WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

 Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 4th May 2016 in the

Old School 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), District Councillor Jane Somper and

6 members of the general public.

**42/16. Apologies for absence**- County Councillor Hilary Cox

**43/16. Public Participation –**. Piers Chichester wished to thank Chairman Christine Flemming for all her hard work, all present agreed.

**44/16. Approval of Minutes**- The Minutes of the meeting held on 30th March 2016 had been previously circulated and were now approved and duly signed.

**45/16. Matters Arising-** Highways-It was confirmed that the pot hole in Dolway Lane has been repaired but not the one in Rook Lane. The junction white lines are still waiting to be done.

The flower boxes purchased partly with a grant from the Hilary Cox’s Divisional Fund for Fields Close have now been built and are being installed over the coming weekend.

The tree in Fields Close has still not been cut and Clerk to chase Charles again.

The wall in Jubilee Walk- The Clerk has spoken to the owner who has said that he has not been able to resolve the issue with the tall redwood tree above it as unable to get any assistance from NDDC and the tree is causing the damage to the wall.

It was agreed for Emma Parker and Jane Somper to look into the issue further with NDDC.

**46/16. Review Financial Regulations & Risk Assessment-** Everyone having reviewed these beforehand, it was agreed that they were still current for the needs of the Parish Council.

**47/16. Report on Sidney Ware VC Commemorative Stone Dedication on 6th April 2016**

Since 2014 the Parish Council have been waiting for the VC stone for Sidney Ware to arrive. The government had informed us that every person awarded the Victoria Cross would be remembered with a Commemorative stone to be placed in the town or village where they were born. The wait was finally over when it arrived on the 1st of March. Once it was here, preparations were soon underway to find the best place for it. Until it arrived we did not know the actual size as no information was provided previously although promised. The paving stone is 2 feet square and as the Old School Room was where Sidney went to School it was decided that outside there was an ideal spot replacing one of the paving slabs.

As Sidney was a member of the Seaforth Highlanders the family requested a piper and were pleased that Ian Maxwell agreed to play for the service which was conducted by Rev’d Sue Litchfield. A welcome was given by Parish Council Chairman Christine Flemming to members of Sidney’s family, villagers and 3 members of the Royal Regiment of Scotland plus retired members of the Queen’s Own Highlanders and The Seaforth Highlanders Association. In all about 75 people attended.

The Citation was read by Sidney’s Nephew Rowland, Piers Chichester read ‘In Flanders Field’, Pam Thornton read ‘The Victory Emblem’ and Nathan House read ‘100 Years Late’.

The weather was good to us with the rain holding off until everybody had gone inside of the Old School Room for refreshments.

In total there were 627 VC’s awarded in the First World War comprising 361 in England,70 in Scotland, 16 in Wales, 36 in pre-partition Ireland and 145 born in countries overseas.

As Reverend Sue Litchfield said at the end of the service “Sidney, thank you from the bottom of our heart that all our grandchildren can live in peace because of the sacrifice you and your friends made”

Everyone agreed that it was very successful day.

 It was agreed that a report on the event will be put on the web site.

**48/16. Review Web Site** It was agreed that the clerk will contact the site operator to ask about taking over the updating of the site itself.

**49/16. Planning –Applications/Decisions: None**

**50/16. Correspondence**

A letter of thanks from Roland ware and an email of thanks from Esme Ware were received for the VC Dedication Service for Sidney Ware on 6th April.

A letter requesting a donation towards a Troop Flag was received from the Winterborne Whitechurch Cubs and Scouts Group**.** This will be considered at the next meeting, after Jim Luke, Chairman of the Group has found out the answer to a query raised by AT as thought the money raised by a quiz night organised by Jan Snook and herself, was for the same thing.

An email was received from Hilary Cox about the next Divisional Meeting on 28th June.

An invite to a DCA Event on 27th June.

**51/16.Reports**

1. **Playground –** AT advised that the play park repairs have been put on hold due to further deterioration to the timber and until the inspection has been done. A response is also awaited from Salisbury Diocese, regarding the continuing flooding of the area which includes the play park, as to what, if anything, can be done. Whose responsibility it is needs to decided..
2. **Footpaths –** SP— advised that there are no new current issues apart from the footpath near Kingston Cross which is overgrown- Piers Chichester said that due to bird nesting this cannot be done until later in the year.

**c)Fields Close-**AT already covered earlier.

**d)SpeedWatch-**AT advised that over the last year the Team has been out 55 times and spent 60 hours monitoring the traffic. During this time 895 vehicles were reported to the police for exceeding speeds of 36mph in the 30mph zone

AT thanked all the team but especially Len Smith who deputised for her running the team on a number of occasions when she was unable to attend.

EP then proposed a vote of thanks to AT for her hard work. All Agreed

**52/16. FINANCE**

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| Current Account at 27th April 2016 | £7676.05 |

Less Cheques not yet cleared £314

Cheques for authorisation

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| Goulds Garden Centre- Flowers | £ 257.70 575 |
| Clerks Salary Adjust due to increase | £ 103.04 576 |
| Clerks Expenses- Ink/paper/card  | £ 35.99 577 |
| Insurance Renewal | £ 568.61 578 |
| HMRC PAYE payment on Clerks Salary 2016 | £ 33.80 579  |
|  A Turley - VC Dedication Buffet | £ 50.00 580 |
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 Clerk’s Salary SO 20 April 2016 - £201. 41

 **Income** 04/04/2016- Precept 1st Instalment £3950.00

 **53 /16**.**Approval of Section 1 of Annual Audit Return**

 **(Annual Governance Statement)**

The Parish Council went through the questions on the statement and agreed answers to complete section 1 of the Annual Audit Return. The next step is for the new Internal Auditor to inspect the books to enable section 2 to be completed at the next meeting.

**54/16.Other information for report only**

A dead deer was reported along the A354 just outside the village- Highways to be informed.

 The signs about dog mess around the village were said to need replacing –It will be put on the next meeting’s agenda to discuss the possibility of new signs with the location of the dog bins added etc.

**55/16. Public Participation**

The PCC are having a Cup and Cake Cream Tea Event on the 8th June for the Queen’s 90th Birthday. Hoping for people to Dress Up

**56/16 Meeting Closed at 9:09 pm**

**57/16. Date of Next Meeting** – Wednesday 1st June 2016