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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LOWER WINTERBORNE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 13 MAY 2014 AT WINTERBORNE KINGSTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT:	Di Lewis (Chairman)	DL
	Laurence Burgess (Vice Chairman)	LB
	Paul Humphry	PH
	Tony Ives	TI
	Graham Nash	GN
	Sarah Seaton	SS
	Lesley Wilcox (Parish Clerk)	LW

3 members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Jocelyn Jenkins (JJ), Mark Meaden, Volunteer Flood Warden Graham Hyde (GH), District Councillors Emma Parker and Jane Somper.

2. **Minutes of last meeting:** agreed and signed by DL.

3. **WK Playground:** GN reported that the majority of the required work had been completed within budget. A decision on the grant application was imminent. A sign was on order and the playhouse needed to be painted. LW to establish when the next ROSPA inspection is due.

Action: LW

4. **Speedwatch:** A call for volunteers from WK will be put out. If this does not produce sufficient volunteers (probably 8 are required) the Council will decide whether to abandon the scheme or ask the team at Winterborne Whitechurch to run it.

5. **Fingerposts:** Sue and Adrian Stuart raised this at the WK Village AGM. They will be invited to attend the next LWPC meeting to discuss this further.

Action: LW

6. **WK Skate Park:** SS had been asked by some parents in WK whether some play activity for the older children, such as a Skate Park, could be provided. Bere Regis are also trying to raise funds for a facility there. It was agreed that this was a good idea in principle and would be investigated further. There is such a facility at Corfe Mullen - DL will discuss with the Parish Council there. GN will also pursue a contact.

Action: DL, GN

7. **Barriers at path by WK Churchyard:** SS had been asked whether it would be possible to remove the barriers to permit access to the path by wheelchair users and buggies. The barriers had been installed to prevent use of the path by cycles and motor cycles.

The alternative path through the churchyard was muddy in wet weather. Any proposal to put a hard path through the churchyard would require approval of the church authorities. DL will have a look at the site.

Action: DL

8. Resolution to pay bills: the meeting agreed to pay bills for WK grass cutting (£874.28), work in the WK play park (£3,346.80), Clerk's salary (£151.70), petrol for WK tractor mower (£125.50) and extra sets of keys for the mower (£27.61). VAT is recoverable on some of these items. Receipts were field rent (£110.00) and 1st half precept for 2014-15 (£6,997.30). Current account balance £2,939.37, Saver account balance £11,809.77.

The 2014-14 accounts had been audited with no comments. They will be held by LW for inspection by members of the public until 9 June and then sent to BDO (on behalf of the Audit Commission).

Action: LW

9 Planning: no comments had been received concerning the application for works at 'Meadowsweet' in Muston; DL had responded to NDDC accordingly. Applications had been received for works to nos 1 and 2 Park Cottages, Tomson. LW will try to establish the present position on the works at Broad Close (WK).

Action: LW

10. Neighbourhood Plan: DL considered that, given the number of vacancies on the Council, LWPC was not presently in a position to take this forward as it would require a significant amount of work. It will be re-considered in 3 months time when it was hoped that more seats would be filled.

11. County & District Councillors' Reports: none received.

12. Parish Councillors' Reports: TI reported that, after 15 years on the Council, he had resigned and this was his last meeting. DL thanked him for all his work over the years both as a Counsellor and Chairman and wished him well for the future. This was supported by the members of the public present.

13. Homewatch & Floodwatch: a written report had been provided by GH. Homewatch: the statistics were not available at the time GH produced his report but he knew of 2 thefts in WK, both at The Greyhound. Concrete ornaments each weighing half a ton had been stolen from their fixed position by pulling down a new wall by the car park. Replacements had been bonded to steel rods concreted into the ground. Builders' waste copper was also stolen from the car park. CCTV has now been installed both within the premises and outside. The Ringmaster system was due to be replaced with the Dorset Alert System. DL added that the new system was now running; it did provide more information but this took longer to retrieve.

Floodwatch: a volunteer deputy in WK is required to organise the provision of sandbags when GH is not available.

14. Correspondence: DL reported that, as usual, LWPC had received a mass of correspondence since the last meeting which took a long time to read and absorb. Items of

note included: (i) DCC's Verge Maintenance and Highway Report, (ii) minutes of the DT11 Forum noted a proposal to use school mini buses to operate some bus routes during the day including the 316 route although this would not be open to concessionary passes, (iii) a number of review and consultation documents had been received, not necessarily relevant to LWPC.

15 Public discussion: there was concern over the condition of the road surface in Noah Henville Corner (WK). JJ will contact DCC about this.

Action: JJ

The meeting closed at 20.15.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on June 10 at WZ.