

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LOWER WINTERBORNE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 8 JULY 2014 AT WINTERBORNE KINGSTON
VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT:	Di Lewis (Chairman)	DL
	Paul Humphry	PH
	Mark Meaden	MM
	Graham Nash	GN (Left meeting 8-30)
	Sarah Seaton	SS
	Mike Griffin (Relief Parish Clerk)	MG

4 members of the public (increased to 5 by an additional parishioner who then left at 8-30)

1. Apologies: Jocelyn Jenkins, Laurence Burgess, District Councillors Emma Parker and Jane Somper.

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

3. Appointment of new Parish Councillors: There were four applicants for the three Parish Councillor vacancies. Each of the applicants, Roy Allcock, Helen Andrews, Mark Leaper and Colin Thomas gave a brief summary of their purpose for wishing to join the Parish Council. A vote then took place amongst the members present and the following were proposed by GN and seconded by PH with all members in favour, Roy Allcock, Helen Andrews and Mark Leaper were then co-opted onto the council.

4. County & District Councillors Reports: The only report received was from Jane Somper who reported that North Dorset District Council (NDDC) was in discussions with West Dorset District Council (WDDC) and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council (WPBC) and that they had expressed their interest in bidding for funding from Government to transform the way they work and to redesign service delivery.

Bid 1 – from NDDC proposed that the 3 councils share a chief executive and senior management team by 31 March 2015

Bid 2 – from WDDC & WPBC proposed combining and developing joint services with NDDC

A business case will now be worked up for councillors to consider in early autumn. A full bid will be submitted in October 2014.

- 5. Fingerposts** – An update from Mr Stuart is awaited.
- 6. Adoption of Model Financial Regulations** – To be adopted at next Council meeting to enable new councillors to familiarise themselves with the content.
- 7. Resolution to pay bills** – the meeting agreed to pay the following bills: Clerk's salary £151.70, petrol for WK tractor mower £70.56, Audit Fees £120.00, WK Hall hire (Pop-In) £84.00. The following income had been received: Edna Shepherd bequest £100.00 and Pop-In (June) £25.42. The annual audit of the council's accounts has been completed. The council confirmed that the Annual Return had been approved and was accepted by the council. There were 2 minor issues namely: In the financial year 2013/2014 the council received a Government grant of £940.00 in connection with the precept and this was included in the precept total and should have been included as part of the non-precept income receipts. The other minor issue was one of omission; the return did not indicate that the council does not hold funds as Trustee. The auditors' comments and recommendations were noted.
- 8. WK Playground** – The annual inspection has been ordered and will take place shortly. GN presented the weekly inspection reports and requested that a rota be set up amongst the councillors to carry out this weekly inspection. This was agreed and GN was tasked to prepare the rota.
The inspection reports for WZ were also presented.
In both cases there were no issues reported.
- 9. Speedwatch** – SS had contacted Don Byron, the W Whitechurch Speedwatch Co-ordinator regarding the setting up and running of a Speedwatch Group in WK. The meeting agreed that the appointed Co-ordinator would contact PC Mike Sinnick at Blandford Police Station for more information and a request that he visit WK to risk assess the proposed sites.
- 10. WK Skate Park** – GN stated that he believed that a skate park costing £60,000 was far too costly for the council. In addition the annual running costs for maintenance, insurance and safety

inspections it was anticipated would be high. It was agreed that this project would not proceed unless there was a level of interest in its use and in the fund-raising for the project.

11. Blandford Hill Wind Farm – The Clerk had been advised by the developer that the planning application had been submitted to NDDC. On contacting NDDC planning (7 July) the Clerk was told that the application was being validated and once this had been completed satisfactorily it would be added to their website. NDDC Planning are currently working 2 weeks in arrears.

12. Planning – The council has responded to NDDC on the following planning application: 2 West Green WK, Aylesbury Cottage WZ, and Wahn Fried (this has subsequently been withdrawn).

1 & 2 Park Cottages W. Tomson and Meadowsweet WK were approved subject to conditions.

Middle Farm WZ-further consultation period expired 30/6/2014.

13. Community First Aid Course – The course would cost £250 for 12 people. The course content will be ascertained before committing to the course. The meeting decided that it would encourage more people to participate if the course was paid for by the Parish Council.

14. Parish Councillors Reports –GN reported that the hedge at 9 Broad Close had been cut back and that the newly planted tree in the roundabout had been re-staked and was now upright. The bank alongside 14 Broad Close is planted with laurels which now need cutting as they are becoming a hazard to a greenhouse. A discussion took place regarding ownership of the bank. Is it Spectrum or the Council? Ownership will be established and the hedge attended to.

JJ had reported to DL that the gate at the allotment field was now in full working order. She had again contacted DCC highways regarding the lack of green cats' eyes at the western entrance to the C6 from A3.

15. Home Watch/Flood Watch – Home Watch week will soon be here. There will be a road show where various security devices will be on sale and information available on various preventative measures homeowners can make. There were only 5 incidents this month but none involving Lower Winterborne Parish.

Spectrum has agreed to remove the tree from the river bank behind 55 Broad Close and once they have funding will remove the Leylandi trees from behind 57 Broad Close. The Environment Agency will clear the river banks from Stony Lawn to The Greyhound Inn. The river banks will also be cleared from Muston to Anderson. GH requested that the river and bank between North Street and Sackville Street be trimmed before the river starts to run. GH will respond to the DCC Flood Risk Assessment document.

16. Correspondence - £700,000 has been received by the Community for Health to set up projects that benefit the community.

17. Public Discussion – A report regarding dog fouling at Brookly Cottage, Stony Lawn was received and it was agreed that relevant notices be put up.

The council was asked why the Environment Agency was responsible for the river from Stony Lawn to The Greyhound Inn. GH explained that it was for historic reasons.

The meeting closed at 20-45.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held at 7-30 pm on 2nd September at Winterborne Zelston