and will be displayed in the village, starting at Lady Bailey Residential Park for the residents to see.

Jane Somper had advised that there had been some problems in Shaftesbury with the new collection vehicles in the narrow streets there. There appears to be issues with the debris falling from the vehicles after collections. Questions were also asked about the possibility of the empty bins being left on Blandford Hill and Dorchester Hill and ending up in the road in strong winds. These had as yet not been answered by the Dorset Waste Partnership.

It was suggested by Paul Ritchie that maybe 30 mph stickers could be put on the bins to remind traffic of the speed limit in the village. Further consideration may be needed on this.

Other matters arising: It was confirmed by RF that the plaque for the new bench in Fields Close will be ready next week and the bench should be fitted shortly. The bench at the bottom of Fields Close with Whatcombe Lane is still waiting repair and CF will chase this up

### **06/13. Planning -Applications**

2/2012/1572/PLNG 3 Blandford Hill DT11 0AE- No Objections

#### **NDDC Decisions:**

2/2012/14512 -Rook Lane DT11 0AH-Planning Granted 07/01/13

2/2012/1487-1488-Milton House DT11 0AN- Granted 09/01/13

2/2012/1469-Lady Bailey Residential Park DT110HS- Refusal 09/01/13

2212/CA/SLS/12-Section 211-Tree Works within Conversation Area

Fields Close DT11 0AQ ---- NDDC No Objections- Granted 11/12/12

### **07/13. No Excuses Campaign 23/01/2013 outcomes etc.**

All felt the event held in the Village Hall with the information provided by Dorset Roadsafes and their partners was very interesting and the chance to meet the

Guests from Dorset Police and County Council provided some useful information and contacts.

The schoolchildren from Dunbury School also seemed to enjoy themselves and hopefully learnt something as well.

The Campaign results had been circulated which were low but this was mainly due to the poor weather it was felt.

Offences detected along the A354 on the day

5 x Speed = fastest 85 in a 70 (Tolpuddle By-Pass) but that was in snow & poor visibility  
his excuse – he got up late & was late for work.

2 x Mobile Phones

6 x Not Wearing Seatbelts

With the help of ANPR:

2 vehicles seized for no MOT

2 vehicles seized for no Insurance

1 vehicle seized for not have a valid driving licence

3 warnings given for lights not working or not visible (not cleaned off).

The worst of the day must be:

The ticket to the lady driving children in a car looking out of a hole she had cleared in the snow on her windscreen and having her wing mirrors turned in – she stated she was only driving a short distance.

The Parish Council will need to decide on how to display 'Numbers Caught' Statistics on the new Signs the second of which is on order and should arrive shortly so can be displayed at each end of the village..

### **08/13 Fields Close:**

Damage to the grass in various areas has been noticed and this will be looked into how it can be repaired once the weather improves. It was also suggested that a letter to the residents of Fields Close requesting that vehicles not be driven onto the grass.

It was also suggested that the PC look into the way of preserving the trees owned by them and if a Preservation Order is the answer. CW to deal with this.

It was suggested that flowers could be planted around the trees in the close on the green and that there may be grants available from the Village News for this. CW to look into this

### **09/13 Correspondence**

WWPCC have requested a donation from the PC towards the upkeep of the church yard including mowing. It was agreed to donate £500 as in previous year for this purpose only..

Richard Fry also mentioned that the PCC had just purchased the grit for the pathways but without any membrane to go underneath and suggested that it would only cost about £60 to do this to prolong the life of the pathways. It was also agreed to provide an additional amount up to £60 for the purchase of the membrane on production of the receipt.-- Proposed by Caroline Ward-Seconded by Christine Flemming

An email was received from Victim Support requesting details on how to apply for a grant from the Parish Council. The Council decided that they would not consider any grant at this time and instructed the clerk to respond on this basis.

An Invite from Dorset AONB to the PC to a meeting in March. Both Caroline Ward and Aideene Turley showed interest in this.

### 10/13. REPORTS

- a) Playground – RF has confirmed that the chippings will be redone once the ground dries out as at present the entrance is flooded.
- b) Footpaths – CW –No issues at present.

### 11/13. FINANCE

Current Account at	£8000.09
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#### Cheques for authorisation

HMRC PAYE payment on Clerks Salary Dec 2012 & Jan 2013	£76.80	No427
Winterborne Whitechurch PCC	£500.00	No 428

Clerk's Salary Standing Order 20 Dec 2012 - £177.86  
20Jan 2013 £177.86

Payment of cheque since last meeting –  
A.C.Turley- Flower Boxes maintenance- £59.96 cheque no. 424

It was confirmed to maintain the Precept as previously agreed as the new changes will not alter this year apart from the Precept amount will be in part a grant from NDDC.

### 12/13.Other information for report only

CF reported that a cover is off a manhole on path along Whatcombe Lane, Piers Chichester agreed to check this.

AT suggested that following on from the Queens Jubilee last year as it was the Anniversary of the Coronation this year, the Village could have another celebration RF agreed this was a good idea and that the Village Hall Committee had also mentioned this and maybe the PC join with them to arrange this. PR also suggested that we also ask the Church if they wish to be involved as well. CF pointed out that there was plenty of bunting in the village.

### **13/13. Public Participation**

Elena Fry mentioned that there was a lot of saplings growing in the Winterborne near the junction of Rook Lane and could be blocking the gulley there. After a discussion it was agreed for CW to first check with Landowner Norman Tory as may be his property and then if needed contact the Environmental Agency to see what can be done.

**Jane Somper** provided a District Report advising that the NDDC cabinet had just voted on an increase to the Council Tax rate by £5 taking Band D from £104.78 to £109.78.

Jane also advised that the NDDC had voted to cut the Concession for FreeTravel before 9:30 am. They have instead put £5000 into a Community pot for those having to travel before that time for certain reasons such as medical appointments. More information will be provided later.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

**14/13. Date of Next Meeting** – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2013