

**Minutes of the Winterborne Zelston Annual Village Meeting held on Tuesday 19th April 2016 at
Winterborne Zelston Village Hall, commencing 6.30pm.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Attendances and apologies

14 members of the public were present, including County Cllr Hilary Cox and there were no apologies.

2. Minutes of the meeting for 2015

A copy of the minutes had been issued to all present at the start of the meeting. They were proposed by Lyn Lewis and seconded by Rita Burden to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

- The Subway lights - this has still not been resolved. The Clerk contacted NDDC regarding the lights but nothing has been heard back. However, a letter was sent to Subway and the manageress has said that she would be happy to do something about the lights but they could not be switched off for security reasons. We wait to hear from her regarding the possibility of the lights being tilted down to prevent light nuisance for those houses closest in Zelston.

- Mapperton Solar Farm has still not gone to judicial review. This means that Richard Eccleston has not produced anything with regard to future projects for the parish.

4. Parish Council Chairman's Report

The Chair read her report and a copy is available on the web site and upon request from the Clerk.

5. County Councillor's Report

The Clerk read out the County Councillor's Report. Cllr Cox's main concern for the Winterborne Division is how we are going to deal with the lack of public transport and how we are going to enable those who do not drive to get about. Local authorities are going to have to work much more closely with parish councils who must be the eyes and ears of the community.

6. District Councillor's Reports

Lyn Lewis asked how many parish council meetings District Councillors have attended in the last year. Cllr Lewis said that we did not have the information to hand but would report back.

7. Village Reports

No reports were available from the Church or the Village Hall but a Flood Report was given by Rita Burden. Thanks were extended to all those who helped with the river tidy as this seems to have worked very well and there were no incidents of flooding over this winter period.

Home Watch - the circulation list for the Police Alert has expanded but if anyone wishes to be added, they should contact Cllr Lewis.

8. Village Appointments

Flood Watch - Rita Burden is happy to carry on in the role

Homewatch - Di Lewis

Trees - John Bush

Rights of Way - Bonny Randall (a pack is available from DCC Rights of Way giving details of the role)

9. Village Funding

A village fundraising committee has been suggested. Lyn Lewis reported that there are two groups at the moment - the Church and the Village Hall - trying to raise money for their respective facility. He suggested that, for such things as the upkeep of either facility, a group should raise money for both and then give the money to whichever facility needed it. Rita expressed concern that, should one group be set up, would they have to have their own insurance, bank account, etc.

Bonny Randall - we have a set number of houses in the village and only the two facilities. It is the homes that provide the funding for the facilities. Perhaps the village could have one large fundraising event in the year. The village needs the buildings. The money is coming from the same pockets each time but the village could join forces and work together in what they would like to do and how the money could be raised and work as a community to keep the buildings going.

Della - supports both the previous speakers and feels any problems have arisen due to lack of communication between the PCC and the Village Hall Committee.

How many feel it is worth get representatives from each group together - almost everyone. Rita - with the proviso that the two groups do not feel that their responsibility has been usurped.

Lyn - the fund raising committee would not interfere with what the hall and church do all year around.

Hillary reminded everyone that Milton Abbas do this every year with the one big event, the profits from which are then distributed to the various groups.

Bobby Randall - asked if the committee could come under the parish council.

Lyn - we have voted in principle to look at the idea.

Cllr Sorrell and Di Lewis will look into this in the near future and try to move things forward.

10. Trees and shrubs on Parish Land

The resident who wished to have this on the agenda was not available to attend but this refers to the trees and shrubs opposite Brook Farm and Camelot.

Edgar Wallis - the site needs to have a good clear out - particularly the Laurels

Mick Allsop - pruning ladder and chainsaw ready to go.

Della - would not want to decimate the shrubs as they have been there for over 50 years and it is a nice area for the youngsters to play in. If it is cut out, there will be a view of the island which will then need sorting out. Do the trees have TPOs? Whatever is done will need careful thought.

Rennie - the area does need thinning out

Lyn - google maps shows the area 5 years ago and the laurels are half the size they are now and they should be thinned out.

Rita - needs tidying but cannot do anything now the birds are nesting. The laurels were damaged about 10 years ago when they were pulled down by a group of youths. We need a professional opinion.

Perhaps DCC has someone who could visit the site. Barbara Bruce was in charge of open spaces on NDDC so she may be able to offer some advice. The Parish Council will obtain some advice on what could be done to the area, together with costs.

11. Public Discussion

Rennie - could the road on the T junction be repaired properly this time. Cllr Lewis suggested speaking to Paul Starkey and copy Cllr Cox in.

Mick - the piece of land in front of Everleigh - can the owner be forced to do something with it? Cllr Lewis - at present the gentleman concerned wrote to the parish council requesting that no work be done on his land and she gave her word that nothing would be done without his consent. Rita asked if the Council owns the verge - perhaps Cllr Cox could check. Cllr Cox - the land owner is responsible for the land. Could this be checked at Land Registry. Rita understood that the Council owns the land 6' in from the road.

Rennie - the river is gradually eroding the verge where the lime tree stands in front of Brook Farm by the stables. Could a barrier be installed if the river dries. The last time it was dredged, Simon could not reach the far side. Rita pointed out that the Environment Agency would only let him put a channel through to aid river flow - he was not allowed to do anything further.

Bonnie asked if the notice board could be looked at.

Rita - on behalf of the village, would like to thank Di and Ron for all they do for the village.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7:21pm.