WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th January 2021

On ZOOM, WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH

**PRESENT**

Mrs Emma Parker (Chairman)

Mrs Aideene Turley (Vice Chairman)

Mr Steven Pringle -joined 17 minutes into meeting

Mr Liam Deeney

Mr Martyn Gleaden

**IN ATTENDANCE** Mr R Turley (Clerk), and No member of the general public.

**01/21. Apologies for absence**- None

**02/21. Public Participation –**. A local Whatcombe resident had hoped to join the meeting but unable to but had sent a letter regarding the speeding traffic along the lane passed her home in Whatcombe and asked if anything could be done due to the danger to pedestrians. The clerk had also had a phone conversation with the resident earlier in the day. It was agreed that the lane was an issue and 3 of the councillors confirmed that the lane does get used as a race track with speeding vehicles at certain times of the day in that area between Winterborne Stickland and Winterborne Whitechurch even with the sharp bend and bridge nearby the resident’s home. It was agreed to contact Highways to see if there was anyway better signage or pinch point white lines could be introduced along this lane even though it is a 60mph zone. (like many other lanes in the area)

EP advised that a resident reported that the dog bin in Fosters Meadows was full -agreed to find out if these bins are being emptied currently.

**03/1. Approval of Minutes**- The Minutes of the meeting held on 25th November had been previously circulated and were now approved and duly signed. EP advised that as away from meeting for a period that AT should also sign for that period -agreed

**04/21. Matters Arising- updates etc** The clerk advised that he was having difficulty in obtaining responses from companies for quotes for new playpark equipment as firms not able to visit site to provide suitable quotes also handyman not available either for jobs required such as removal of basketball goal and trail equipment etc. plus quote for making new items. The firm approached for quotes on new commemorative style bench is due to provide these this week.

The possibility of another defibrillator is still on hold waiting for the Caravan Sales to confirm that it could be on the side of their office but they are currently closed due to Lockdown.

Any work/installation is unlikely until the springtime.

It was possible that due to Covid-19 the playpark may have to close again if further restrictions are announced.

**05/21. Projects** – The clerk advised that no further project ideas have been received.

EP reconfirmed that if any local help groups require any assistance or help in any way to please get in touch with the PC. LD confirmed that this has already been on PC website, Facebook and village Facebook but not received any response but will advertise it again.

**06/21.** Ideas to obtain new councillors to fill current vacancies The clerk provided a poster which has been put on the village notice boards asking for residents interested to contact him. It was agreed to put it on the PC website.

**07/21. Planning –Applications/Decisions: NONE**

**08/21. Correspondence-** letter from a resident of Whatcombe regarding the speeding traffic along the lane there between Whitechurch and Stickland -Already dealt with in Public participation

**09/21. Reports**

1. **Playground –** AT Already dealt with **b) Footpaths –** SP—Last out 3 weeks ago no issues. SP asked if duties could be put on Facebook, EP advised that they are already listed on PC website but any enquiry should go via clerk who in turn would pass to councillor concerned.

**c)Fields Close-AT** advised that nothing to do until springtime**. d) SpeedWatch-** AT advised that teams are still not able to operate due to Lockdown **e) Historic Records -**MG advised that since Lockdown not able to do much also a lot of land locally is either under crops or flooded.

**10/21. FINANCE**

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| **Current Account No 1 at 6th January 2021** | **£ 15649.66** |
| **Payments made since 25th November 2020** |  |
| Clerk’s Salary etc SO 15th December 2020 | £ 435.80 |
| **Payments for Authorisation** |  |
| HMRC PAYE payment on Clerks December 2020 Salary | £ 50.60 |
| Clerk’s Salary etc SO 15th January 2021 | £ 435.80 |
| HMRC PAYE payment on Clerks January 2021 Salary | £ 50.60 |
| Reimburse Web security | £ 39.99 |
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| **No. 2 Account at 6th January 2021** | **£ 717.90** |
| Payments for authorisation—Nil |  |

**11/21.**  2021-22 Budget and Precept plus 2020-21 accounts at December 2020

RT advised that the balance still outstanding of the current budget is difficult to confirm that it will be used before the end of the financial year due to Covid-19 but assuming it will be, the suggested budget for 2021-22 would be £22500 with project planned and possible additional costs passed regarding more responsibility passed to Town and Parish Councils. He suggested a Precept of £18000 on this basis. EP then Proposed that the Precept should be as last year ie £18450. Seconded AT All in Favour.

**12/21.Other information for report only**

AT said that she was concerned about the Teddy Rocks Festival advertised in the Blackmore Vale as going ahead with tickets for sale on April 30th & May 1st & 2nd 2021. Although it is a very worthy cause how such a large event proceed with visitors from all over the UK when we could still be in Lockdown or just out of it due to Covid-19. just outside the Parish. Concern was also raised about safety after the accident in the village during the last Festival in 2019 involving a vehicle after leaving the event and the RTA on Blandford Hill. EP agreed to contact the neighbouring Dorset Councillor who covers the Neighbouring Parish. LD confirmed that the event was also advertised on the Charity’s website.

**13/21 The Meeting closed at 21:07PM**

**14/21. Date of Next Meeting** – Wednesday 10th February 2021 (On Zoom)