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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LOWER WINTERBORNE PARISH**  
**COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 24th February 2015 AT WINTERBORNE**  
**ZELSTON VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Di Lewis (Chairman) DL  
Helen Andrews HA  
Laurence Burgess LB  
Paul Humphry PH  
Jocelyn Jenkins JJ  
Sarah Seaton SS  
Graham Nash GN  
Rob Turley (Parish Clerk) RT

and District Councillors Jane Somper and Emma Parker & 21 members of the public.

2015/02/01. Apologies from **Roy Allcock, Mark Leaper, Mark Meaden, Hilary Cox & Della Jones**

2015/02/02. Minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed.

2015/02/03 County & District Councillors Reports- District Report from Jane Somper(see attached)

2015/02/04 Resolution to pay bills

Ch No	Current Account balance	£3,205.98	Deposit Account balance	£9,311.62
	Clerk's Salary			
	Jan-15	180.53		
97	Feb-15	180.53		£361.06
98	Clerk's Expenses-Mthly Allowance/Printer Ink/Paper			£61.35
99	HMRC PAYE Jan 15			£45.20
100	HMRC PAYE Feb 15			£45.20
101	Dorset Association of Watches (SpeedWatch)			£300.00
102	OHE Horticultural Ltd			£418.18
103	K. Crabb			£197.40
104	G. Hyde			£92.00
105	Wessex Water			£135.55
	Approved for Payment	Date	24/02/2015 Total	<b>£1,655.94</b>

2015/02/05 Speed Watch HA said that they had 24 volunteers and paperwork had been submitted to the police for checking and should take about 8 weeks before training can start. Cheque for the cost of equipment being issued at this meeting.

2015/02/06 Hugo House from Good Energy provided an update report on their revised plans for a solar farm at Mapperton, near Sturminster Marshall in Dorset.

The original proposal for a 28MW solar farm was approved by East Dorset Council in 2013, but this decision was later overturned following a legal challenge to the planning process. Since then they have undertaken further environmental assessments at the request of the planning authority, in particular to address the potential landscape and visual impacts of the solar farm. As a result of further site investigations, state-of-the-art design techniques and recent advances in solar panel technology, we have also been able to reduce the area of land required for the solar farm from 172 to 106 acres, a 37% reduction. Agriculture will still be able to continue across the site, and generate a significant amount of renewable electricity – enough to power around 6,000 average homes. Good Energy are also proposing greater community benefits, including a local tariff offering renewable electricity to their customers at 20% less than their standard prices to homes within 2km of the solar farm, in addition to a community fund worth at least £25,000 per year and solar PV systems for the local school and village hall. Local people are being invited to take a closer look at our revised plans at one of two public exhibitions.

Several question then dealt with afterwards

2015/02/07 Planning

	<b>Planning applications</b>
	<p><b>Consultation - 2/2015/0049/TP TREE - Appletree Cottage The Lane Winterborne Zelston Dorset DT11 9EU--LWP Response</b></p> <p>The application has been submitted for work on 'a tree in a conservation area' (which it is), yet a couple of responses on the application suggest that the work is to 'a tree covered by a Preservation Order' (which it may also be). There is an important difference, in that the TPO responses state that the reply to the query 'Is it diseased, or you have fears that it might break or fall?' is 'No'. If this is indeed the case, it's hard to see what the application is about.</p> <p>As the applicant's agent mentions the large amount of bark inclusions around 'the back' of the tree, it's probable that his TPO response is a mistake and that there might, in fact, be fears that branches might break or fall. It is difficult to imagine that branches falling 'at the back' of the tree would be a hazard, and no branches overhang or threaten a public right of way or the residence itself</p> <p>If there are branches in danger of falling then there are methods of securing them, or they can presumably be pruned back before they do so. It would be a very drastic, and unacceptable, measure to fell a specimen of much ecological and aesthetic value.</p> <p>I would contend that the 'overshadowing' argument has little merit. If one purchases a property with a large tree near the house, it doesn't seem reasonable to complain that there is a large tree near the house. With regard to overshadowing the neighbours property; the tree is to the north of them and won't do much overshadowing.</p> <p>The tree in question has been a much appreciated near neighbour for twenty-five years. I trust the Tree Officers of NDCC to order it's destruction only in the very last resort.</p>
	<p><b>Planning GRANTED By NDDC 12th February 2015--Application No: 2/2013/0799/PLNG</b>  <b>Date Registered:</b> 20 August 2013  <b>Location of Development:</b> Land South Of, Broad Close, Winterborne Kingston, Dorset  <b>Description of Development:</b> Erect 10 No. dwellings, form 22 No. parking spaces, turning areas and vehicular and pedestrian access.</p>
	<p><b>Planning GRANTED By NDDC 12th February 2015 -Application No: 2/2014/1539/HOUSE</b>  <b>Date Registered:</b> 22 December 2014  <b>Location of Development:</b> Bushes Farm, Bushes Road, Winterborne Zelston, Dorset, DT11 9EU  <b>Description of Development:</b> Erect two storey and single storey extensions and install dormer windows (demolish conservatory).</p>
	<p>2/2015/0182/CATREE--<b>Location:</b> Brookside Cottage, The Street, Winterborne Zelston, Dorset, DT11 9EU  <b>Proposal:</b> T1 - Beech - Reduce top by 2m and prune sides by 1-2m to re-shape  T2 - Silver Birch - Prune back to previous points maintaining shape  T3 - Silver Birch - Prune top by approx 1m to bring back into shape</p>

2015/02/08. WK Playground- nothing to report

2015/02/09. Parking in West Street- Report from ML-there are still issues from the vans/cars etc. that are being parked half in the road and half on the pavement around the area, but some of the nuisance issues seem to be a little better. There have also been other issues reported regarding the business trading beyond the restrictive covenant on trading hours for the premises. This is not a police issue and the residents are advised to take this issue up with the landlord with a hope that he will assist as he has in the past. Awaiting further information from the police.

2015/02/10. Barriers in Church Lane/Sackville St. WK- RT advised that Highways budget for the coming financial year does not include any allowance for these works

2015/02/11. Fingerpost -Nothing further to report

2015/02/12. Home Watch/Flood Watch-Report from GH

Homewatch- there were 12 incidents in the Rural South area. One of those was in our area being a theft from the church storeroom in Church St WK of a microphone

Flood Watch- Nothing to report.

The pipes and fittings for the pump have now been purchased.

2015/02/13. Councillors Reports

SS reported that the replacement of the cats' eyes at the junction in WK are being chased up by the local authority. HA attended the recent DT11 meeting advising that there was little of local interest, mainly about update of the Blandford Trailway.

JJ reported that the gap along West St is shortly to be fenced off by Piers Chichester once the tree nearby is cut back by Rebecca Hill's tree surgeon( The tree has since been pruned) ---PH nothing to report

It was mentioned by GH that superfast broadband was now available to purchase in WK

2015/02/14. Correspondence

Email from C Viner regarding the parking issues in West St WK -dealt with in item

DAPTC advice regarding changes in PC Meetings Law & procedure updates

email from Sally Knight roadside banks along East St WK - agreed for RT to talk to Piers Chichester about the issues

2015/02/15. Public Discussion. A question was asked about derelict land where weeds are again becoming overgrown-an issue was raised that some of these may or may not any longer be classed as obnoxious weeds need to check with Environmental Health.

Meeting Closed at 9:10 PM

Next Meeting March 31st -Kingston Village Hall