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MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE LOWER WINTERBORNE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2014 AT WINTERBORNE ZELSTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT:	Mike Griffin (Chairman)	MG
	Laurence Burgess	LB
	Paul Humphry	PH
	Jocelyn Jenkins	JJ
	Mark Meaden	MM
	Graham Nash	GN
	Sarah Seaton	SS
	Lesley Wilcox (Clerk)	LW

District Councillors Emma Parker (EP) and Jane Somper (JS), Volunteer Flood Wardens Graham Hyde (GH), Rita Burden (RB) and 5 members of the public. Hamish Macbeth (HM), Cawdor Construction Ltd (agenda item 3).

- 1. Apologies:** Di Lewis (DL) and Tony Ives (TI).
- 2. Minutes of last meeting:** as previously circulated. All in favour. Signed by MG.
- 3. Proposed development at 'SCATS' site, WK:** HM had asked to speak at the meeting in response to MG's letter of 27.1.14 to NDDC regarding the outline planning application. The various concerns raised in the letter were discussed and HM undertook to address the issues in the more detailed plans which would accompany the full planning application which would probably be made in March/April 2014. He also hoped to arrange a public exhibition in WK at that time. Given the size of the development he envisaged that, subject to planning approval, work on site would start late 2015.
- 4. Speedwatch:** MG will contact the Speedwatch contact at Winterborne Whitechurch, Don Byron.

Action: MG

- 5. Planning:**
 - i.** Middle Farm, WZ: the original plans had been amended to address the concerns of the Conservation Officer and the application will be going to the Planning Committee on 4.3.14. MG will write to NDDC in support of the application.

Action: MG
 - ii.** Chalk Pit Barn, WZ, Tree works: approval had been granted to felling T1, T2 and T4 but refused in respect of T3.
 - iii.** Bassetts, WZ, Tree works: decision letter not yet issued.
 - iv.** North Farm, WK: still in consultation period.
 - v.** The Old Rectory, Anderson: still in consultation period.
 - vi.** 5 Bush Park, WK, Tree works: approved.

6. Valuation of LWPC' s land: MG reported that the current valuation was £5,500 per acre.

7. WK Playground: GN reported that, thanks to help and advice from Roy Allcock, he had now received a quote for the works necessary to meet the requirements of the ROSPA inspection. The quote from PlaySmart UK was £2,499 for the work to the playground surfacing, £160 for the installation of matting protection to the slide, and £150 for greasing and servicing the equipment. Further work such as signage and painting will amount to approx £1,000. GN will apply to Spectrum for a grant which, potentially, would reduce the cost to LWPC to approx £2,200. This is the first expense incurred since the equipment was installed 9 years ago. ROSPA are due to inspect again in May. The meeting agreed that GN should go ahead

Action: GN

8. WK Burial Ground: : TI had produced a proposed revised table of fees. It was agreed that this would be introduced wef 1.4.14.

9. NeighbourCar Scheme: Bere Regis PC have arranged a launch of the scheme on 8.3.14 at the Drax Hall. Clients pay a one-off joining fee of £5.00 and a suggested donation of 50p/mile. Volunteer drivers are paid 45p/mile with 5p/mile going back into the scheme to meet administrative costs. There is a government-backed scheme to underwrite drivers' insurance. BRPC will undertake all the necessary scheme administration. There is no cost to LWPC. The meeting welcomed this initiative which should be of benefit to those with travel difficulties.

10. Resolution to pay bills: MG reported that there was some £2,300 in LWPC's current account and £10,800 on deposit. Bills to pay included the Clerk's salary and expenses, MG's expenses and the cost of renewal of LWPC's domain name. The meeting approved the payments.

11. District Councillors' reports: JS reported on the various 'Overview & Scrutiny' meetings she had attended, the on-going discussions with West Dorset DC and Weymouth & Portland BC about shared services, the reduction in the numbers of homeless people in NDDC's area, the extension of NDDC' s consultation on the electronic planning application process and the withdrawal of many of the 'Bring Banks' for recyclable materials (2 remain in Blandford). EP reported on the recent exhibition concerning the proposed Blandford Hill Wind Farm. A further exhibition is planned before the planning application is made.

12. Parish Councillor's Reports:

i. JJ had met the Rights of Way Officer who had agreed to install anti-slip measures at the footbridge on the footpath leading from Broad Close, WK and also to improve the footpath beside the river opposite the Greyhound, WK. A tree had fallen on the footpath at the rear of the Greyhound. A new bridleway would be established from White Lane, Anderson, crossing the A31 and on to Bloxworth. The temporary closure of the bridleway from West Street to Bagwood Lane, WK (due to fallen trees) had now been lifted. More dog-fouling posters had been put up in Bagwood Lane

(WK); a bin is awaited. She added that residents of Pitchers Close, WK, were still concerned about the height of the trees at Noah Henville corner. MG explained that he had written to the owner of the property advising that NDDC had offered to attend a site visit to discuss options.

ii. A report from DL set out that she had been unable to attend the last DAPTC meeting. She proposed to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan at the next meeting. She also expressed thanks to Rita Burden for her work in WZ during the recent bad weather.

iii. MG reported that the Winterbournes Day Nursery in WK had received an 'Outstanding' OFSTED report. He had written to Mr Drax MP, Mr Burgess (senior) and Miss Hooper thanking them for their efforts in clearing the river and drains during the recent bad weather. He tabled revised LWPC Standing Orders; the meeting agreed to their adoption wef 25.2.14.

13. Road from Tomson to Red Post: MM tabled correspondence and plans from Bridget Hooper concerning the state of the road, drains and the unofficial lay-bys. MG will write to DCC Highways asking for the road to be re-surfaced and the lay-bys formalised.

Action: MG

14. Homewatch: GH reported that there had been 14 events in the area including one in Anderson. 4 additional PCO will be assigned to Blandford but 1 PC post may be lost. 37 Speedwatch schemes were now running in Dorset: the perception is that speeding is not so much of an issue as had previously been thought. **Flooding:** GH described the recent problems in West Street, WK, where a considerable amount of water had flowed for some time and the road closed again. This had demonstrated that the drainage is inadequate. He advised that, given the current thinking that winters would become wetter, residents should be prepared and NDDC should be asked to clear the drains on a more regular basis. RB added that such problems had thankfully not occurred in WZ. MG thanked GH and RB again for all their efforts.

15. Correspondence: MG tabled the lengthy list of correspondence received. If anyone wishes to see any of this they should contact MG or LW.

16. Other items: i. WK is to enter the Best Kept Village competition 2014; ii WK WI will be organising a litter-pick; iii. DCC Highways are to carry out surface dressing on A35 Morden Corner - Bere Road and at Marsh Lane and Muston Lane in 2014; iv JJ will check reports that all footpaths are to be re-registered.

The meeting closed at 21.20.

Next meeting: 1 April 2014 at Winterborne Kingston Village Hall.

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