

**WINTERBORNE KINGSTON ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING
TUESDAY 26 APRIL 2016 AT 7.30PM
WINTERBORNE KINGSTON VILLAGE HALL**

1. Attendance and apologies

22 members of the public; Cllrs M Leaper, G Nash, R Jessop, H Andrews, J Jenkins with Cllr D Lewis chairing.

Apologies had been received from the District and County Councillors and Cllr R Allcock.

2. Minutes of last meeting

No minutes were available.

3. Matters arising

None available.

4. Parish Council Chairman's Report

The Chairman read out her report, a copy of which is available on the web site.

5. County Councillor's Report

Whilst County Cllr Hilary Cox was not available, a report had been received and this was read out by the Chairman. A copy is available on the web site.

6. District Councillors' Reports

Neither District Councillors were available and no report had been submitted.

7. Village Reports

WI - Joan Nash gave a brief report on the WI's activities that have been held during the year.

Village Hall - a brief report was given. The AGM will be held on Monday 16th May and all villagers are welcome.

Gina Dobbins gave a report on the Youth Club. Thanks are extended to Trevor Parker for carrying out the decorating of the building.

Helen Andrews gave a report on the Community Speed Watch. Since its inception in April 2015, 22,400 vehicles have been recorded as passing the Watch team. Helen explained how the initiative works. To date 451 vehicles have been recorded as speeding. As ever more volunteers are needed to keep the scheme going.

Copies of all reports are available on the Parish Council web site.

8. Village Appointments

Floodwatch - Graham Hyde offered to stand as co-ordinator again, with Derek Andrews as his assistant.

Homewatch - Graham Hyde agreed to stand again.

9. Youth Building

Cllr Lewis explained that, since the original committee stood down and the Nursery closed, there have been a number of issues regarding the costs relating to the building and how these were now going to be covered.

Frances Shaxton - read out a letter that he had given to residents in April 2008 saying Canford School donated its 6th form centre to the Lower Winterborne Parish Council especially for the youth of the villages. Because of this, he feels that it is important for those families with young children to be asked what they would like to have done with the building and now just base the conclusions on the thoughts of this meeting.

Mike Griffin suggested setting up a 'man shed'.

Wendy Parker suggested a holiday club is run in the summer perhaps one afternoon a week. Graham Nash said this was put forward at the last parish council meeting and they need to come up with some dates. This would be separate from the youth club.

Pat Shears - need something to generate an income.

Cllr Lewis - it costs about £3,000 a year to run the building. Mike Griffin - in the years it was open, the costs never exceeded about £2,500 pa and the majority of this was spent on maintaining the building.

Cllr Andrews - it is costing the parish council a lot of money and we need to start looking at getting some money in.

Cllr Lewis - when the parish council took the building back there was about £2,048.79 in the bank account which has now been transferred and has been ring fenced within the parish council funds.

Dave Knapp would like to see it used as much as possible for the youths and would happily give up some time to see this happen. This is such a fantastic amenity and we do not want to lose it.

Mr Griffin - on the question of the insurance - when it was first added, there was no increase in the premium.

Sally Cadec, West Street - have any representations been made to the school?

Could the area next to the building be changed to something for the older children where they could skate/use their bikes - there is nothing for the older children to do in the village.

Joan Nash - a skate park was mentioned at the last parish council meeting.

Gillingham are having a new skate park installed and are looking at getting rid of their old one. This will be considered by the Youth Building Committee. The idea of a skate park has been raised in the past.

Mr Griffin - do we know the life expectancy of the building? It has been inspected and is in good condition. Neal Unitt-Jones reminded people that the scout hut in Bere is also a

sectional building donated by Canford School and has been going for 30 years and is still in good condition.

10. 90th Birthday Celebration

Cllr Leaper - plans for June 11th - full day event. The day will start with a street party in Church St between 12 and 3pm. At 6pm events move to the recreation ground. Jamie Jigsaw has been booked for the children's entertainment for the street party. The Greyhound will be putting a bar at the recreation ground for the evening and there will be a band and hot food. Additional sponsorship would be liked in order to provide more children's entertainment for the evening. If anyone has any ideas, please contact Mark Leaper. A flier listing all the day's events will be going out with the next issue of the Red Post magazine.

Street party - tables and chairs will all be provided, together with gazebos down the middle of the street. Teas and coffees provided by the church - all the families have to do is bring their own food.

Throughout the day, funds will be raised. This money will be ring fenced as a 'good cause' fund for use within the community.

11. Neighbourhood Car Scheme

The Clerk gave an outline of the scheme, saying that any volunteer drivers do not need to commit to a set number of hours a month. Once they sign up to the scheme, they will receive an e-mail whenever a client needs a lift. If they are able to take the lift, they return a response, if not, they do nothing. The client pays 50p per mile and the driver receives 45p per mile so they are not out of pocket. The 5p is used to fund the printing and advertising for the scheme. There are now 70 clients and 12 drivers, so more volunteers are desperately needed to keep the scheme alive.

12. Public discussion

Francis Shaxton asked about the red post. Cllr Lewis contacted Lawrence who suggested writing to Richard Drax. Cllr Jessop suggested writing to English Heritage. County Records Office. There is no intention for a roundabout to be built as part of the Botany Bay Farm planning. Could the parish council ask for a weight restriction to be put on the road? The Clerk explained the setting up of a TRO which, if accepted, would still take about 5 years to be put in place.

Mrs Nash - could we make sure our County Councillor is aware of the situation and also our local MP.

Mr Griffin asked if the parish council had ever considered a public access defibrillator. Cllr Jessop has been looking into this and it may be brought up at the next meeting if he has all the necessary information to hand.

There was mention about the dog bins - when are they going to be installed. Cllr Leaper - four bins have arrived and, once the posts are received, they will be put up. Dog waste is a problem and new posters will be put up at the same time.

Meeting closed at 20:25pm