

Minutes of the Lower Winterborne Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 18th July 2017 at Winterborne Kingston Village Hall, commencing 7pm

Present: Cllr R Allcock, D Knapp, S Jacobs, H Andrews, J Jenkins, D Lewis, R Sorrell

Chair: Cllr M Leaper

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also present: 4 members of the public

1 Public Participation

18.49 Rita Burden – Drew members attention to the notice by the Red Post advertising The Greyhound. She enquired as to whether such a notice needs planning permission. Cllr Leaper responded saying that no planning is required as the sign is on private land and is within the required size bracket.

The disabled ramp into the Kingston Village Hall is now under construction and is being funded and installed by Wyatt Homes.

2 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and to consider any dispensation requests received

18.50 No interests were declared and no dispensation requests had been received.

3 Apologies

18.51 Apologies had been received from Cllr R Jessopp and District Councillors Emma Parker and Jane Somper.

4 Minutes the meeting held on the 20th June 2017

18.52 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Sorrell proposed them to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Jenkins and agreed unanimously. The minutes were signed by the Chair in the presence of the meeting.

5 Matters arising from those minutes for report only

18.53 White lines – The Clerk will chase the request for the white lines to be repainted and for a 30mph roundel in Bere Road.

Simon Hart has looked at telephone kiosk and will submit a quote accordingly.

Traffic through Winterborne Kingston – The Clerk reported that a response had been received from Highways regarding traffic surveys. The A31 is a trunk road and managed by Highways England. They do their own monitoring and the data can be found on <http://webtris.highwaysengland.co.uk/>. Cllr Jenkins felt that it is the traffic on the A31 that is the problem, not so much the traffic going through the village. At times, it can take up to 20 minutes to exit onto the A31 and traffic is backed up through to the village. What is required is intelligent traffic lights but this is not likely in the current financial climate. The last survey was carried out in 2010 at a site in front of the Greyhound. At this stage, those results will be obtained and we will then consider a way forward.

ACTION: CLERK

6. County & District Councillors' Reports

18.54.1 County Councillor's Report

Cllr Cox was unable to attend the meeting and no report was available.

18.54.2 District Councillors' Report

Cllrs Parker and Somper were unable to attend the meeting but had confirmed that there was no further

7. Finance

18.55.1 To confirm payment of accounts

The following payments had been requested:

Pampered Pigs	Diesel for mower	101429	112.50
BT	Alarm – hub	101430	34.20
WK Village Hall	Pop In hall hire 1/1-30/6/17	101431	91.00
J Carr	WK Grass cutting July 2017	101432	400.00
Mrs A Crocker	July wages + expenses	101433	468.92
HMRC	PAYE	101434	19.80
DAPTC	Annual Conference	101435	60.00

The total amount requested from the Precept is £1,186.42.

Cllr Knapp proposed that the payments are made. This was seconded by Cllr Sorrell and agreed unanimously.

18.55.2 To confirm the reconciliation of accounts and position against budget

A copy of both reports had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. It was noted that the VAT invoice for the mower has now been received and included within the accounts.

8. To review councillors' responsibilities for the coming year

18.56 A copy of the amended sheet had been passed to all members prior to the start of the meeting. The following amendments were made:

Cllr Jacobs to take Cllr Lewis' place as DAPTC representative
Cllr Andrews to be removed from the Community Hub list

Cllr Andrews highlighted the requirement for the Parish Council to have an Emergency Plan in place. She offered to look into what was required for Kingston and Cllr Lewis will take the lead for Zelston.

Graham Hyde informed the meeting that he had been asked to look at this about 5 years ago and, at the time, spoke to someone in County who said it was a very large undertaking as it needs to be a live document. All the information contained within it should be correct at all times which means constantly updating the document. It may mean that, once considered, members will feel such a document will not be necessary. This will be brought to the August meeting.

9. Speed Watch update

18.57 Cllr Andrews reported that another session had taken place with the Assistant Chief Constable for Dorset, together with the Community Police Officer and the Speed Watch Coordinator for Dorset. It was a very informative session. The Dorset Road Safety Team have established close links with the Winterborne Kingston CSW and often attend the site. The ACC supported the moving of the 30mph limit at the northern end of the village, as does the Road Safety Team but it is up to the Parish Council to put in an application to have it moved. It is thought that Wyatt Homes are looking into having it moved. The Clerk will look into this and speak to the relevant Highways officer.

Cllr Andrews further reported that, at 4.30pm on the 19th July, there were more speeding vehicles than there had been for some time.

10. WK Community Hub update

18.58 Cllr Jacobs reported that there have been 3 bookings, including the Julia's House Fun Day. The cooker has yet to be fitted but the new folding tables have now arrived. There will be a car boot sale in September, the profits from which will be going to the building. Lyn Luxford has been asked to take over the Youth Club and other residents are prepared to help but do not want to run it.

Cllr Lewis asked if the AGM is due in September for the building. Yes. Cllr Jacobs will arrange a date.

11. To consider the Pest Control contract

18.59 Following the June meeting, the Clerk had investigated the use of both toxic bait and phosphine gas. The use of toxic bait is quite standard, with the boxes being locked and the bait fixed into the box on a wire rod. They are located in areas that are out of site and only in and around the buildings for rats and mice, they would not be used for moles. Phosphine gas comes in a tablet form and activates with air and water. The tablet is buried in the mole run and, as it is slightly heavier than air, it settles in the run. The use of this substance is strictly controlled by legislation and all users must be trained and licensed.

Discussion took place and it was felt that, although very slim, there could still be the possibility of a dog or child digging in the mole runs and exposing themselves to the gas. The risk of one child being affected is huge and, as such, the use of traps for the moles is preferred. Bait boxes would be used around the buildings. Company C had said they would bury the mole traps and use metal detectors to find them so no markers would be necessary as they could damage the mower. Cllr Knapp proposed we offer the contract for Company C. This was seconded by Cllr Jenkins and agreed unanimously. The Clerk to contact the contractors accordingly.

ACTION: CLERK

12. To consider future uses of the Recreation Ground

18.60 At the moment, the area is used purely for dog walking. Interest has been shown for allotments and for keeping some of the area as a wildflower meadow. The site does have water but it is not netted against rabbits – this may be something that is looked at should we go down the allotment route.

It was noted that the Parish Council paid a lot of money to have an area fenced off with the intention to install benches and for it to be used as a memorial garden. This area is currently not being used but is locked. To turn it into a memorial garden will incur initial expense but will also incur on-going maintenance costs.

The site must be used for recreational use for the village.

Cllr Allcock suggested getting a plan of the recreation ground and drawing up a design based around any ideas that come forward. We can then look at what grants are available and involve the whole community in the process.

Cllr Sorrell pointed out that the first step would be to establish that there is a need for it.

It was suggested that a notice is placed in the Red Post magazine and we see what, if any, responses are received. A public meeting will be arranged at the Hub in order to gauge local interest. Cllrs Leaper, Jacobs and Knapp will lead this initiative.

13. Planning Applications & Tree Work Proposals

18.61 2/2017/0883 Crofters, Sackville St, WK – erect double garage & workshop, erect boundary wall

No comments are shown on the web site from the neighbours. Cllr Knapp proposed the application is supported by the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr Jacobs and agreed unanimously.

2/2017/0828 Former Scats site – alter external facades on 6 plots

The application appears to be changing the facades on the plots to flint and block. No other alterations could be found. Cllr Leaper proposed the application is supported. This was seconded by Cllr Andrews and agreed unanimously.

14. WK Playground

18.62 Cllr Knapp reported that everything looks okay. The gap in the rubber flooring has not increased. The moss has worn down but has not been sprayed.

15. To consider the future Grass Cutting Contract

18.63 Since the May meeting, six tender documents had been sent to various individuals and three responses had been received. A list of the quotations received had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Allcock proposed Quotation B is accepted – this quoted £1,295 for an initial one-off charge to bring the various areas back to a good condition; thereafter £10,000p.a. to be paid in monthly instalments with the contract being reviewed in February 2018. This was seconded by Cllr Knapp and agreed unanimously. The Clerk will contact the contractors accordingly.

ACTION: CLERK

16. To receive an update on the Village Gates

18.64 Cllr Allcock reported that he has met with DCA, together with a representative of Groundworks UK, the company behind the Tesco carrier bag scheme. The largest amount achievable is £4000. Should we achieve that figure, it may be possible to install a village gateway on Bere Road as well. Cllr Allcock has registered with the Tesco scheme. It was noted that some of the villages in the area have started to introduce gates made from recycled plastic – the cost for these starts at around £400 to £500. If we are not successful with the grants, we may be able to look at sponsorship.

Cllr Allcock will draw up some designs and these will be put before the village at the public meeting as outlined in 18.60.

ACTION: CLLR ALLCOCK

17. Telephone kiosk and defibrillator update

18.65 Although away until the 26th July, Cllr Jessopp had reported that the defibrillator grant was accepted and the training pack received. The defibrillator requires its own heated storage cabinet which cannot be locked but can be alarmed. He will look for a suitable one on his return. He suggested contacting

the various village groups and asking if they would like a training session so there will be residents qualified to use it when it arrives. He will also look into this upon his return.

ACTION: CLLR JESSOPP

18. Home Watch/Flood Watch

18.66.1 Flood Watch

Nothing to report in Kingston.

Rita Burden reported that the river in Zelston is beginning to dry

18.66.2 Home Watch

Graham Hyde reported that there were 9 break ins in one night in the Piddle Valley area – all from sheds and garages. There have been 2 distraction burglaries in Blandford and a sit on mower has been taken from the Sturminster area. A lady in Kingston was approached by two men in a white van who offered to remove some rubbish for her. They proceeded to pick up some black bags and then demanded £100 for rubbish removal. She paid them. This was publicised on the village Facebook page and enough money was collected to give the lady her money back.

19. Parish Councillors' Reports

18.67 Cllr Jenkins – Nothing to report.

Cllr Andrews – Blandford Area Development Trust – this is not now going ahead as there were too few people wishing to get involved with it.

Cllr Sorrell – Nothing to report.

Cllr Jacobs – Nothing to report.

Cllr Knapp – Nothing to report

Cllr Allcock – Nothing to report.

Cllr Lewis – Nothing to report.

Cllr Leaper – Nothing to report.

20. Correspondence receive since the agenda was set

18.68 The annual health and safety check was carried out on the gravestones in the churchyard and cemetery at the end of June. All were stable and it was not necessary to lay any down.

Neighbourhood Plan update – Cllr Jessopp had reported that Cllr Walsh of NDDC had been unable to attend the previously booked meeting as he was in hospital. Another meeting has been booked for the 2nd August.

21. Items for the August agenda

18.69 - The purchase of bench for village green in Zelston

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.32pm.