

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF  
THE LOWER WINTERBORNE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2012 AT  
WINTERBORNE ZELSTON VILLAGE HALL**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Mr L Lewis (Chairman)	LL
Mr M Griffin (Acting Parish Clerk)	MG
Mr I Macfarlane	IM
Mr G Nash	GN
Mr L Burgess	LB
Mrs J Jenkins	JJ
Mrs D Lewis	DL
Mrs S Whittaker	SW

7 Members of the public

**APOLOGIES:**

Mrs F Langley  
Mr A Ives  
Mrs S Gale

**12/PCM/02 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Minutes to be signed at next meeting as no Parish Council copy available.  
**(Action LL and FL)**

**12/PCM/03 MATTERS ARISING**

All action items undertaken. Pothole in the road at Thorpe Farm has been repaired but rain has washed away the repair. Mr Burden has been contacted regarding molehills at Winterborne Kingston Recreation Ground and Play Park and will be dealt with shortly. The weed in the river between North Street and Sackville Street Winterborne Kingston has been dislodged by the force of the water and was removed from the river at the East street bridge. The Parish Clerk was not in attendance and it was not possible to ascertain if a reply had been received from DCC Highways regarding speeding in West Street.

**12/PCM/04 RESOLUTION OF FINANCIAL REPORT**

Payment of all bills proposed by LB seconded by GN. All in favour.  
LB proposed and GN seconded that a donation of £100-00 be given to the scouts for planting the Scots pine trees at Elderton Clump. All in favour.  
MG updated the meeting with the current situation regarding setting the precept for the next financial year. NDDC will not hear until 19 December from the government in respect of local taxes. Once this information is available they will then calculate for each Parish the tax base which will reflect the localised council tax benefit scheme and the amount of the government grant that is available to each Parish. Until the information above is passed to the Parish Council it can only calculate its budget requirement and MG will proceed on this basis and send to all councillors a draft 2013/2014 budget for discussion and amendment as necessary. Some known changes to the budget are Clerks will receive a 21/2% pay increase from next April and the Parish Council is responsible for the cost of refilling all council grit bins apart from those situated on "A" class roads. **(Action MG)**

**12/PCM/05 PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

No reports.

**12/PCM/06 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

No reports.

**12/PCM/07 HOME WATCH/FLOOD WATCH**

A 15 year old has been apprehended for allegedly stealing electric fencing from a number of farms. There has been a burglary from a house in Milton Abbas and a bicycle stolen from Winterborne Muston.

The Flood Warden for Winterborne Kingston gave a very detailed report on the flood situation. The waters in Muston Lane and Marsh Lane have receded but the road is full of gravel and potholes. After much discussion involving local land owners and residents, it was agreed that the Parish Council would write to the Environment Agency and DCC Highways requesting an on-site meeting to ascertain the options to resolve this particular flooding problem. Local landowners and those residents affected will be invited to attend these discussions.

The river is clear and running well at Winterborne Zelston as the residents facing the river are involved in keeping the river clear of obstructions.

It was also decided to put a note in the Parish magazine that all weed removed from the river is to be taken out and dumped on the bank and not allowed to go down stream.

**12/PCM/08 PLANNING**

See schedule. No objections were received for 2 applications for Winterborne Zelston. They would now be considered by the NDDC Conservation Officer. Proposed by SW seconded by DL. All in favour.

The planning application to convert the southern hall of the Old School House in Winterborne Kingston could not be discussed as there were no plans available. IM would contact NDDC for another set of plans and would set up a planning group meeting. **(ACTION IM)**

**12/PCM/09 DATES FOR NEXT YEAR'S MEETINGS**

The schedule of meetings was agreed subject to the dates at Winterborne Kingston being confirmed by the village hall bookings secretary. January 2013 meeting is changed to Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> to enable the precept to be completed and approved.

**12/PCM/10 MARGARET GREEN REQUEST**

The request relates to reducing road speed on the hill in North Street towards the White Post junction. **(ACTION JJ)**

**12/PCM/11 CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter received by all residents in Broad Close about parking from Spectrum was read out and recorded for information.

A request for a donation had been received from the Red Cross and will be dealt with at the next meeting when the precept is discussed.

**12/PCM/12 PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

A Winterborne Kingston resident posed the question, "Was it necessary to cut the grass in the churchyard on a Sunday afternoon?" Mr Nash replied on behalf of the Parish Council that due to the amount of rain that had fallen, this time was the only opportunity that the maintenance man had to cut and tidy the churchyard prior to the Harvest Festival service being held that evening. It was not a regular practice and as grass cutting is a fixed price contract there were no extra charges incurred.

It was felt by many that the access road from the A31 to Winterborne Kingston needs to be more visible in the dark. It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to DCC Highways for their comments. **(ACTION JJ)**

**Meeting closed at 21.00**

**NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 22 JANUARY IN WINTERBORNE KINGSTON 19.30**