WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 10th March 2021

On ZOOM, 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 8 members of the general public.

**26/21. Apologies for absence**- Martyn Gleaden

**27/21. Public Participation –**EP advised that this will be limited to 30 minutes in total about any agenda item or a request for an item anyone wishes to be added to the next meeting’s agenda.

A resident spoke about a list of items he had already provided to the clerk to be asked for answers from Naturalis on their plans for an Eco Hub on Blandford Hill. EP agreed these will be followed up with Naturalis as there was not enough time provided in the half hour meeting that Naturalis had arranged. The issues he raised was that there was no problem with the Solar Farm but concern over the EV charging station with shop/cafe which was not suitable on that stretch of road.

A number of other villagers had similar questions and felt that Naturalis had not answered the questions already raised with them at their meetings but just provided general points on their proposals.

Another resident said that the planning application should be 2 separate applications, one for the solar farm and another for the EV charging Hub. EP said that it was up to the applicant how they make a planning application. This would only be known at that time as currently is only at the proposed project stage. At this point EP made a public declaration that she as a Dorset Councillor sits on the Planning Committee and as such cannot be involved in any comments regarding the possible application.

Another public point raised regarding Naturalis’s remark about a regional gap in the provision of EV points in Dorset which did not take local position on how many homes have off road parking causing lack of home EV points also Dorset Council plans to provide Rapid EV points in their car parks throughout the County and that Blandford has already more than Naturalis appear to believe.

The issue was also raised about the comment made by the Naturalis project that traffic would be slowing down to enter the village which it is locally known that this is not the case and that stretch of road has often had accidents with overtaking speeding vehicles etc.

On another topic a question was asked regarding an update on the idea of a competition for local children to draw posters regarding the speeding traffic passing through the village. AT confirmed that a reply from CSW had already been forwarded to the Councillors on this some time ago.

The local Community Support Network is still available to provide help with food, shopping, prescription collection or just a phone call chat to anyone in the village area.

Issues regarding the continued overflowing of Dog Bins in the village again mentioned by several residents. Both the Chair and Clerk confirmed that they have also been in contact with DWP regarding this.

LD spoke about a recent chat with a local resident present at this meeting about the possibility of joining up some of the local footpaths in the parish. It was confirmed that a discussion should be held with the local landowner/s applicable (it was pointed out that SP as Footpath Officer should be consulted also and he does have local maps.) and any outcome would need to involve Dorset Council.

**28/21. Approval of Minutes**- The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2021 had been previously circulated and were now approved and duly signed.

**29/21. Matters Arising-** The clerk confirmed that he is still waiting on a quote from the Handyman for new play park items already discussed in previous meetings. He also confirmed that the new bench for outside the Meeting Room is on order and hoped to be delivered soon.

The clerk also confirmed regarding a new defibrillator that Lady Bailey Caravan Sales is still interested on housing it outside their office. The clerk also advised that the current defibrillator is out of action awaiting replacement pads/electrodes with are out of date but hopes to have these by the next day.

The new bench 1600mm long for outside the Reading Room is on order and it currently being made.

**30/21. Teddy Rocks Concert** has been cancelled until 2022

**31/21**. **CGR** EP advised that Dorset Council has recently received a number of queries from local councils on if and how they could change their parish council in various ways including merging together or separating merged parishes, becoming a parish meeting, changing boundaries etc. Dorset Council will be arranging a consultation soon and respond to concerns raised.

**32/21.** **Donations-** AT advised that as the PC had offered help including donations etc to anyone locally without any response could not the PC donate to others like Teddy Rocks as it has again cancelled its event just outside the village.It was thought this was a good idea during current times and AT proposed a donation of £200 which was seconded by LD and All Agreed.

It was further suggested that although the recent request from Willdoes Community Bus Project donation was rejected it should also receive £200 proposed by AT and seconded by LD and agreed by SP (EP did not vote as interest declared previously)

**33/21.**  **Blandford Hill Eco Hub** dealt with under Public Participation

**34/21. Planning –Applications/Decisions: NONE**

**35/21. Correspondence None**

**36/21. Reports**

1. **Playground –** AT Already covered **b) Footpaths –** SP advised that he had walked up to the clump yesterday and in good order where old tree was blown down.

**c)Fields Close-**AT waiting for new planters once available and removal of remaining 3 **d)SpeedWatch-**AT reported that CSW have sent latest update and hope to possibly start sessions in April subject to Covid-19 conditions **e) Historic Records – MG** No report as MG absent

**37/21. FINANCE**

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| **Current Account No 1 at 3rd March 2021** | **£ 14,286.27** |
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| **Payments for Authorisation** |  |
| HMRC PAYE payment on Clerks March Salary | £ 50.60 |
| Clerk’s Salary etc SO 15th March 2021 | £ 435.80 |
| Community Heartbeat Annual Support -Defib | £ 162.00 |
| Printed Notice Boards Play Park | £ 163.50 |
| Ink etc | £ 54.00 |
| New Bench Awaiting Invoice | £ 1178.40 |
| Planters | £ 334.96 |
| Dog Signs | £ 24.54 |
| Donation to Teddy Rocks | £ 200.00 |
| Donation to Willdoes Youth Bus Project | £ 200.00 |
| Awaiting Play Park New Equipment Quotes |  |
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| **No. 2 Account at 3rd March 2021** | **£ 717.90** |
| Payments for authorisation—Nil |  |

**38/21. Other information for report only**

LD advised that there had been a spike in visits to the PC website recently

**39/21. Meeting Closed at 8:33pm**

**40/21. Date of Next Meeting** – Wednesday 14th April 2021 on ZOOM.

Anyone wishing to attend should contact the clerk for joining instructions