

**MINUTES OF THE LOWER WINTERBORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 20TH JUNE 2017 AT WINTERBORNE ZELSTON VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING
7PM**

Present: Cllr R Allcock, J Jenkins, R Sorrell

Chair: Cllr M Leaper

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also present: District Cllrs Jane Somper, Emma Parker and 4 members of the public

1 Public Participation

18.030 The Patient Participation Group (PPG), based at Bere Regis Surgery, are looking to recruit and would like to invite a representative from the Parish Council to sit on the committee. They meet four or five times a year and act as a liaison between the patients and the surgery.

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

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

3 Apologies

18.032 Apologies had been received from Cllrs R Jessopp, H Andrews, D Lewis, D Knapp and S Jacobs.

4 Minutes the meeting held on the 16th May 2017

18.033 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 Allcock.

5 Matters arising from those minutes for report only

18.034 Grass cutting at the Recreation Ground – This is now being cut once or twice a week.

Notice Board at Kingston village hall – This has been repaired.

White lines through WK – The roundels have been drawn but the white lines also need to be repainted. There was a request to put in 30mph roundel on Bere Road. The Clerk will put in this request.

ACTION: CLERK

Neighbourhood Plan – A meeting between Cllr Walsh (NDDC), Cllr Jessopp and Cllr Leaper had been arranged for last week but Cllr Walsh did not attend. District Cllrs Somper and Parker offered to email Cllr Walsh and will copy in the Parish Council.

The telephone kiosk at WK needs the front door repaired. The doors are made of wood and the joints have come adrift and some new timber is needed for the base of the door. Cllr Leaper will contact Simon Hart and ask him to carry out the repair work.

ACTION: CLLR LEAPER

Cllr Leaper will be meeting with Simon Hart later in June to consider the various works needed at the play area.

Mr Malin is not available to take on the role of Tree Warden due to ill health. This will now go through as an appointment for a councillor to take on.

Kingston grass cutting contract – Six requests for quotes have gone out but, to date, no responses have been received.

6. County & District Councillors' Reports

18.035.1 County Councillor's Report - Cllr Cox was unable to attend and no report was available.

18.035.2 District Councillors' Report - The Independent Councillor for NDDC, Cllr Esme Butler, passed away in May. She will be greatly missed and our thoughts are with her family. None of the three councils in the partnership have any social rented tower blocks. DCC have written to the partnerships for reassurance about their safety controls and materials used. At the full County Council meeting in May, Rebecca Knox was elected as Leader of Council, with Cllr Jill Haynes as Deputy Leader. Changes in planning enforcement are underway and Town and Parish Councils will be kept informed of any new developments. Parish Councils are being encouraged to comment on the lack of communication with the tree officers following the decision to withdraw the notification of work. Teddy Rocks was a great success and the organisers have decided to put in a permanent licence for the site, to cover this event only.

7. Finance

18.036.01 To confirm payment of accounts

The following payments have been requested:

D Lewis	'No Dogs' sign for play park	101422	9.60
British Telecom	Security Alarm – WK Hub	101423	27.00
DAPTC	Councillor training courses	101424	130.00
Derek Andrews	PAT testing – WK Hub	101425	83.10
Mrs A Crocker	May wages + expenses	101426	490.47
HMRC	PAYE	101427	19.60
J Carr	WK grass cutting – June 2017	101428	400.00

The total amount requested from the Precept is £1,159.77.

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

18.36.02 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. Cllr Jenkins proposed the reports are accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Allcock and agreed unanimously.

8. To review councillors' responsibilities for the coming year

18.37 This item will be deferred to the July meeting.

9. Speed Watch update

18.38 Although Cllr Andrews was unable to attend the meeting, she had submitted the following report to the Clerk:

‘We have one new trained recruit but, unfortunately, had two more ask to be removed from volunteering. This means the list of volunteers is getting low, so more are needed although we are managing with those we have. I have been asked to provide a team for another special Speed Watch session on Wednesday 28th June, to enable the Deputy Police Commissioner for Dorset to visit us.’

10. WK Community Hub update

18.39 Cllr Jacobs was unable to attend the meeting but our thanks are extended to her for all the work and time she has committed to the building over the last few months.

11. To consider the Pest Control contract

18.40 Members were issued with the results of the quotations received but concern was expressed over the use of toxic bait and/or phosphine gas. The Clerk will check on the use of these substances and the results will be circulated by email and agreed before the next meeting.

ACTION: CLERK

12. To consider future uses of the Recreation Ground

18.41 This item will be postponed to the July meeting.

13. Planning Applications & Tree Work Proposals

18.42 To consider Planning Applications received

2/2017/0769 Lincoln Farm Dog Rescue & Homing Kennel; demolish existing stores and outbuildings and erect store/shop/offices/staffroom, including rehoming interview rooms. Form associated parking

It was generally felt that this represented a replacement of old buildings for new and tidies up the existing buildings. No comments have been made by nearby residents and Highways have no objections. Cllr Sorrell proposed that the application is supported. This was seconded by Cllr Allcock and agreed unanimously.

14. WK Playground

18.43 No report was available.

15. Telephone kiosk and defibrillator update

18.44 Cllr Jessopp was unavailable to report it is known that he has received a favourable response regarding his bid for funding for a defibrillator.

16. Home Watch/Flood Watch

18.45.1 Home Watch - Graham Hyde reported that everything was quiet on regarding Home Watch. The Police have been loaned a tractor which has been renamed Robo Crop. This will be taken around the various agricultural shows to try and raise awareness of rural crime.

18.45.2 Flood Watch – Nothing to report and there has been no flooding.

17. Parish Councillors' Reports

18.46 Cllr Jenkins - The volume of traffic through Kingston and the ability to exit on to the A31 continues to get worse. She suggested asking for a traffic survey on the A31 to provide some background statistics on the volume and type of traffic now using the road and another survey on the C6. Cllr Jenkins drew members' attention to the name of the development on the old SCATs site - Oak View. It was felt that this seems very strange as there are no oak trees on the site. The Clerk pointed out that parish councils are no longer given any chance to comment on the names developers give to new developments. Occasionally, they may be asked but that is at the discretion of the developer.

Cllr Sorrell – Nothing to report.

Cllr Allcock – Raised the issue of the village gateways. He will be meeting with DCA on the 5th July and will ask what, if any, grants are available for this kind of work.

Cllr Andrews – Although unable to attend the meeting, Cllr Andrews had submitted the following report – ‘I commented last month about hedges overlapping pavements, etc. which obscures the view of motorists exiting junctions. There is a hedge in West Street which is now overlapping the road and a mother with a toddler and pushchair was recently observed having to go into the road to pass it. The same hedge also obscures the view of cars exiting along West Street from Kingston Barnyard. Highways have informed her that the Parish Council has the right to ask owners to trim back their hedges and she requested that letters are sent to the appropriate owners.

18. Correspondence receive since the agenda was set

18.47 No additional correspondence had been received.

19. Items for the July agenda

18.48 Members are asked to ensure any items for the agenda are received by the Clerk before the 12th July.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19:41hours.