

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF
THE LOWER WINTERBORNE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2012 AT
WINTERBORNE KINGSTON VILLAGE HALL**

ATTENDANCE: Mr. L. Lewis (Chairman) LL
Mrs. F. Langley (Parish Clerk) FL
Mr. M. Griffin MG
Mr. I. Macfarlane IM
Mr. G. Nash GN
Mr. L. Burgess LB
Mrs. S. Gale SG
Mrs. D. Lewis (Co-Opted Councillor) DL
10 Members of the public

APOLOGIES: Mrs. H. Cox (County Councillor)
Mr. T. Ives
Mrs. J. Jenkins
Mrs. S. Whittaker

The Chairman informed the Councillors and the public that Mr. Holden was in hospital and it was agreed that a card be sent from the Parish Council wishing him a speedy return to good health and thanks for all his work on the Parish Council in the past.

12/PCM/02 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR FOR W. ZELSTON:
Following advice from NDDC the co-option of Mrs. Di Lewis as Councillor for W. Zelston to replace Mr. D. Holden was put to Councillors, proposed by SG and seconded by GN, all in favour. She then took her place alongside the other Councillors.

12/PCM/03 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:
Minutes acceptance proposed by MG, seconded by IM, all in favour.

12/PCM/04 MATTERS ARISING:
All action Items undertaken. Contacted BT reference the phone box in Anderson and informed it would be repainted and refurbished in the Spring of 2013. TI examined the damage to the bus shelter and will complete the repair before next meeting. Also awaiting report on painting of wall in the recreation ground.

.12/PCM/05 RESOLUTION OF FINANCIAL REPORT:
Payment of all bills proposed by LB seconded by GN. All in favour.
Precept notice to be returned by 17 January 2013 but advice from NALC means that input may be changed in January.

12/PCM/06 PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS:
MG: Trees purchased from Woodland Trust for planting in the Recreation Ground by the Youth Club delivered. Trees to be planted at Elderton Clump also delivered and it was agreed that these would be planted by Bere Regis Scout Group and a donation made to their funds. Decision on amount to be decided at next meeting. Installation of Internet connection at the Village Hall completed but a little slow and it has been suggested a new router may need to be purchased to bring speed up.

GN: Mole hills in Recreation Ground and Play Park in WK. Clerk to contact Mr Burdon again for remedial work. **(Action FL)**

GN had a walk around the estate with representative from Spectrum Housing Association. They have proposed to install two speed restriction humps, 6ft wide which would allow space for pushchairs and other wheeled vehicles to proceed without going over them in the part of Broad Close leading to the recreation ground. They will also supply and fit legal signage and will reinforce the no parking on the grass on the estate. They also stated that there were funds available for projects within the village. Synergy Housing Association have also provided funds to nursery school and youth club.

SG: The spring on one of the gates into the Play park need to be tightened up/replaced as it is not secure and stays open allowing stray dogs to foul the Play park.

DL: To take over the administration of the Website and it is proposed to include the details of the two village halls and their programmes and also the dates and venues of all Parish Council meetings.

12/PCM/07 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

EP: No Report

JS: Copies of Draft New Plan for North Dorset and Development Management Policies Development Plan are now available on the NDDC website and there are areas regarding affordable housing and plans for the villages and countryside.

Nick King one of the candidates for the post of Dorset Police Commissioner introduced himself and gave a brief outline of the new role, what it had replaced and then answered questions from the public regarding his approach to the position if he was elected.

.12/PCM/08 HOME WATCH:

7 incidents of low level crime in our area of Rural South, the only one which occurred in the parish was an attempted theft of a caravan on the outskirts of W. Kingston. Two suspicious cyclists were spotted in W. Kingston cycling around looking in various garages/houses. The police are keen to receive the reports of any suspicious behaviour in any of the villages so they can act.

FLOOD WATCH:

Following an enquiry after the receipt of the Riparian Letters, it was reiterated that banks can be cleared as long as small areas are left for the wildlife. It was suggested that 10m in every 50M are left on one side of the bank is cleared but the other left and then the next year, the reverse is done.

The Riparian letters are normally sent out late September/October but due to the adverse weather conditions this year it has been difficult as the river has been running since June. However, attempts should be made to keep the river running. The part of the river by the Greyhound Bridge, W. Kingston is very choked and the Parish Council has put together a working party to clear this area as soon as possible. **(Action LL/SG/GR)**

The Flood warden and another resident have spent time removing debris around the bridge in East Street, W. Kingston to allow the river to run through. A gate placed across the arch was initially removed but has now been replaced as it is easier to clear the build up of rubbish, whilst allowing the water to flow through.

Following a meeting of Flood Watch members it was stated that the lead authority is now the DCC and not the Environment Agency. The budget for the Environment Agency has been cut by 50% and consequently they may not be able to undertake the clearance of the river between Stoney Lawn and the Greyhound Bridge.

The Flood Risk is higher than normal at this time of the year and the river has already broken its banks in W. Zelston.

Grass seed to be spread on the area by the river bank from the Greyhound to Sackville Street which had dropped to be carried out in the Spring.

12/PCM/09 PLANNING:

See schedule. No objections from the Council. Proposed by GN, seconded by IM, all in favour.

12/PCM/10 INSURANCE:

A short presentation by the Parish Council's Insurance Brokers, Came & Company was given and questions regarding the updating of the assets and signage along the river in W. Kingston and the pond in W. Zelston. It was agreed that Deep Water signs should be erected in these areas.

12/PCM/11 CORRESPONDENCE:

See attached schedule.

12/PCM/12 PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

Email with suggestions on curbing speeding in West Street was discussed and it was agreed to send these on to the Highways Agency who are the only department able to undertake any of these. No response received from them so far and a chaser will be sent by FL.

(Action FL)

Potholes in Muston Lane, around Thorpe Farm and along Duck Street/Blandford Road between W. Kingston and Anderson to be reported to the Highways Authority.

(Action LL)

Meeting closed at 21.15

NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER IN WINTERBORNE ZELSTON 19.30

