WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

*Draft* Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 7th September 2016 in the

Parish Room, WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH

**PRESENT**

 Mrs Christine Flemming (Chairman)

 Mrs Emma Parker (Vice Chair)

 Mrs Aideene Turley

 Mrs Pam Thornton

 Mr Steven Pringle

 Mr Martin Dodd

**IN ATTENDANCE** Mr R Turley (Clerk), CC Hilary Cox, DC Jane Somper and 3 members of the general public.

**88/16. Apologies for absence-** Cllr Helen Hakizadeh, who has also submitted her resignation.

**89/16. Public Participation –**

County Councillor Hilary Cox spoke about the plans for unitary councils in Dorset and that there is public consultation which ends on 25th October for everyone, individuals and councils to comment on the options available.

One proposal is to move to having 2 councils, a single Dorset Authority and one for Bournemouth/Poole and Christchurch and no District Councils as at present.

District Councillor Jane Somper said that there would be Road Shows about ‘Reshaping your Councils’ with one in Blandford Forum on Friday 14th October 9am-1pm.

**90/16. Approval of Minutes**- the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th July 2016 had been previously circulated and were now approved and duly signed.

**91/16. Matters Arising-** The organiser of a TeddyRock Festival at Charisworth Farm, planned for next year has confirm that the sound tests have been carried and were within allowed limits. A question was asked why the tests were not carried out in the evening as this would be the period when sound would travel further. It was agreed that this would be asked to the organiser and NDDC.

Damaged wall in Jubilee Walk as there has been no reply from the owner it was agreed to write again asking for any update. It was also agreed to contact the tree officer about the large tree next to the wall.

The PC website is still being updated.

**92/16.Play Park-**AT advised that Sovereign hadnow provided their quote to lay rubber matting only at £3236 plus vat with PC preparing ground first. The clerk had also obtained costs for purchasing the mats ourselves at a cost of around £1000 plus vat which we then need to lay ourselves. The extent of damage to the timber structure of the centre tower system would only be known when the wood bark flooring etc is removed and then a decision can be made on repair or replacement. It was agreed that this initial work would start on Thursday 6th October with help of volunteers including the local scouts group.

It was also agreed to form a Play Park committee to look at ways on funding the costs that will be involved etc. Proposed EP seconded PT –All were in favour.

**93/16.Flower Boxes at village entrances on A354-** It was suggested by AT that these be removed as it was becoming increasing dangerous to maintain them due to the volume of the traffic going through the village including those speeding. The idea to replace them with gates has been postponed for the time being.

**94/16.New Pension Regulations** These new regulations require the PC to nominate a pension scheme and provide it for its employee/s. The clerk being the only employee does not want to be in a pension but the law requires the PC to still have a scheme in place for the future. After considering the options stated by the Pensions Regulator it was agreed to use the government set up scheme NEST. Proposed EP seconded MD- All were in Favour. Clerk to complete forms for HMRC.

**95/16. Planning –Applications/Decisions:**2/2016/0519/HOUSE - Whitechurch House Chescombe Lane DT11 0AP -**Proposal:** Erect a replacement glasshouse and an open-air swimming pool.

**Location:** Whitechurch House, Chescombe Lane, Winterborne Whitechurch, Dorset, DT11 0AP - Please be advised that we have received additional information.

The new information is advised as –the replacement glasshouse has been withdrawn from the application and comments from the Historic England and the Environmental Officer state they have some concerns. After review of these the Parish Council have No Objections as previously although they do support a sound test of the swimming pool pump due to the proximity to the neighbouring school & other properties. They also are slightly concerned about Historic England’s statement that the pool is alien to the surroundings like the grade 1 listed Church although there was no such comment when the new build house was built right next to the Church.

**96/16. Correspondence**

 Reshaping Councils Consultation in Dorset, Already discussed earlier by HC & JS and everyone should complete the questionnaire.

 Working Together with Highways & Highways website Link provided to web providing details for councillors to view this.

1. Playground – AT previously dealt with.
2. b) Footpaths – SP reported that currently all are fine and wished to thank Piers Chichester for the new lichgate.
3. c)Fields Close-AT reported that the new flower boxes are doing well.
4. d)Speed Watch-AT reported that the team had been out several times since the last meeting. There was also to be a meeting on Friday 9th with Brian Austin of ‘No Excuses’ & Jennie O’Inn from Dorset Road Safe about a new speed camera gun and plans to merge the schemes with Devon & Cornwall Police on Community Speed Watch campaigns.

**97/16. FINANCE**

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| Current Account at 31st August 2016 | £4951.32 |

Less cheques not yet cashed £375.00

* Cheques for authorisation

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| HMRC PAYE payment on Clerks Salary July 2016 | £ 33.80 |
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|  Clerks Salary Adjust July & Aug | £ 206.08 |
| Replace cancelled cheque No561 | £ 114.00 |
| St Marys PCC Hall Hire Sept | £ 14.00 |
| Clerks Expenses Ink & paper | £ 34.05 |

 Clerk’s Salary SO 20 July 2016 - £201.41……..

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 Clerks Annual Salary Review including National pay scale increase

 It was agreed to increase the Clerks salary to the next spinal column point of 19 in line with his

 Contract and current National pay scale for Local Government Clerks.

 Proposed PT seconded EP. All were in Favour.

 Annual Audit Result – The Annual Audit Return only had a minor item that was said to be in the

 wrong column which is to be queried as it appears not to be the case.

**98/16.Other information for report only**

PT reported that there had been an incident recently with a stray/ lost dog asked if there was a local dog warden. Luckily the dog was returned to its owner.

SP asked who was responsible for clearing the weeds from Jubilee Walk. It was confirmed that the PC had maintained it in the past. AT said that she had done this but has been unable to recently and asked if someone else could take over. SP agreed to do this.

**99/16. Public Participation-**None

**100/16.** The meeting closed at 9:26 pm

**101/16. Date of Next Meeting** – Wednesday 5th October 2016