WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

 Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 7th December 2016 in the

Old School Room, WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH

**PRESENT**

 Mrs Emma Parker (Vice Chair)

 Mrs Aideene Turley

 Mr Steven Pringle

 Mr Martin Dodd

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

**127/16. Apologies for absence**- Mrs Christine Flemming (Chairman) Mrs Pam Thornton

**128/16. Public Participation –**. None

**129/16. Approval of Minutes**- The Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd November 2016 had been previously circulated and were now approved and duly signed.

**130/16. Matters Arising-**

Milton End /Jubilee Walk wall-The clerk is still waiting for a reply from NDDC environment dept a further email has been to them chasing this.

Dog mess bins –awaiting DWP reply to email logging issue.

Horse riding signs – Mrs Flemming passed this to Highways at the Divisional Meeting but we are still waiting a response from them.

**131/16.** Play Park Committee Report provided by AT – Plans to raise funds are underway and they have already been pledged £250 from the Lady Bailey Residents Association .They also are planning a quiz this month and for the future a craft fair, fun dog show, donation dinner, bingo amongst other ideas. At present the plans include safety matting which the Parish Council will pay for but replacement of the centre tower with something smaller including a slide etc. They also hope to include a swing that can be used by disabled children.

**132/16.** SP asked if a straw poll could be done on the usage of the official footpaths in the parish as some are overgrown and do not seemed to be used or only rarely. He also asked who was responsible for the maintenance of them. EP confirmed that the County Council were responsible to keep the ground clear and the landowner the hedges etc. After a brief discussion it was felt best to leave alone so it was agreed not to hold a straw poll.

**133/16.** Request was received from St Mary’s PCC for donation to churchyard maintenance again this year. It was pointed out that this currently costs £1000 per year. The Parish Council have donated £500 per year for some time now but it was felt that they were not in a position to increase this but it was agreed to donate again £500. Proposed AT seconded SP All agreed.

**134/16. Planning –Applications: already Circulated**

2/2016/1673/TPTREE **Location:** 2 Milton End, Winterborne Whitechurch, Dorset, DT11 0AN

**Proposal:** T1 - Giant Sequoia (Wellingtonia) - Fell and replace with an Oak.

The Parish Council felt that they could not support the application to fell the tree as the report provided by the applicant confirmed that the tree was still growing and not in danger of being blown down by the winds. The only reason appeared to be that it was causing the wall by it to crack. As the wall is not listed there is no reason for it not to be rebuilt or replaced with a fence. THE WALL BEING THE PARISH COUNCIL’S CONCERN UNDER HEALTH AND SAFETY TO THE PUBLIC.

AT proposed that the planning application for the tree to be felled be refused seconded by MD All agreed.

It was suggested however that the tree should have some works carried out on some of the branches overhanging Jubilee Walk and the churchyard.

**Proposal:** 2/2016/1734/HOUSEERECT SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, FIRST FLOOR SIDE

EXTENSION & PORCH EXTENSION

**Location:** 4 Rook Lane, Winterborne Whitechurch, DT11 0AH- all members of the PC had no concerns about the plans - a vote proposed AT seconded MD all in favour confirmed that Winterborne Whitechurch Parish Council have no objection to this application.

**135/16.**Query -The Old Dairy Lower Street -Works in progress- EP is still waiting on a reply from NDDC Planning Dept regarding this as no planning application is shown on NDDC system, also the owner has now been identified and it was suggested that the clerk contact him to find out more about the work being done etc.

**136/16.Correspondence**

Letter from Blandford Town Council re Public Conveniences transferred to them by NDDC & a request for contribution to help maintain them.- after a short discussion it was decided that we did not have sufficient money to make a contribution at this time.

**137/16.Reports**

1. **Playground – AT** Already dealt with **b) Footpaths – SP—** nothing to report.

**c)Fields Close-AT** – No issue currently **d)SpeedWatch-AT-** reported that the Team has only been out a few times recently, mainly due to the weather and the number of regular volunteers has reduced to 6 with 2 others when able, so a few more are needed . The new speed meter is proving a success.

**138/16.FINANCE**

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| Current Account at 30th November 2016 | £6747.30 |

Less cheques not yet cleared £200.00

* Cheques for authorisation

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| HMRC PAYE payment on Clerks Salary 2016 | £ 37.00 608 |
| Clerks Salary Adjust due to increase | £ 115.24 609 |
| Expenses- Ink etc | £ 35.49 610  |
|  St Mary’s PCC Hall Hire | £ 14.00 611 |
| St Mary’s PCC Donation  | £ 500.00 612 |

 Clerk’s Salary SO 21st November 2016 - £201.41……..

**139/16.Other information for report only**

The clerk advised that the Chairman and he will be attending a roundtable meeting (together with other Parish Council) with the local MP Simon Hoare on 9th December.

**140/16. Public Participation-** None

**141/16. Date of Next Meeting** – Wednesday 18th January 2017