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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LOWER WINTERBORNE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 1 APRIL 2014 AT WINTERBORNE KINGSTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT:	Mike Griffin (Chairman)	MG
	Di Lewis (Vice Chairman)	DL
	Paul Humphry	PH
	Tony Ives	TI
	Jocelyn Jenkins	JJ
	Mark Meaden	MM (left at 20.30)
	Graham Nash	GN
	Lesley Wilcox (Parish Clerk)	LW

District Councillors Emma Parker (EP) and Jane Somper (JS),
and 4 members of the public.

- 1. Apologies:** Lawrence Burgess (LB), Sarah Seaton (SS), Graham Hyde (GH).
- 2. Minutes of last meeting:** agreed and signed by MG.
- 3. Speedwatch:** Concerns are over speeding in North Street and West Street, WK. MG had spoken to the Winterborne Whitechurch representative who had outlined the process required to set the scheme up and its operation. Police approval is required to the siting of checks and training of volunteers. LWPC would have to purchase the necessary equipment (gun, jackets etc) at approx £300; there had been no provision in the precept for this but it could be funded from reserves. It was thought that about 8 volunteers would be required; if that number is not found it might be possible for the WW team to carry out the checks and LWPC would meet their expenses. MG will contact the Police.

Action :MG

MG added that SS had contacted the Dorset Road Safe team concerning speeds recorded by the Speed Indicator Display in North Street, WK. Their response was that their Camera Team would carry out a visit in the near future. The meeting expressed particular concern about the speeds of laden quarry lorries travelling along North Street.

- 4. WK Playground:** GN reported that the playground equipment and rubber matting had been pressure-washed and turf re-laid around the slide. The contractor is due to start work required to satisfy the ROSPA report on 10 April. Eventually, the equipment would need re-painting but this was not a safety issue. GN also noted that now that Bere Regis FC are mowing the sports pitch arrangements would be needed to mow the remaining area of the sports field.
- 5. NeighbourCar:** GN reported that the scheme had been launched in Bere Regis. There had been some interest in usage from WK. Volunteer drivers from WK are required.
- 6. Resolution to pay bills:** the meeting agreed to pay bills for grass cutting and work in the play park (£751.00), soil for the play park and cemetery (£114.00 inc VAT), Clerk's

expenses (£26.99) and salary (£151.70), servicing of the WK tractor (£282.97), Chairman's expenses (£20.00) and petrol for WK tractor mower (£55.00).

Income received: rent from Mr Raymond (£125.00), disposal of WK goal posts (£50.00), the purchase of a plot in the WK burial ground (£115.00) and fee from Bere Regis FC (£21.00).

7. Planning: JS reported that outline planning of the 'SCATS' site in WK had been approved. The Planning Committee had considered LWPC's concerns regarding vehicular and pedestrian access but the Highways Officer was satisfied with the adequacy of the access arrangements on the basis that the C6 was a 30mph zone and a footpath ran on the opposite side of the C6. The meeting again expressed concerns over this.

The amended plans for Middle Farm, WZ, had been turned down. This led to a wider discussion with JS about the planning application approval process and the consistency of the Committee's decisions.

8. Neighbourhood Plan: DL was concerned that, at present, LWPC did not have the resources necessary to start this process as it would inevitably be complex, lengthy and costly and would require the backing of residents. JS referred to a letter from NDDC which advised that, at present, NDDC did not have the resources to support Parish Councils in preparing such plans. It was agreed that DL would contact Okeford Fitzpaine and Pimperne PCs who had both applied for approval to draw up Neighbourhood Plans for their villages to see what advice they might give. JS suggested that the DT11 Forum might also be helpful. It was agreed that it was difficult to take this forward in the absence of Part 2 of the North Dorset Plan which was still to be published.

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9. County & District Councillors' Reports: County Councillor's report not received. JS advised that a Flood Advice Forum was to be held on 2/4/14 and a further one would be held in Dorchester (no date yet). She also advised that the Local Government Boundary Commission for England had completed their review of the arrangements for North Dorset. Abbey Ward would not be affected but she encouraged comments to be made on arrangements for other Wards which she considered misguided. EP reported that REG, the developers of the proposed Blandford Hill Wind Farm, had issued a further leaflet with their response to the public meetings. MG considered that LWPC had no involvement in this until such time as a planning application was made and that it was a matter for individuals to pursue if they wished.

10. Parish Councillors' Reports: TI had been asked what the Parish Council were doing about potholes in the villages; MG replied that this was not a matter for the Council and that individuals should report potholes to DCC Highways using the reporting system on their website - Dorsetforyou. (www.dorsetforyou.com, select 'H', then 'Highways', then 'Road problems/enquiries. Or call 01305 221020 (8.30 - 17.00 Monday-Friday). Emergencies ONLY out-of hours 0845 0678 999). DL reported that there was again concern in WZ following the recent fatal accident on the A31 - this would be discussed at WZ's Village meeting. MG reported that the results of DCC Highways 'Satisfaction survey' had been poor but that their performance had been affected by the prolonged bad weather. He also advised that changes to the bus services and timetables had now been published. He then announced that he would be stepping down as both Chairman and Parish Councillor on 1 May. DL will become Chairman and LB Deputy Chairman. He thanked all Councillors for their support

during his term of office. On behalf of all the Councillors GN expressed their thanks to MG for his work and commitment and this was supported by the members of public at the meeting.

11. Footpath behind Greyhound, WK: JJ reported that 2 trees had fallen on the footpath and been partially cleared so the path was still passable. It was not clear who was responsible for their removal.

12. Homewatch & Floodwatch: a written report had been provided by GH. Homewatch: there had been 2 thefts in WZ and 1 in Anderson and 3 incidents of criminal damage in Winterborne Whitechurch. Police are concerned about the number of thefts from vehicles and remind the public not to leave valuables in cars. Criminals are known to be coming from outside the county just to commit thefts. Flooding: the river level in WK had dropped and so the flooding risk was much reduced. Most of the sandbags had been removed from West Street. He thanked all volunteers in WK who had helped with sandbag recovery and also LB for the use of his tractor, without which the exercise would have been very difficult. He understood that Navy and Army engineers had been assisting the Environment Agency in their inspections of river banks.

13. Correspondence: MG reported that: i, a completed Flood Damage report had been submitted to NDDC as part of a co-ordinated request for funds from central government; ii, updated burial fees for the WK Burial Ground had been sent to local Funeral Directors and iii, DCC Highways had issued maps showing road traffic collisions in the last 5 years. As ever, a huge amount of correspondence had been received and if anyone wishes to see any item they may contact a Councillor or LW.

14 Public discussion: there was concern over the siting of the sewage works on the 'SCATS' site. MG will write again to the developer and NDDC.

The meeting closed at 21.00.