

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LOWER WINTERBORNE PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON TUESDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2016 AT WINTERBORNE KINGSTON VILLAGE HALL,
COMMENCING 7.30PM**

Present: Cllrs H Andrews, M Leaper, R Allcock, R Sorrell, J Jenkins, G Nash

Chair: Cllr D Lewis

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also present: 9 members of the public

1. Public Participation

2015/11/161 Rupert Hardy, Winterborne Tomson - Botany Bay planning application. Expressed concerns regarding the planning application saying it would result in major traffic management problems. There have been two fatal car accidents within a mile of the Red Post junction and there is constant queuing. The A31 has a serious accident record in the vicinity of this junction. The information included relating to agricultural movements is flawed and was carried out between January and March when the traffic is fairly light - it takes no account of summer holiday traffic. A full copy of Mr Hardy's statement is available on request.

David Pope - supports Mr Hardy's view of the planning application and concerns over the traffic implications. The statement in the application regarding the accidents on the road is inaccurate and there have been several serious accidents along this stretch. Would ask the Parish Council to oppose this application.

Francis Shaxson - asked if the Parish Council was aware that this area of Dorset is covered by the new fracking licence. We are aware of this.

Sylvia and Roy Fox are holding their Open Gardens in the village on the 10th July and would like to use the car park at the recreation ground from 10am until 6.30pm. This was agreed by councillors and the Clerk will send a letter confirming this. **ACTION: CLERK**

Pat Shears - the agenda does not go on the notice board. Chair - the minutes are not going on the boards as they are too long but a note has been put on the board saying a full set of minutes is available from the Clerk. The agendas should still be put on the boards and the Clerk will ensure this is done in future.

Bonny Randall - Winterborne Zelston - Botany Bay Farm - how are they going to manage 92 traffic movements on the junction. Rupert Hardy - the mitigation includes some passing places on the Bloxworth Road and will be making the turning circle more difficult on the turning to Bloxworth, thus encouraging the lorries to turn left out of the site and head for the A31.

2. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and to consider any requests for dispensations

2015/11/162 Cllr Jenkins declared an interest in agenda item No.12. No requests for dispensations had been received.

3. Apologies

2015/11/163 Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr R Jessop (holiday), District Cllrs Emma Parker and Jane Somper, County Cllr Hilary Cox.

4. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2016

2015/11/164 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Andrews proposed them to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Leaper and agreed unanimously. The minutes were then signed by the Chairman in the presence of the meeting.

5. Matters arising from the minutes - for report only

2015/11/165 The Precept request has been submitted.

Fingerposts - work has started on the West Street post. This should be finished by Easter. Work has also started on the Duck Street post but the brackets and one arm is proving very stubborn to dismantle. Once the arm is removed, Roger Bond will then refurbish the bracket assembly in-situ to avoid any breakages. This will be done as soon as the weather allows. The original quotation for the work on both fingerposts was £1,110 - of which £670 is currently held in the budget.

Noah Henville Corner - Cllr Lewis reported that she had spoken to a Highways officer who has confirmed that the road is not in sufficient poor repair to warrant any work being carried out to it. In addition, there is a footpath nearby for pedestrians so there is no reason for people to be walking along this stretch of road. It was generally felt that the footpath in question is also in a poor state and perhaps the developer of the Broad Close site should be approached and asked to bring the road up to a reasonable standard as it is their lorries that are compounding the damage.

Cllr Leaper has forwarded a map of the proposed location of the dog bins to the Clerk. This will now be sent to DWP for confirmation. Once received, the bins will be purchased and installed.

Rural Bus Service Review - The removal of the various bus services will now be put on hold until there is a clearly defined plan for alternative provision of community transport (not just volunteer car schemes) for those most in need and who have no other means of accessing services or towns.

6. To consider the Co-option of 2 Parish Councillors

2015/11/166 The two residents who originally put their names forward are now unable to join the Parish Council due to work and family commitments. As a result the posts will be re-advertised and brought to the March meeting. **ACTION: CLERK**

7. County and District Councillors' Reports

2015/11/167 No County or District Councillors were able to attend and no reports had been submitted.

8. To consider the Finances

2015/11/168 To confirm the payment of accounts

The following payments had been requested:

Secure Alarms	Bi-annual service of fire alarm	101360	102.00
Pestwright	Pest Control 1/1 - 31/3/16	101361	62.50
K Crabb	Removal of waste bins from play park	101362	45.00
Mrs A Crocker	December Wages + expenses	101363	457.33

These amounted to £666.83 of the Precept.

Cllr Sorrell proposed the payments are made. This was seconded by Cllr Nash and agreed unanimously. The cheques were signed by two councillors in the presence of the meeting.

2015/11/169 To confirm the reconciliation of accounts and position against budget

A copy of the reports had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Andrews proposed that the accounts are accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Leaper and agreed unanimously.

2015/11/170 To confirm the Financial Regulations

A copy of the existing regulations had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Lewis pointed out that the current regulations had been agreed at a meeting held on 11th November 2014. At that time it was agreed that item 4.1 should read "items of £1,000". The Clerk suggested this should be amended to £500 and the reference to a delegated committee be removed as all such expenditure is agreed in full council. Section 1.14 amended to read £500 in line with the above; section 4.8 - remove "or 15% of budget".

It was proposed by Cllr Leaper, seconded by Cllr Allcock and agreed unanimously that these changes are made. The Clerk will make the amendments and reissue the Regulations for confirmation at the March meeting. **ACTION: CLERK**

9. To receive an update on the Community Speed Watch

2015/11/171 The Speed Watch started again on Thursday 21st January, 2016, following a break over the Christmas period, and have been out several times but have had to curtail them due to weather. The general feeling is that it is working well and is helping the village. More volunteers are desperately needed. Perhaps this can be raised at the village meeting.

10. To receive an update on the WK Youth Building

2015/11/172 The group last met on the 26th January at which it was suggested that the Youth Club should be allowed to use the building on Saturday 6th and Tuesday 9th February free of charge. We would then require £12.50 for the balance of February and £25 for March, which includes £5 towards electricity and water charges. As from 1st April, the rent will be £195 for the quarter to 30th June, 2016 at which point it will be reviewed again as the Youth Club will have been up and running for 5 months by then and everyone will have a better idea of how it is progressing.

Cllr Nash proposed that we put this in place until the end of June. This was seconded by Cllr Leaper and agreed unanimously.

As a group, we are concerned that, as the building has potential running costs of around £3,000 per year, we have to look at the future of the building and how we are going to meet the running costs. This is going to be a key feature of the Village Meeting in April.

Cllr Nash suggested we commit ourselves to an advertising budget and try to find someone to hire the building on a regular basis without detracting from the village hall.

Ideally, we would like to be able to hire the building to one tenant at a reasonable rent. Cllr Sorrell felt he would like to see one main tenant and perhaps one off hirers can work around this.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 25th February at 7pm and will consider advertising costings, etc.

11. To consider the loss of the Speed Indicator Device

2015/11/173 The Clerk reported that Highways will be removing the SID from Winterborne Kingston. There are about 120 different locations throughout Dorset with a post in place that occasionally receives a SID deployment for about one week in every 12. Following a comprehensive review of the system, Highways feel it is not fit for purpose and will be reducing the number of sites it will be deploying the SID units to around 14 locations. These were selected from the current 120 sites by using a ranking system. As a result, Winterborne Kingston will no longer be receiving deployments. However, there is a policy in place whereby parish councils can purchase their own SIDs under DCC management. The cost of a SID is presently £2,500.00. Other commercial SIDs are of a similar price but would still be governed by the DCC user guide and code of practice.

12. To consider a retrospective request for the installation of a gateway in the Allotment Field

2015/11/174 Cllr Jenkins withdrew from the meeting.

An e-mail has been received from Cllr Jenkins to ask for retrospective permission to install a gate into the field known as the Allotment Field and owned by the Parish Council. She has stated that the gate will remain locked and will only be accessed in order to do the hedge cutting - it will remain padlocked at all other times. Cllr Lewis reminded members that this could have a detrimental effect should we decide to sell the field at some point on the future. The Clerk suggested that members might like to consider the granting of retrospective permission on the basis that the gate is only used once a year for access to cut the hedges and that, should Cllr Jenkins move or we wish to sell the land, the gate must be removed and the hedge reinstated. In addition, those renting the Allotment Field will have to be informed before the gate is used. Cllr Sorrell proposed that we follow this course of action. This was seconded by Cllr Nash and agreed unanimously. The Clerk will put this in writing to Cllr Jenkins.

ACTION: CLERK

Cllr Jenkins returned to the meeting.

13. To Review the Councillors' Responsibilities list

2015/11/175 Cllr Lewis had produced a list of responsibilities that had been drafted in 2015. The following amendments were made:

Cllr Ross Jessop - Tree Warden for Winterborne Kingston
Cllrs Mark Leaper & Ross Jessop - Planning for Winterborne Kingston

The section for finger posts will be removed.

The Clerk will update the report and issue it to all members and put it on the web site.

ACTION: CLERK

14. To consider a donation to Blandford Town Council towards the upkeep of the public toilets

2015/11/176 A request had been received from Blandford Forum Town Council asking if parishes surrounding Blandford would be willing to make a small contribution towards the running costs of the public toilets in Blandford now that there was no charge for using them. Cllr Sorrell proposed we

do not make a donation. This was seconded by Cllr Nash and agreed unanimously. The Clerk will respond to Blandford Town Council accordingly.

ACTION: CLERK

15. To consider Planning Applications and Tree Work Proposals

2015/11/177 Planning Applications

2/2015/1905 - 2 Park Cottages, March Lane, Anderson - erect double garage (amended scheme to

Cllr Sorrel - no objections have been received from neighbours and he can see no reason to object. This was seconded by Cllr Nash and agreed unanimously.

6/2015/0705 - Botany Bay Farm, Bloxworth Road - demolish 4 existing buildings, convert 2 & erect 2 for B8 use

Cllr Andrews has received a copy of a letter sent from a parishioner to the planning officer, objecting to the application.

Cllr Jenkins has used the road from Red Post to the village many times on horseback. Lorries will almost certainly turn right out of the development and will end up going through Bloxworth as this would be the most direct route to Poole on the SatNav.

Cllr Sorrell - amazed that we were not consulted as this is going to have a huge effect on this parish. The opposition from the residents is considerable and well set out. He would proposed that we support and endorse the Bloxworth Parish Meeting response. A copy of Cllr Sorrell's suggested response had been passed to the Clerk and is available in full on request.

Cllr Jenkins - the A31 is a major trunk road and carries such a large volume of traffic during the summer and she has continually asked for some form of traffic control at White Post. The additional quantity of vehicles will only add to this problem.

Cllr Sorrell proposed we object to this application and endorse the response sent by the Bloxworth Parish Meeting (a copy is available on request to the Clerk) and add some of our own concerns. This was seconded by Cllr Leaper and agreed unanimously.

2/2016/0026 - Hilltop Barn - submitted on the 21st December and on line the 7th January but it does not appear that the Parish Council has been informed. The Clerk will check this with NDDC.

Post meeting note: on checking the DorsetforYou web site, the application is recorded as being in the parish of Winterborne Whitechurch. An e-mail has been sent to the case officer pointing this out.

2015/11/178 Tree Work Proposals

There were no tree works to consider.

ACTION: CLERK

16 WK Playground (GN)

2015/11/179 Cllr Nash reported that the litter bins have been removed and are now stored in the tractor shed should they be needed at a later date. The algae on the play area surfaces will be treated when the weather permits. The grass will need cutting soon. Cllr Nash expressed some concern regarding the contractor. He had sent the contractor an e-mail before Christmas and has had no response. Similarly,

the Clerk has also tried to contact him without success. We will try to contact him again before the start of the season but may have to think about starting to look for a new contractor.

17 Home Watch/Flood Watch (GH)

2015/11/180 Graham Hyde reported that he has not had the early February Police report.

Home Watch: an alert of distraction burglaries at super markets has been received. Home Watch is under threat. However, the PCC is keen on Home Watch and is trying to keep it going by merging the Rural and Town Home Watch groups again.

Flood Watch: everything okay at the moment. The river is quite dangerous - moving rapidly and it is quite deep.

Rita Burden - the hard work that has been done clearing ditches, etc, over the last few years is paying off. There has been no flooding through Anderson so far this year.

At the last meeting Graham was advocating the Flood Warnings scheme. However, the last warning received seemed unnecessary and he contacted the scheme operators. As a result, they have now adjusted the trigger point.

18 Parish Councillors' Reports

2015/11/181 Cllr Sorrell - nothing to report.

Cllr Andrews - bus review update - already discussed.

Cllr Leaper - attended a village hall committee meeting and a request was put in for the council to review the grass cutting contract and the hedge cutting as this has not been up to a particularly high standard. Also attended the youth building on a couple of occasions. He met with Derek Andrews to sort out the flood light on the end of the building. It was suggested that a timer could be put on the light at a cost of £50 which would mean it could be switched on in the building but would go off after 10pm. Fire Alarm - the engineer attended the site and found that the system was showing a fault and it was not giving an alarm. He looked at a couple of options and the engineer suggested we get a new system - which would be cheaper. Cllr Leaper proposed we look at spending the money to make the building secure and fire protected at a cost of £ 250 + VAT. This was seconded by Cllr Nash. Cllr Nash proposed that we go ahead and spend the £50 for the timer. This was seconded by Cllr Leaper and agreed unanimously. The Clerk will contact Secure Alarms and request they go ahead with the work. **ACTION: CLERK**

Cllr Lewis - Sarah Seaton emailed saying Caroline Chichester would like to put an Easter Garden in the church yard - to the south of the church, between the two buttresses. The idea is that it would not be very big but would be something for the children to create and would not be too in the way for the grass cutters. In principle, the councillors have no objection to this but Cllr Nash will liaise with Caroline to check the position of it. 90th birthday planning meeting - if an event is held, can villagers apply for money toward events. They can submit a grant application but, in the case of Zelston, the Parish Council is already holding a sum of £200 which they won in the Best Kept Village Competition. This money is currently being held to offset maintenance.

The Clerk will produce a Grant Application Form before the next meeting for consideration. This will then be made available to the various groups should they wish to submit a request.

ACTION: CLERK

Cllr Jessop - nothing to report.

Cllr Nash - Open Gardens on the 10th July - can we confirm that Mr & Mrs Fox are able to use the car park. The Clerk will send the appropriate letter. The public footpath sign between 23 and 24 Broad Close has still not been fixed. Cllr Jenkins will look into this. There is growing concern over owners not clearing up after their dogs and Cllr Nash requested some signage.

ACTION: CLLR JENKINS/CLERK

Cllr Allcock - nothing to report.

Cllr Jenkins - Graham Stanley sent a team out to cut back the higher branches along the bridleway and to put a catch on the 5 bar gate so horse riders can get through without getting off. The laurel was cut back on Chichester's' field almost opposite Webbers Farmhouse.

19 Correspondence receive since the agenda was set

2015/11/182 The Clerk reported that the following items had been received since the agenda was set:

- Dorset Community Action will be holding a number of training days relating to bid writing and funding. If anyone would like to attend, the cost is £20 per person.
- NDDC have submitted a Notice of Intention - Resolution Relating to original street naming enactment. They are undertaking an exercise of reviewing their Street Naming and Numbering procedures including developing a policy relating to this function. As part of this exercise, NDDC are taking the opportunity to re-clarify certain powers. In order to do this they are required to give notice to the electorate. The provision in question relates to securing arrangements to enable NDDC to ensure that the names of streets are placed in appropriate positions. This includes the provision to enable the District Council to prosecute persons who deface or pull down any street name.

20 Items for the February agenda

- Co-option of Parish Councillors
- Standing Orders Review
- Confirmation of the Financial Regulations

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm