WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th June 2019

in the Old School Room, WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH

**PRESENT**

Mrs Emma Parker (Chairman)

Mrs Aideene Turley (Vice Chairman)

Mr Steven Pringle

**IN ATTENDANCE** Mr R Turley (Clerk), and 3 members of the general public.

**49/19. Apologies for absence**- None

**50/19. Public Participation –**. A local resident asked if anything could be done about the accessibility to the dropped kerb leading to the footpath going to Dunbury Academy and the Village Hall at the top of Fields Close.This is due to the vehicles parked there preventing those with pushchairs getting past. It was agreed to contact Highways and Sovereign Housing to see what could be done.

**51/19. Approval of Minutes**- The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 2019 had been previously circulated and were now approved and duly signed.

**52/19.** Road Traffic Accident on Saturday 4th May on Blandford Hill-The special meeting hoped to be arranged before this meeting was unable to take place due to the problem with getting any assistance from Dorset Highways as at present they do not have their new department/sections/staff in place and were unable to assist until these have been completed. Also the police are unable to provide any information due to the ongoing investigations into the incident.

**53/19. Matters Arising-** Handy Man- The Clerk advised that unfortunately they are still unable to get anyone locally to provide a service. It was agreed that the clerk would look at firms who specialise in such work further away in Dorset do provide quotes for the job.

**54/19.** **New Monkey Bars**-The clerk advised that he had now received the outstanding quote but this is over £3300 which cannot be considered. The clerk has looked further at other suppliers and waiting on new quotes to consider further .

**55/19. Speed Activated Device (**SID) The clerk confirmed that the SID has been in Whatcombe Lane for the last 4 weeks, and has now been returned to Dorchester Hill. Highways were due to re-attend to check on the overall operation but they have now advised that they are not but are checking on an alternative village SID instead. The PC were disappointed about this.

**56/19. The request for a safety mirror** in Chescombe Lane opposite Jubilee Walk which was agreed last meeting to be purchased by the PC has been delayed due to the problem with changing bank account signatories after the recent elections and the loss those previous who had decided to stand down.

**57/19. Planning –Applications/Decisions:** None

**58/19. Correspondence –** None

**59/19. Reports**

1. **Playground – AT** Already covered earlier
2. **Footpaths –** SP advised that he has cut the grass by the bridge at East Farm as it had become overgrown onto the footpath. No response has as yet been received from Highways about the issue on the footpath towards Lower Whatcombe likely due to the reorganisation of the departments in the new Dorset Council.
3. **Fields Close- AT-** The grass has been cut and the recently replanted flower boxes are looking good.

**d)SpeedWatch-**AT again requested more volunteers although 2 new members had come forward last month but as yet not joined in with the team.

**60/19. FINANCE**

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| Current Account No 1 at 5th June 2019  Less uncleared payment £14 | £ 7564.25 |
| HMRC PAYE payment on Clerks Salary June 2019 | | £ 33.80 |
| St Marys PCC Hall Hire June 2019 Awaiting Invoice | | £ |

Clerk’s Salary Allowance SO June 2019 - £394.24

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| No 2. Account at 5th June 2019 | £ 1587.90 |
| Payments for authorisation—Nil |  |

**61/19.** The arrangement for the Annual External Audit to claim Exemption from sending the completed Audit forms in which was agreed on 10 April 2019 although still have to complete and publish them on the local notice boards and web site before 1st July 2019.

The accounts have been checked by the internal auditor and the compliance papers were presented to the PC for acceptance. The Annual Government Statement was agreed & signed & then the Accounting Statement was agreed and signed. Proposed by EP to sign seconded by SP. All in Favour

**62/19. Other information for report only-** The clerk advised that he had received an email regarding problems with the pavement in St Mary’s Close from overgrown foliage making it difficult to walk along a section of footpath. The clerk advised that he had logged to issue on Dorset Council website and awaiting feedback in due course

**63/19. The meeting closed at 8:11 pm**

**64/19. Date of Next Meeting** –**on Wednesday 24th July 2019 at 7pm**

It was also agreed to change October’s meeting to 30th October and November’s meeting to 27th November. Due to Holidays