

**MINUTES OF THE WINTERBORNE KINGSTON VILLAGE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 9 APRIL 2014 AT WINTERBORNE KINGSTON VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Mike Griffin (Parish Council Chairman)
Graham Nash (Parish Councillor)
Sarah Seaton (Parish Councillor)
Emma Parker (District Councillor)
Jane Somper (District Councillor)
Lesley Wilcox (Parish Clerk)

10 members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Lawrence Burgess, Tony Ives, Jocelyn Jenkins, Mark Meaden (Parish Councillors).
2. **Election of Chairman:** the meeting agreed that Mike Griffin would act as Chairman.
3. **Minutes of last meeting:** accepted.
4. **Matters arising:** Wessex Water had installed a cover on the stopcock by The Greyhound; the state of the path between Greyhound bridge and Sackville Street was still to be inspected by DCC's Rights of Way Officer; despite concerns raised by the Parish Council over access the proposed development on the SCATS site had been granted outline planning permission.
5. **Parish Council Chairman's report:** attached.
6. **District Councillors' reports:** attached.
7. **County Councillor's report:** not received.
8. **Reports from village organisations:**
 - i. Village Hall: Joan Nash reported that income from letting (regular events, the Post Office and 'one-off' lettings) was covering running costs. Electrical equipment has recently been checked. The car park lighting would soon be improved. Unauthorised car parking, whilst allowed during the flooding in the village, was proving to be a problem as it had deprived users of the hall from parking. The AGM was to be held on 15.5.14 and all were welcome to attend.
 - ii. Winterborne Day Nursery: following its recent OFSTED inspection the nursery was rated as 'Outstanding', the highest possible. The full report can be seen on OFSTED's website -www.ofsted.gov.uk URN no EY394782. The nursery manager, Fiona Ward, was delighted and reported that it took the excellent efforts of staff, parents and supporters to have achieved this and she congratulated them all. She said that the children were happy, motivated and stimulated at the nursery and that the staff took pride in delivering high quality experiences

for the children enabling them to make good progress in their learning and development. For more information, or to book a 'show around' contact Fiona or a team member on 01929 471846.

iii. Village School - report not received.

iv. WI -Joan Nash reported that the WK Branch was bucking the trend with 22 members and held regular meetings and other events. New members would be welcomed.

v. Youth Building - report attached.

9. Fingerposts: concern was expressed over the condition of the signposts in WK. It has been established that it not the responsibility of either DCC or the Dorset AONB team to fund necessary repairs. Adrian Stuart offered to arrange/oversee the necessary works if the Parish Council would provide funding. This will be discussed at the next PC meeting (13.5.14).

10. Open discussion:

i. Proposed Blandford Hill Wind Farm: Ann Pollard encouraged residents of WK to consider the effects that this scheme might have on the village; although it would be sited in Winterborne Whitechurch it would still be visible and be heard in WK . Emma Parker said she had encouraged all Parishes to meet the developer (REG). Mike Griffin explained that it could not be considered to be a matter for the Parish Council unless, and until, a planning application was submitted. The Council should be given 8 weeks, rather than the usual 3, to respond to such an application. No applications of this size had been put to North Dorset DC so there was no precedent.

ii. Speedwatch: Sarah Seaton advised that, she had recently contacted the Dorset Road Safe team concerning speeds recorded by the Speed Indicator Display in North Street. Their response was that their Camera Team would carry out a visit in the near future. Mike Griffin reported that following continued concerns about speeding through the village the Parish Council were looking to set up a Speedwatch scheme to be operated along both North and West Street. Volunteers are required to be trained by the police. Sue Stuart asked whether 'Speed Camera' signs could be installed at the entrances to the village as these were shown to be effective elsewhere in reducing speeds. Alan Reed thought that resources used to change over the existing signs in North Street would be better used in enforcement.

iii. Mike Griffin reported that WK would be included in DCC's programme to switch off street lighting from around midnight to 5.30am (GMT) or 1am to 6.30am (BST).

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.