WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th April 2018

in the Old School Room, WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH

**PRESENT**

Mrs Christine Flemming (Chairman)

Mrs Aideene Turley

Mrs Pam Thornton

Mr Steven Pringle

**IN ATTENDANCE** Mr R Turley (Clerk), Dist Cllr Jane Somper and 6 members of the general public.

**39/18. Apologies for absence**- Cllr Emma Parker (Vice Chair)

Cllr Martin Dodd

**40/18. Public Participation –**. Tom Newton from Teddy Rocks confirmed that the Festival was again being held this year at Charisworth Farm over the May Day Bank Holiday weekend and hoped it would go as well as last year and thanked the village for their support. The problem with traffic delays on the A354 last year were due he said to a faulty traffic light system but he will be using a different system this year which is hoped to run smoother. A local resident asked for help with the uneven surface on the pavement outside a driveway on Dorchester Hill which has caused him to trip over in the dark. Also the pavement further down is very narrow and causing him to walk very close to the kerb when walking his dog especially in the evenings with the speeding traffic passing by.

**41/18. Approval of Minutes**- The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2018 had been previously circulated and were now approved and duly signed.

**42/18. Matters Arising-**

The clerk has printed off a dog pooh poster provided by EP and it was agreed to produce more and laminate them to be placed around the village.

The clerk confirmed that he had received a payment from the Transparency Fund via DATPC for £1706.92 for the cost of setting up the web site and associated costs for the first 3 years running the website, ie April 2015 to April 2018.

The clerk also confirmed that a VAT refund has been received for £1812.52 which include VAT of £1625.69 on the Play Park refurbishment equipment and associated costs.

The village bier- CF confirmed that she had spoken to the Blandford Museum about the possibility of them housing it and initial response was favourable but is still waiting for further confirmation.

The litter on the streets of the village is still noticeable and further decisions needed on how to deal with this.

An application for funding for the 2 Defibrillators for the village is ready for submitting to the Lottery Fund.

A previous query regarding change on the Council Tax was confirmed by NDDC as a reduction of 0.4% although there was a slight increase in the actual amount due to less occupied properties at the time of setting the amounts.

**43/18. District Report**

District Cllr Jane Somper provided a brief report which include a further update on the Dorset Local Government Reorganization plan. See copy attached.

**44/18.The Play Park Extension** -ABC has re attended and confirmed that they can complete the extension of the second tower with a clatter bridge joining onto the first tower hopefully within the next month on receipt of initial payment of 50% ie £2870.10 which was agreed to proceed on this basis as the work should be completed before the next Bank Holiday weekend.

**45/18. Planning –Applications/Decisions:** NONE

**46/18. Correspondence**

DCC Highways have confirmed that there will be a temporary 40mph speed limit on the A354 by Charisworth Farm for the duration of the Teddy Rocks Festival again.

DCC Highways have issued a temporary closure of Rook Lane & Lower Street for one day on Monday 23rd April for BT to replace a telegraph pole.

**47/18. Reports**

1. **Footpaths –** SP reported that the footpaths at Lower and Higher Whatcombe are still very muddy.
2. **SpeedWatch-** AT reported that the team had been out every week this month and had received March stats from Martha Perry of Dorset Road Safe which unfortunately did not tally with our records and is currently trying to get them corrected.

**48/18. FINANCE**

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| Current Account No 1 at 4th April 2018 | £4236.08 |
| HMRC PAYE payment on Clerks Salary April 2018 | | £ 28.80 Bank transfer |
| St Marys PCC Hall Hire April 2018 | | £ 14.00 ch |
| DAPTC –External Auditors Update Training | | £ 15.00 Bank transfer |

Income received VAT refund Total £1812.52 Less amount transferred to No.2 account

£1625.69 for Play Park VAT item costs

Clerk’s Salary SO April 2018 - £339.27…..

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| Play Park Account at 4th April 2018 | £3458.00 |

Including transfer from No.1 account refund received VAT £1625.69

Payments for authorisation—Nil

**49/18.Other information for report only**

SP gave a brief report on the meeting held by CPRE that he and MD attended in the Village Hall recently He was able to provide a possible contact for the supply of signs which may be suitable for the Horse rider signs etc.

PT advised that St Mary’s Church PCC Annual meeting will be Tuesday May 1st and anyone may attend.

**50/18. Public Participation-** None

**51/18. Date of Next Meeting** – Wednesday 9th May 2018 including Annual Meeting