WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th February 2019

in the Old School Room, WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH

**PRESENT**

Mrs Emma Parker (Chairman)

Mr Martin Dodd, (Vice Chair)

Mrs Christine Flemming

Mrs Aideene Turley

Mrs Pam Thornton

Mr Steven Pringle

**IN ATTENDANCE** Mr R Turley (Clerk), and 3 members of the general public.

**01/19. Apologies for absence**-, Dist Cllr Jane Somper

**02/19. Public Participation –**. None

**03/19. Approval of Minutes**- The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2019 had been previously circulated and were now approved and duly signed.

**04/19. Matters Arising-** Handy Man- The Clerk advised that he is still waiting for costing from him.

**05/19**. Village defibrillators –The clerk confirmed that the site of the village hall was confirmed ok with electricity supply by MD after the Village Hall Committee meeting.

The Lady Bailey site is still not resolved due to the owner John Penfold verbally not accepting the PC’s written confirmation requested by him and wants the PC to rewrite it although he maintains that he reserves the right to alter move or cancel the agreement at any time. The clerk did ask Mr Penfold to respond in writing but this has not yet been received. After a discussion the PC agreed that they cannot accept these conditions and agreed to proceed only with the Village Hall site -Proposed by AT seconded by SP –All were in favour. Clerk to arrange with The Community Trust on this basis and write to the LB Residents Association regarding the position.

**06/19. Speed Activated Device (**SID) The clerk confirmed that the SID is with DCC Highways and waiting to be installed once they have the 3 solar panels for the posts. Training with Rob Camp of Highways will also be arranged. This is hoped to be by the end of February.

**07/19. Planning –Applications/Decisions:** None

**08/19. Correspondence -**Leaflets etc received regarding the forthcoming elections for the new Dorset Council and local Parish & Town Councils- The clerk advised some of these have been put on the 3 village notice boards to encourage anyone interested in becoming a councillor.

The minutes of the Blandford Transport Action Group (BRATAG) meeting which states that they need a new chair before a next meeting is held.

A letter has been received about the ongoing issue with man hole cover on Blandford Hill which both Highways and BT Openreach have not repaired and keep closing their files although the problem was first reported last May. EP is attending the Winterborne Divisional meeting held by Hilary Cox and a Parish Councils roundtable meeting with Simon Hoare MP and will bring it up at both of these.

**10/19. Reports**

1. **Playground – AT** advised that the grass appears to have been cut recently also the older timber items are still in need of preservative treatments but the new handyman has not been in contact yet. AT also requested that the PC should consider a replacement for the monkey bars that were removed.  **b) Footpaths – SP—**The path to Lower Whatcome is the only issue but only to some of the users.

**c)Fields Close-MD** said that the boxes need doing when the weather permits AT agreed and said new compost is needed and some new plants. MD said that the grass on the roundabout and edges is being disturbed by delivery vehicles etc –(The roundabout is the responsibility of County Highways) but it was suggested that the only way to prevent the edges of the PC’s grass is to put posts with a sign or use rag stones. It was mentioned again about the fallen tree in the corner by the entrance to Fields Close but it was confirmed that this was on private property. **d)SpeedWatch-**AT reported that a further new member has joined the team and currently waiting on training by the police.

**11/19. FINANCE**

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| **Current Account No 1 at 6th February 2019**  **Less un-cleared payment- nil** | **£ 4260.94** |
| **Payment made since last meeting**  **Community Heartbeat Trust-Defibrillator for Village Hall site** | **£ 1875.00** |
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| **Payments to be made at this meeting:-** |  |
| St Marys PCC Hall Hire February 2019 | £ 14.00 |
| HMRC PAYE on Clerk’s salary February 2019 | £ 40.60 |
| Replacement Printer + Paper & Ink | £ 89.99 |
| DAPTC Subs 2018/19 | £ 238.54 |
| C Lovell Grass cutting Final instalment | £ 200.00 |
| Community Heartbeat Trust Annual Support | £ 162.00 Awaiting amended invoice |

Clerk’s Salary/Allowance SO February 2019 £387.44

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| No 2. Account at 6th February 2019 | £587.90 |

**12/19.Other information for report only**

CF advised that she had placed items including 1994 Village Doomsday Book and 6 Albums

and press cuttings etc into the Village Box held in the Reading Room.

A comment was raised about the poor job of the resurfacing outside the village

along the A354 towards Blandford and again only small strips of patches done which

are already uneven and the question asked ‘When is the job going to be completed’.

A question was asked about the need for a grit box on the A354 for use when it there is

snow or ice for use by local residents but it was pointed out that Highways are responsible

for the A354 and do grit the road on these occasions.

PT advised that the PCC are having a Meal Night on 6th April with a Greek Theme.

**13/19. The meeting closed at 8:01 pm**

**14/19. Date of Next Meeting** – Wednesday 13th March 2019 at 7pm