WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 27th November 2019

in the Old School Room, WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH

**PRESENT**

Mrs Emma Parker (Chairman)

Mrs Aideene Turley (Vice Chairman)

Mr Steven Pringle

Mr Liam Deeney

**IN ATTENDANCE** Mr R Turley (Clerk), and 2 members of the general public.

**106/19. Apologies for absence**- None

**107/19. Public Participation –**. None

**108/19. Approval of Minutes**- The Minutes of the meeting held on 30th October 2019 had been previously circulated and were now approved and duly signed.

**109/19. Matters Arising-** The quote for the new monkey bars from the Handy Man is £1760 and the clerk advised that he is waiting for confirmation that the specifications comply with regulations etc. If this is confirmedthen it was agreed to proceed. The SID pole on Blandford Hill is waiting to be checked to confirm position can be ok for solar panel due to possible issue with overhanging tree there. The new laptop proposed it was agreed to allow up to £800 for replacement and clerk and LD to proceed on ordering from a short list. The notice board in Fields Close which is deteriorating and not now waterproof inside. The handyman was asked if it could be repaired but he suggested that it would be better to replace it in the long term. The clerk has looked at various replacements and a timber one would cost about £1500 for the same size. An alternative one made of aluminium which is waterproof and comes with metal posts would cost around £600 in various colours. The clerk is to look further into this option. The dog bin in Fields Close –the clerk advised that this is still ongoing but a suggestion from DWP was that the PC bought a new more.

**110/19.** A request from St Mary’s PCC for the annual donation for help to maintain the churchyard grass was discussed and it was proposed by AT that it should be again £600 as last year. This was seconded by LD and All in Favour

Piers Chichester had also requested that the PC replace the safety mirror in the churchyard which has now broken. This is now provided with a petition with 52 signatures without addresses. On behalf of dog walkers, people who access school, the village hall, Church and old school room, playpark and car parking.

During discussion it was asked why has no single person on the list actually bothered to attend a PC meeting to raise this issue. It was also mentioned that if residents are concerned with safety on the village roads why nobody on the petition has come forward when the PC has asked for volunteers for the community speed watch team.

It was proposed by EP that the PC donate £100 towards the cost (approx £265 in total) Seconded by AT, LD in Favour SP against. It was suggested that the School, Village Hall, Church etc should also be asked to contribute towards the cost to replace the mirror. Letter to be sent to Dunbury Academy and Village Hall Committee and await response.

**111/19.**  **Planning –Applications/Decisions: None**

**112/19. Correspondence -None**

**113/19. Reports**

1. **Playground – AT** partly dealt with previously- future grass cutting needed suggested to ask Charles Lovell if able to include this b) **Footpaths –** SP—said that it is likely to be getting more awkward at various times over winter. SP will ask users for their concerns and report back.

**c)Fields Close-AT** boxes to be cut back and then left until March when clean up and flowers replenished -likely cost £100 **d)Speed Watch-**AT- advised that the police liaison officer had agreed at a meeting, to place adverts in local papers etc and facebook etc asking for more volunteers.

It was agreed to write a letter of thanks to Len Smith for his continuous support of the CSW team.

**114/19. FINANCE**

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| .No 1 Account at 20th November 2019 | **£11883.91** |
| HMRC PAYE payment on Clerks Salary Nov 2019 | | £ 33.80 |
| R Turley Clerk’s annual salary inc inc. Backdated amount | | £ tbc |
| C Lovell 3rd Instalment grass cutting | | £ 200.00 |
| St Marys PCC Donation | | £ 600.00 |
| PC Laptop replacement | | £ 694.80 |
| Monkey Bars | | £ tbc |

Clerk’s Salary SO November 2019- £394.24

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| No 2 Account at 20th November 2019 | **£ 1587.90** |
| Payments for authorisation—Nil |  |

Annual Budget and Precept review further information provided by clerk for final discussion next meeting

Clerk’s Annual Salary Review –awaiting salary figures provided by NALC

**115/19.Other information for report only**

It was reported that the Ash Tree in the corner of Fields Close was possibly rotting –EP & LD to look into this.

It was reported that The Village Hall Committee has still not made their donation towards the village defibrillator they agreed a year ago**.**

**116/19 The meeting closed at 8:50pm.**

**117/19. Date of Next Meeting** – Wednesday 8th January 2020 NO MEETING IN DECEMBER