WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 1st June 2016 in the

Parish Room, WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH

**PRESENT**

Mrs Christine Flemming (Chairman)

Mrs Emma Parker (Vice Chair)

Mrs Aideene Turley

Mrs Pam Thornton

Mrs Helen Hakimzadeh

**IN ATTENDANCE** Mr R Turley (Clerk), County Councillor Hilary Cox and 5 members of the general public.

**58/16. Apologies for absence**- Dist Cllr Jane Somper

**59/16. Co-option –** Steven Pringle was welcomed onto the Parish Council after being co-opted.

**60/16.** County Councillor Hilary Cox told the meeting about the latest plans for the public and school transport in Dorset which includes further reduction in subsidies in some of the routes and using school buses to assist in the public buses during the daytime. It is planned to maintain core routes such as Blandford to Dorchester. Hilary also spoke about the plans of various councils in Dorset considering merging.

**60a/16. Public Participation –**. A resident in Fields Close asked about a tree in the hedge by his house that was leaning and if it was owned by the Parish Council. The Clerk advised that it was not but either the responsibility of Spectrum or the house owner themselves.

**61/16. Approval of Minutes**- The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th May 2016 had been previously circulated and were now approved and duly signed.

**62/16. Matters Arising-** Fields Close Tree- It was confirmed that the crab apple tree in Fields Close has now been cut back away from the roadway.

Fields Close Flower Boxes - These have now been installed around the grass area and planted with flowers. PT suggested that maybe the boxes could be adopted by residents with a view to providing watering in dry periods.

Highways updates- Nothing further to report

Wall by tall tree in Jubilee Walk- EP has been in contact with NDDC and advised that the wall is not listed and there is nothing planning can enforce regarding the wall. The tree above it has had a preservation order on it since 1976 so nothing can be done to this without permission from NDDC. Their tree officers do carry out regular checks on the tree. However, if the wall is moving and becoming a concern for safety and believed to be caused by the tree the owner should obtain an engineer’s report to support this then the Tree Officer could provide suitable recommendations for the tree. Due to the concern about safety of the wall to the public it was agreed that the Parish Council should write to the owner and request they take steps to check the wall out.

Web Site-The Clerk confirmed that he now was able to get into the admin for the website and currently finding out how to update it.

**63/16**. Request for donation to WW Scouts – An update from their Chairman Jim Luke advised that the money raised previously by a quiz night last year was for a different flag to the one now in question. After a short discussion it was proposed by AT to donate £50 from the Parish Council seconded by EP, 4 in favour 1 abstained.

**64/16. Planning –Applications/Decisions:** 2/2016/0519/HOUSE - Whitechurch House Chescombe Lane, Dorset DT11 0AP- Erect a replacement glasshouse and an open-air swimming pool. Everyone had looked at application prior to meeting No-one has any objections .

**65/16. Correspondence** Email from Martin Loader regarding Highways not cutting bank outside Sunstar, Blandford Hill- The Parish Council has not received any response so far from Highways regarding this matter. It was agreed to chase Highways again.

Invite from North Dorset District Scout Council for a representative from WWPC to attend their AGM-Both EP and AT wish to attend.

Emails and telephone calls received by Clerk regarding complaints of the noise from Nomansland Festival held over the previous weekend at Charisworth Farm just outside of the Parish with noise until 3am in the morning. Clerk and EP are looking into the issue with NDDC.

**66/16 Reports**

**a) Playground –** AT reported that inspection is due by 10th June and then any recommended works may need to included with the repairs/maintenance already agreed. As further deterioration of timber areas has occurred it was also suggested possible removal of bark chippings and timber surround and return to grass but need to check regulations on this.

**b) Footpaths –** SP reported that footpaths generally ok apart from dog mess still in many places**.**

**c)Fields Close-**AT -Already covered

**d)SpeedWatch-**AT advised that the team had been out 4 times in May**.**

**67/16. FINANCE**

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| Current Account at 25th May 2016 | £6225.50 |

Less Cheques not yet cleared £114.00

* Cheques for authorisation

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| HMRC PAYE payment on Clerks Salary May 2016 | £ 33.80 |
| Clerks Salary Adjust due to increase | £103.04 |
| St Marys PCC Hall Hire May & June | £ 28.00 |
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Clerk’s Salary SO 20 May 2016 - £201. 41

**68/16.**

**Internal Auditors Report** received (read out by Clerk) with no major issues raised.

**Completion of Section 2 of Annual Audit Return**

Section 2 was completed by going through the questions and the council agreeing each answer and then signed by the Chairman.

**69/16.Other information for report only**

SP said that a resident of Lady Bailey had complaint to him about the overgrown hedge and grass verge by the 30 signs near their home. AT advised that the PC are not able to do anything about this as already made aware to the resident as it is the owner of Lady Bailey who is responsible.

**70/16. Public Participation**

Piers Chichester asked about the abandoned car in the layby above Lady Bailey. AT was able to confirm that the police have been aware and in contact with the owner but they have failed to remove it in the agreed time so the police have passed it onto the appropriate authority to arrange removal.

**71/16.** – The meeting closed at 8:54pm -- **Date of Next Meeting** Wednesday 6th July 2016 at 7:30pm in the Old School Room