

## WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 1st April 2015 in the Village Hall, WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH

### PRESENT

Mrs Christine Flemming (Chairman)  
Ms Caroline Ward  
Mrs Emma Parker  
Mrs Aideene Turley  
Mrs Pam Thornton

**IN ATTENDANCE** Mr R Turley (Clerk), District Cllr Jane Somper and 5 members of the general public.

**34/15. Apologies for absence-** None

**35/15. County & District Reports-** Jane Somper advised that there was not anything new as the District Council is currently in preparation for the forthcoming Elections on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**36/15. Public Participation –** A resident asked if the dates of School Holidays could be placed in the bus shelter so it was possible to determine the correct times certain buses were running as these differed between school term or school holidays.

**37/15. Approval of Minutes-** The Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015 had been previously circulated and were now approved and duly signed.

**38/15. Matters Arising- Lady Bailey water pipe –**The supply pipe has been replaced by the water company across the A354 up to just inside the entrance of Lady Bailey. No further changes are known to have been carried out inside Lady Bailey.

Registering an Asset of Community Value- CW advised that there has not been any further information received regarding this. The Milton Arms has now reopened again with a new tenant so hope this will continue.

The crown lift of the copper beech in the Play Park has now been carried out.

**39/15. New Financial Regulations-** A copy of the regulations is to be circulated to the councillors for further discussion at the next meeting. It was agreed to update signatories on the bank account due to CW standing down on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**40/15.** Local Elections May 7<sup>th</sup> 2015. All Nominations received by the Clerk to be passed to North Dorset District Council before 9<sup>th</sup> April.

### **41/15. Planning –Applications/Decisions:**

REFUSAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION Dated 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015

**Application No:** 2/2014/0768/PAEIA **Date Registered:** 11 July 2014

**Location of Development:** Land at E 385111 N 100255, A354 - Blandford Hill  
Winterborne Whitechurch To Thornicombe Hill, Winterborne Whitechurch

**Description of Development:** Install 4 No. wind turbines (with a maximum height from existing ground level to blade tip of 125 metres). Construct permanent ancillary development comprising site access tracks, permanent crane hardstanding areas and external switchgear buildings

for each turbine, 1 No. substation, and underground onsite electrical cabling. Form temporary construction compound and laydown area, and temporary secondary crane hardstanding areas for each turbine.

**Refused Plans:** Planning Statement-Design and Access Statement-Statement of Community Involvement-Non-Technical Summary-Volume 1: Environmental Statement-Volume 2a: Environmental Statement Figures-Volume 2b: Environmental Statement Figures – Visualisations-Volume 3: Environmental Statement Appendices-Volume 3: Confidential Appendix

**Town and Country Planning Act 1990**

**Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England)**

**2010**

REFUSAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION

**Application No:** 2/2015/0102/FUL **Date Registered:** 4 February 2015

**Location of Development:** Chescombe Court, Fields Close, Winterborne Whitechurch, Dorset, DT11 0AJ

**Description of Development:** Install 68 No. solar panels on roof.

**Refused Plans:** 14111-03-01, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015

In pursuance of their power under the above mentioned Act, North Dorset District Council, **HEREBY REFUSE PLANNING PERMISSION** for the development described above in accordance with the details given in the application numbered above.

1. The introduction of a block of solar panels on the south roof slope facing the historic village centre would be unduly prominent in views within the village and wider landscape and would be harmful to the Area of Outstanding Natural beauty landscape and the setting of the adjoining Conservation Area contrary to North Dorset District Wide Local Plan (First Revision) policies 1.8, 1.32 and 3.12 and the National Planning Policy Framework paragraph 115.

In accordance with paragraphs 186 and 187 of the NPPF the Council, as Local Planning Authority, takes a positive and proactive approach to development proposals focused on solutions.

The Council works with applicants/agents in a positive and proactive manner by:

Offering a pre-application advice service, and as appropriate updating applications/agents of any issues that may arise in the processing of their application and where possible suggesting solutions.

The applicant/agent did not take the opportunity to enter into pre-application discussions. The applicant was advised that the proposal did not accord with the development plan and that there were no material planning considerations to outweigh these problems.

## **42/15. Correspondence**

An email has been received complaining about the new A Frames at the junction of Chescombe Lane and A354 outside the Milton Arms which block the view for drivers emerging onto A354.

Since email received these have reduced in number and it was agreed to monitor the situation.

A letter has been received from Mr & Mrs Curtis complaining about various issues regarding the property opposite (letter attached).

The letter was read out and discussed at the meeting but the Parish Council were unable to agree with the issues raised. A letter was to be sent to Mr & Mrs Curtis with the understanding of the facts as understood by the Parish Council.

Councillor Christine Flemming had received a call from Mrs M Tory after the recent refusal by NDDC of the application for Wind Turbines on East Farm, requesting that the Parish Council have the Anti Wind Turbines Placards removed from the village.

It was pointed out that as these were on private properties the PC could not insist on this being done. The Clerk also had received a call from one of the Pro-Wind Turbines supporters requesting the same.

#### 43/15. REPORTS

- a) Playground – AT confirmed tree looks good and now waiting on quote for fixing new litter bin. Hoping to get a working party to complete further tidy up.
- b) Footpaths – CW—Nothing to report
- c) Fields Close-still waiting on Spectrum to repair damage to grass Clerk to chase again.
- d) Community SpeedWatch- AT advised that an email received from another Team in Beaminster asking for support in getting DC to provide permanent signs for ‘SpeedWatch Area’ as in Wiltshire etc. WWPC agreed to support this.

#### 44/15. FINANCE

Current Account at 31st March 2015	£4000.49
Cheques not yet cleared	£ 50.00
• Cheques for authorisation	
HMRC PAYE payment on Clerks Salary March 2015	£ 49.80
Clerks Salary Adjust due to recent increase	£ 8.57
C Lovell -Tree Works	£ 90.00
Mark Gracey—WWPC Web Site	£480.00

Clerk's Salary SO 20 March 2015 - £201.41

#### 45/15. Other information for report only

CF advised that the flashing slow signs at junction down to W Kingston are still not working –The clerk confirmed that Highways are aware but will chase again.

AT reported on a meeting about the ‘Great Stare’ at Milton Abbas which is a project to restore some of the Capability Brown's gardens around the Abbey and School and surrounding area as well as repairs to the Abbey and provide a visitors centre. This is hoped to promote tourism locally .The meeting included a tour of the area on foot which AT found very interesting although somewhat energetic.

Christine Flemming thanked all the members of the Parish Council for their efforts over the last year and thanked Caroline Ward for her work as a councillor over the past years and that she would be missed as standing down after 7<sup>th</sup> May.

#### 46/15. Public Participation

#### 47/15. The Meeting Closed at 8:35pm

**48/15. Date of Next Meeting** following the AGM-Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7:30pm