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MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE LOWER WINTERBORNE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2013 AT WINTERBORNE ZELSTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Mr M Griffin (Chairman) MG
Mr P Humphry PH
Mr T Ives TI
Mrs D Lewis DL
Mr G Nash GN
Mrs S Seaton SS
Mrs F Langley FL (outgoing Parish Clerk)
Ms L Wilcox LW (incoming Parish Clerk)

7 members of public.

13/11/PCM/09 Wessex Water – Joe Edmunds from Wessex Water gave a presentation on WW's Water Supply Grid programme. This is an 8-year project to upgrade the water supply grid in the Wessex Region involving laying of new pipelines and construction of new pumping stations and reservoirs. Part of the project, the East-West pipeline, will run through Lower Winterborne in the section from Sturminster Marshall to Bere Regis crossing the A31 and going under the river at WZ. The optimum method/route of crossing the river is still under consideration and consultations with affected landowners and tenants are under way. Various surveys are being undertaken and consultations with the relevant authorities are taking place.

Construction is planned for 2016. Work will be undertaken Monday-Friday 07.30 – 19.30. Access points will generally be from the A31 with the aim of minimising the impact on village roads. There should be little impact on A31 traffic as the pipeline will be drilled under the road.

Mr Edmunds invited all members of the public to contact him with any questions or concerns. He can be contacted at:

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MG thanked Mr Edmunds for his presentation and he left the meeting.

Council Business

Appointments: Paul Humphrys was co-opted onto the Council as a new Councillor for WZ. Lesley Wilcox will be replacing Frances Langley as the Parish Clerk.

13/11/PCM/01 Apologies: Jane Somper, Emma Parker, Sarah Gale, Jocelyn Jenkins, Graham Hyde (GH).

13/11/PCM/02 Minutes of last meeting: Proposed by TI, seconded by GN. All in favour. Signed by MG.

13/11/PCM/03 Matters arising: covered under the later agenda items.

13/11/PCM/04 Resolution to pay bills: proposed by GN, seconded TI. All in favour.

13/11/PCM/05 Planning:

1. Ravensholt, WZ. (2/2013/0951/PLNG) DL reported that the plans had been amended to move the proposed barn to the opposite end of the existing barn and so further away from existing homes. She anticipated that this would be acceptable and had put forward comments to NDDC on-line. She was not able to view other comments already posted before the plans had been amended.
2. Mapperton Solar Panel Farm (ref 3/13/0681/FUL) MG reported his understanding that the proposal had been narrowly passed by EDC on the Chairman's casting vote and that 12 conditions were attached to the approval covering various agencies' concerns. Details are available on EDC's website (www.dorsetforyou.com/planning/east-dorset above ref). LWPC had had no contact from either the developer or EDC (LWPC is not a statutory consultee). A member of the public, a neighbouring landowner, later put forward his view that a judicial review was possible based on the view that the consultation process had been flawed.
3. Broad Close, WK. (ref 2/2013/0799/PLNG) GN had attended the planning meeting where NDDC had approved the proposal to construct 10 houses. However this decision was not listed on NDDC's website which could be because the S106 agreement with the developer had not been finalised. (S106 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 concerns contributions by developers to local authorities in recognition of additional costs incurred as a result of developments). Concerns about parking remain.

13/11/PCM/06

– see 13/11/PCM/07 (MG item i)

GN – reported that:

- a. he was still having difficulty in getting quotes for the work to WK Playground. LW thought she knew of a local contact and will make enquiries.

Action: LW

- b. MG would pursue the possibility of a grant for the work from Spectrum.

Action: MG

- c. the grit bins have been replenished.

TI reported that the tree in WK's churchyard had now been lopped as agreed and that the mower would require servicing at the end of the current grass-cutting season. He had still to review the current scale of burial fees and also to arrange for soil to be imported to the cemetery to restore graves which had settled.

Action: TI

DL – was not aware of the outcome of the request to fell trees at Zelston House, WZ. NDDC's Tree Officer had no objection to the proposed trimming of trees at Springvale. She was still awaiting approval for the Environment Agency to remove some silt from the river at WZ. She reported that she had attended a meeting to discuss proposals to reduce front desk services at Police stations. The public are invited to submit responses by 29 November 2013 – see www.dorset.police.uk She also reported that NDDC had cleared the drains by WZ church within a week of a problem being reported.

MG –

- i. asked councillors to make funding bids for 2014/15 at the next council meeting (17 December 2013) as the precept had to be submitted in January 2014.

Action: all councillors

Jane Somper had attended the Cabinet meeting where the Localisation of Council Tax was on the Agenda. It was made clear at that meeting that there is no additional grant funding available; last year NDDC received an additional grant which was passed on to the Towns and Parishes and that, as was anticipated, last year's grant was a one-off. NDDC is having its own grant cut by 24%. Looking at the figures Lower Winterborne will have a lost revenue potential of £994.38. At the cabinet meeting she stressed that, in her opinion, there were too many mixed messages coming from various outside bodies which did not help bring clarity to this issue and she asked that NDDC communicate in a more effective way.

- ii reported that he had reconciled the council's 2 bank accounts and would pass them to LW.

Action: MG

- iii reported that he had agreed that Bere Regis FC's Under-9s will use the WK Recreation ground for training on Tuesdays 18.00-19.00. The club had already installed temporary floodlights and a light in the tractor shed.

- vi welcomed a report that there was a change in legislation going through which would enable Parish Councils to use electronic banking.

- v. requested approval to the purchase of a filing cabinet to house the Clerk's records – approved

vi. reported that Brian Shears had kindly attended a meeting to discuss the responses to proposals to reduce local bus services. DCC would be re-considering. The next meeting will be on 4 December 2013. The current service runs to the end of March 2014.

vii. the tractor which had been stolen from WK's Recreation ground had been recovered and a person is being prosecuted.

viii. noted that the Bere Regis Post Office lease is up for sale. There had been no information from Bere Regis PC concerning their plans if the Post Office was to close.

13/11/PCM/08 Homewatch: – DL reported that thefts from both garden sheds and cars parked in car parks linked to local walks were increasing and residents were advised to secure their property.

Floodwatch – GH had reported that LB had arranged for the removal of some 140 tons of sludge from his section of the river between the Muston culvert and the first right angle bend on the Muston/Anderson border which had gone some way to restoring the profile of the channel and increase the flow. Drax estate have also flailed their section. There should now be sufficient flow to keep the river clean so preventing build-up and back-up at the culvert which has previously caused the road to flood. If this still fails, the only recourse is to increase the capacity at the culvert but DCC Highways have previously rejected this proposal. GH has also reminded the Environment Agency that the tree in the river by The Greyhound in WK needs to be removed.

13/11/PCM/10 Correspondence:

- i. Letter dated 8 November 2013 from NDDC re the council's sexual entertainment venue policy;
- ii. Posters from Dorset Safeguarding Children Board regarding Dorset Safeguarding Children Week, 18-22 November 2013, would be displayed;
- iii. Leaflet advising that recycling rates in Dorset had doubled over the last year;
- iv. NDDC is currently reviewing parish boundaries but this was not thought to affect LWP's boundaries;
- v. Dog Fouling stickers will be purchased and displayed around the villages. The exercising of dogs on WK's Recreation Ground will be discussed at the next meeting.

Action: LW

vi. Dorset European Local Enterprise Partnership has been awarded 47m Euros for the development of industry in Dorset;

vii. 'Public Health for Dorset' update.

13/11/PCM/11 Public Discussion: the discussion concerning the Mapperton Solar Farm is recorded in 13/11/PCM/05.

The meeting closed at 21.00.

Next meeting: 17 December 2013 at Winterborne Kingston Village Hall.

cc All Parish Councillors, Graham Hyde, Joe Edmunds, Hilary Cox, Emma Parker,
Jane Somper