

WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 1 February 2012 in the Village Hall, WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH

PRESENT Mr Cyril Couldwell (Chair)
Mr Paul Ritchie (Vice-Chair)
Mrs Christine Flemming
Mr Bob Spray
Ms Caroline Ward
Mrs Emma Parker

IN ATTENDANCE Mrs P. Parker (Clerk), Mrs Jane Somper (District Councillor) and 6 members of the general public.

1/12. Apologies for absence- None

2/12. Declarations of Interest- CC- Lady Bailey Park & The Village Hall Committee

3/12. Co-Option to Parish Council

Having received approval from NDDC, the PC wished to co-opt Emma Parker on to the Council. PR proposed that this be duly carried out. This was seconded by CF and all were in favour. EP took her place at the table and was welcomed as a Councillor.

4/12. Public Participation –.

Mr Cashmore (Fosters Meadows) listed his reasons for objecting to any future development on the field above Fosters Meadows. CF pointed out that a Neighbourhood Plan could not be used to simply oppose development. She also referred to similar objections when the present houses were planned. EP emphasised that there was no application to build at the moment and, indeed, there may never be. She said that objections could not be made to something which did not exist. Mr Cashmore was puzzled as to why the settlement boundary had changed to include the field; EP would find out.

Mr Roberts (Old Oak Way) asked if the oak tree (junction of Whatcombe Lane and Old Oak Way) had been dealt with following the request at the previous meeting that it should be trimmed. The Clerk confirmed that DCC had contacted the owner who had already arranged for it to be pruned.

5/12. Approval of Minutes- The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2011 had been previously circulated and were now approved and duly signed.

6/12. Matters Arising

Cats' Eyes on Blandford Hill- CF confirmed that these had been repaired.

Pavement on Farm Mead side of Rook Lane – this had been repaired.

Proposed on-line Planning responses – The Clerk had received a note from NDDC to say that their reply would be made in the New Year. Nothing had been received so far.

Dog Fouling Signs- these had been placed in 4 locations around the village. The Clerk would print more for PR and CC to put up.

Reimbursement – HideAways Ltd had paid £40 to the PC for the extra Playground inspection which had been necessary during their repairs of equipment.

Keeping the Winterborne clear – A resident had cleared much of the stream bed near the junction with Whatcombe Lane and A354. The Clerk would contact East Farm to ask if they could attend to their stretch.

Grit Bin – The Clerk confirmed that a bin had been installed in Fosters Meadows and that Mr Freeman had paid £55 to the PC as a sponsor.

Bus Timetables – CW apologised that she had not yet contacted the bus company; she intended to do it soon.

7/12. PLANNING

Applications

2/1011/1475 - 3 East Farm Cottages –Erect two storey extension

The PC had no objection.

2/2012/0004-Sunnyside Farm Stud- Demolish existing dwelling and garage. Erect one replacement dwelling.

The PC had no objection.

2/2011/1477 – Walston Poultry Farm - Install solar PV modules on agricultural buildings (retrospective)

The PC had no objection.

2/2011/1414- 3 Blandford Hill – Demolish existing porch and erect replacement .

Remove roof tiles and make good and install one rooflight. Carry out internal and associated external alterations.

Councillors had not objected to the above application when it was circulated between meetings.

The Clerk had contacted DAPTC for advice on how to deal with uncontentious applications which arrived between meetings. In the case of those which were at

times when it was difficult to call a Planning meeting, the advice was to insert a clause into the PC's Standing Orders stating that the PC may deal with it by circulating it amongst themselves. However this must be recorded retrospectively in the minutes.

Standing Orders would be reviewed at the next meeting and this matter incorporated.

Decisions:

2/2011/1226 – Sunstar, Blandford Hill –Erect one replacement dwelling by incorporating some of the building (demolish existing single storey garage, utility, sunroom and porch) – GRANTED

2/2011/1301 – East Farm – Change of Use from agricultural building to light industrial storage – GRANTED (Permission limited to 1 January 2015)

2/2011/1414 - 3 Blandford Hill - GRANTED

Works to trees: Land at Fields Close- Reduce over extended lower limbs on Horse Chestnut.

8/12. Correspondence

Dorset Partnership for Older People Programme- Invitation to event on 9 March at Morden VillageHall.

N.Dorset Draft Housing Strategy 2012-15 –Invitation to comment on priorities. The Clerk would circulate this to all Councillors.

Parking Signs- In response to a complaint by a resident, the Clerk had spoken to NDDC regarding two parking signs on the wall next to Church Cottage in Chescombe Lane. An officer would make a site visit and report back.

Applications to join the PC- Mr Starkey (The Red House, Whatcombe Lane) and Mr Fry (Forge Cottage, Dorchester Hill) had written to express an interest in becoming Councillors. Mr Starkey had not yet lived in the parish for the requisite 12 months but Mr Fry, who had attended meetings for the past few months, would be co-opted in March.

Dorset Waste Partnership- New style services were planned to start in East Dorset and 'roll out' across the county, completing in 2014/15.

NDDC- Review of hospital services for elderly and vulnerable people. This was passed to CC and would be circulated to all Councillors.

DCC- Superfast Broadband- Tier 1 and 2 Local Authorities had agreed in principle to find the necessary match funding for Dorset's bid. Consequently, PCs would not need to include funding in their Precepts.

Ms C. Felton, 3 Fosters Meadows – A suggestion that the village acquire the field above Fosters Meadows and turn it into a nature reserve. The Clerk was requested to reply to Ms Felton to suggest that she find out if the owner was willing to sell the land and at what price. Mr Chichester made clear that, as he did not own the area, he did not think the suggested name of 'WW Chichester Nature Reserve' appropriate.

Mrs Aideene Turley, Lady Bailey Park – Cuttings from a hedge on Dorchester Hill were littering the pavement. The Clerk would report. Mrs Turley had also enquired about the possibility of PC activities to mark the Queens' Jubilee and the passing through of the Olympic torch. This would be discussed later in the meeting.

9/12. REPORTS

- a) Playground – CC had checked the Playground and found that the chippings were frozen together. When the weather improved, they would be replenished.
- b) Footpaths -A new stile had been put in on the footpath near La Lee Farm.

10/12. Neighbourhood Plan

CW thanked Jane Somper and members of the PC for their help in delivering fliers around the parish. She said that the fliers had been a way of gauging interest and support for the idea of putting together a Neighbourhood Plan. There had been 13 replies in total.

CF and the Clerk had attended the NDDC drop-in session where they had spoken to a senior Planning Officer.

Councillors agreed, after discussion, that the Clerk should reply to NDDC and make the following points:

- There seemed to be a lack of clarity regarding whether or not Whitechurch was a sustainable village. If not, it may be that we did not need a Plan.

- The Local Plan was due for review, and would not be published until the summer. Therefore, it was not possible to assess whether the policy pertaining to villages like Whitechurch was sufficient to do without a Plan.
- The wording of the 3 options had been changed, not entirely with clarity.
- In view of the above, the PC did not feel able to commit itself to the formulation of a Neighbourhood Plan at present, despite having canvassed parish opinion.

11/12.Land at Fields Close

BS proposed that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman should be signatories. This was seconded by CF and agreed by all. CC and PR duly signed the document transferring the land shown in pink on the plan to PC ownership.

Three quotes had been received for grass cutting. The Clerk was requested to ask Mr Lovell of CJ Gardening Services if he was able to take away grass cuttings and to obtain a contract from him showing his terms.

The one-off maintenance grant from NDDC, £2,275, had been received and banked.

12/12. FINANCE

Current Account	£6,326.05
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- The following cheques were authorised and signed:

Clerk's Salary (February 2012)	£254.58
Clerk's Expenses	£3.60
Imagenta Moulding PLC (Grit bin at Fosters Meadows)	£153.60 (inc £25.60 VAT)
The Cartridge Family - Ink & Paper	£56.99 (inc £9.50 VAT)
North Dorset Citizens' Advice Bureau – Donation agreed on 7 December 2011	£50

The Clerk's salary for January 2012 had been paid by standing order- £246.18

Clerk's Salary Standing Order form from March 2012 – CC and PR signed the bank form.

13/12. Other information for report only

Summer events - PR reported that he and JS had attended a meeting about activities to mark the Olympic torch passing through Dorset on 12 July. Only 5 villages in North Dorset were lucky enough to be on the route.

On Friday 10 February at 6.30pm, before the social evening in the Village Hall, PR would host a meeting of people interested in the Olympic torch events as well as a celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

It would take 8 minutes for the torch to pass through, with a different runner every 300 yards.

It was possible that some funding may be forthcoming to help prepare for the event.

Litter Collection – PR planned to organise another before the spring growth could hide the problem.

Reports to Dorset Direct – The Clerk would notify the poor state of Whatcombe Lane, including a broken grid, and a broken drain and hole near St Mary's Close.

Change of date – The Clerk made clear that the meeting planned for 6 June would not take place. Instead, it would be held on 30 May in the small room at the Village Hall.

14/12. Public Participation – None.

15/12. Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday 7 March 2012 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.