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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LOWER WINTERBORNE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 10 JUNE 2014 AT WINTERBORNE ZELSTON
VILLAGE HALL**

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| PRESENT: | Di Lewis (Chairman) | DL |
| | Laurence Burgess (Vice Chairman) | LB |
| | Paul Humphry | PH |
| | Jocelyn Jenkins | JJ |
| | Mark Meaden | MM |
| | Graham Nash | GN |
| | Lesley Wilcox (Parish Clerk) | LW |

5 members of the public.

- 1. Apologies:** Sarah Seaton, Volunteer Flood Warden Graham Hyde (GH), District Councillors Emma Parker and Jane Somper.
- 2. Minutes of last meeting:** agreed and signed by DL.
- 3. County & District Councillors' Reports:** none received.
- 4. Fingerposts:** Adrian Stuart reported that the 2 fingerposts in WK were in bad condition. As WK was not within the AONB area the Dorset AONB team were unable to take them on but could provide contacts. If LWPC could meet the repair costs, estimated at £800-£1200, Adrian would be prepared to supervise the work. DL was aware that volunteers had been used to carry out this work elsewhere and will pass on contact details to Adrian for him to follow-up. The possibility of sponsorship was discussed.
- 5. Adoption of Model Financial Regulations:** DL said that the new Regulations needed to be adopted by LWPC. The model allowed for councils to adapt the Regulations to fit their specific needs and desired method of working and that it was important to make decisions on various issues now and reflect those in the adopted Regulations rather than have to amend them at some future time. The most important decision was who was to become the Responsible Financial Officer. The draft Regulations will be circulated to all councillors for comment and suggestions to DL by 23 June.

Action: All councillors

- 6. Resolution to pay bills:** the meeting agreed to pay bills for WK grass cutting (£610.00), Clerk's salary (£151.70), petrol for WK tractor mower (£60.00), purchase of publication 'Cemetery Management' (£39.00), LW's attendance at 'Cemetery Management' course (£40.00), DL's attendance at 'Councillors Update' course (£30.00), annual subscription for membership of DAPTC (£276.17), annual charge for maintenance of LWPC's website (£60.00): VAT is recoverable on some of these items.

7. WK Playground: GN reported that the only outstanding item was delivery of a sign which was being chased up. There had been a minor incident of attempted arson; the offender had been interviewed by the police and it had been decided not to prosecute. The application for the grant from Spectrum had been turned down. The meeting agreed that: i. GN would carry out the weekly inspection of the play park; ii. the records would be handed to LW at each meeting for retention; iii. LW will arrange the safety inspection for this year with the insurer's recommended company, The Play Inspection Company.

Action: LW

8. Speedwatch: 4 volunteers from WK had come forward. Following discussion the meeting agreed (with abstentions from LB and GN) to take up the offer from Winterborne Whitechurch to run the scheme within WK. SS will be asked to make the necessary contact.

Action: SS

It was noted that a car had recently been parked for some hours opposite the Greyhound in North Street forcing traffic to overtake on a blind bend. This situation needs to be monitored.

9. WK Skate Park: a 'DIY' skatepark would be in the order of £10-30,000 and a professional one in the order of £60,000. Both these figures were very rough costs depending on the equipment installed, maintenance costs, safety inspections and insurance would be additional. Whilst there was support for the proposal in principle, this level of cost was far outwith LWPC's budget. A note will be put in the Red Post magazine asking for views on the level of interest in use and in fund-raising.

10. Barriers at path by WK Churchyard: DL reported that a previous request in 2007 to remove the barriers had been turned down by the appropriate authority (DCC Rights of Way) on the grounds that they prevented use of the path by cyclists etc. The situation had not altered and accordingly this request would not be pursued.

11. Planning: there were 3 current applications. The council had no comments. The application for additional housing in Broad Close had still not been approved as the S106 Agreement was not yet in place.

12. Parish Councillors' Reports: i. JJ reported that the surface to the footpath alongside the river to Sackville Street (WK) had been renewed, a fallen tree had been removed from Bagwood Lane (WK) and non-slip strips had been installed on the footbridge on the footpath which runs NE from Broad Close (WK). The tenant of the allotment ground field (WK) had removed the gate to West Street, this was considered to be a danger. LW will contact him.

Action: LW

ii. GN reported that Spectrum would attend to the damaged tree in Broad Close. iii. LB reported a dangerous, deep hole in the C6 about a mile outside WK. This will be reported again. iv. DL reported that LW was preparing a report on the burial ground and cemetery; DL had attended the DT11 Forum AGM but the future of the organisation was uncertain; thanks to Brian Shears for background information on the bus situation, there was a possibility of school buses being used for public transport during the school day.

13. Homewatch & Floodwatch: a written report was provided by GH. Homewatch: there had been changes to the Blandford SNT team; Sgt Woodward had been replaced by Sgt James Dimmack who joins from front-line policing in Gillingham. The new Inspector is Inspector Rob Chalkley. There had been 13 incidents in the Rural South Area (including the attempted arson at WK).

Floodwatch: Derek Andrews was now the volunteer deputy in WK .

14. Correspondence: DL reported that amongst the mass of correspondence received i. DCC Roadshow would be held on 14 June outside Morrisons in Blandford and ii Dorset's Police and Crime Commissioner would be holding an open meeting in Shaftesbury on 1 July at 7.00pm. (Post-meeting note: this was subsequently cancelled.)

15 Public discussion: it was asked whether cutting of the hedge between the WK Village Hall car park and North Street could be included in LWPC's grass cutting contract.

The meeting closed at 20.45.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on July 8 at WK.