

Minutes of the Lower Winterborne Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 21st November 2017 at Winterborne Kingston Village Hall, commencing 7pm

Present: Cllrs R Allcock, H Andrews, R Jessopp

Chair: Cllr M Leaper

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also present: 5 members of the public

1. Public Participation

18.140 Overgrown hedges - The footpath on the corner of Church Lane.

Dog bin – The post and rail fence at Sackville Street by the river walk has rotted away and, as a result, the dog bin has collapsed. The fence was originally erected by Highways. The Clerk will contact Highways and arrange to have the fence repaired/replace.

ACTION: CLERK

Tree at the end of the bridge – The wall is cracking. Highways have been contacted but this will be followed up.

The ground at the far end of the recreation ground; the area is locked but it is understood that a local resident holds the key. The Clerk will contact the resident and ask them to remove the locks. The Parish Council has been approached with a view to having bee hives put on the land. The resident managing the hives would be willing to work with local children and youths but would, in the first instance, need to look into their liability insurance.

ACTION: CLERK

Rita Burden reported that the forms for the Best Kept Village 2018 will be out soon and one award is for Environmental Projects. If the Parish Council should decide to work with the bee hive project, this would be something that could be submitted.

2. Declaration of Interests

18.141 No interests were declared at this stage.

3. Apologies

18.142 Apologies have been received from Cllrs Ron Sorrell and David Knapp.

The Chair reported that Di Lewis has sadly submitted her resignation and it is with great sadness that it is accepted. She was a worthy chairman and will be greatly missed. Our thanks go out to her and we wish her well for the future.

4. Minutes the meeting held on the 17th October 2017

18.143 A copy of the minutes was issued to all member 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 Jessopp and agreed unanimously. The minutes were signed by the Chair in the presence of the meeting.

Signed:

5. Matters arising from those minutes for report only

18.144 WK bus shelter – The reflective tape has been purchased and Cllr Leaper will install it.

ACTION: CLLR LEAPER

Thomson misspelt on the web site – This has been corrected.

Quotes for kiosks to be received – Still awaited.

DAPTC – Cllr Andrews offered to take on the role as representative for the Parish Council. This was gratefully accepted, and the Clerk will contact the appropriate authorities and inform them of the change.

ACTION: CLERK

6. County & District Councillors' Reports

18.145 The following report had been received from the District Councillors:

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‘Local Government Reorganisation – At the time of writing, no decision had been received from the Secretary of State. *This has now been received and he has minded to agree the principle of the unitary reorganisation.*

Consultation on Dog Fouling – It was agreed at the recent Cabinet meeting following comments from Overview & Scrutiny that a consultation will be carried out in relation to dog related Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) which replaces the current North Dorset Dogs (Fouling of Land) designation order. The consultation is based on transferring the current provisions with any modifications. The consultation will take place over a 12 week period and will be publicised through various channels and sent directly to Parish Council who will be requested to also publicise to their communities. Following consultation, the results and comments will be brought back to Cabinet for consideration prior to presentation to Full Council for the making of the order. Keeping land free from dog fouling is a high resident priority, as is the safe use of parks and open spaces.

North Dorset Local Plan Review – The Planning Policy Panel received a detailed report on the North Dorset Local Plan Review – Issues and Options Document, with a view to seek comments from members on a lengthy consultation to be approved by Cabinet, in order to make progress on the Local Plan review. This review is required following comments from the Planning Inspector who examined NDLP Part 1, where the plan was found to be sound on the basis of a number of main modifications, one of which was for the council to carry out an early review of the plan to ‘ensure it remains appropriate for the District and continues to encourage and secure the development and infrastructure the District requires.’ The Preferred Options Document, which will identify sites for development, will be worked up following full consideration of the responses received from the consultation. We urge the Parish Council to carefully consider its response and in particular in relation to the section on villages which will set out the current and proposed approach.’

7. Finance

18.146 To confirm payment of accounts

Before proceeding, the Clerk informed members that the signing authorities had finally been agreed by Barclays Bank. Unfortunately, due to the loss of three members recently, it will now be necessary to make further changes, but Barclays have assured us that it will not take so long this time.

Signed:

The following payments had been requested:

Jurassic Coast Pest Control	10/10/17 – 9/1/18 + 4 bait boxes	101463	276.00
JSR Tree Care	WK grass cutting	101464	833.33
BT	Hub alarm line	101465	27.00
Mrs A Crocker	October wages + expenses	101466	554.82
HMRC	PAYE	101467	19.80

The total amount requested from the Precept is £1,710.95.

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

18.147 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.

18.148 To arrange a meeting date for the Finance Working Party

As there are now only six members of the Parish Council, all will take part in the setting of the budget. This will take place on Wednesday 6th December at the Botany Bay, prior to which, the Clerk will issue a draft set of accounts for discussion.

ACTION: CLERK

Members were asked to consider possible expenditure for inclusion in the budget:

- Notice board outside WK village hall
- Poppies for the lampposts

18.149 To consider a donation to Blandford Town Council in respect of the maintenance of the public conveniences in Blandford

A request had been received from Blandford Town Council for a contribution towards the cost of maintaining the public conveniences in Blandford. Several of the surrounding parish councils already make a contribution of between £50 and £500. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed that no donation would be made this year.

18.150 To confirm the expenditure to repair the Kingston and Anderson kiosks

A formal quotation is awaited.

8. Speed Watch update

18.151 Cllr Andrews reported that she will be attending a meeting on Friday 24th November at Blandford Police Station with other co-ordinators. Several residents have mentioned that there appears to be less speeding in the village than there used to be, and the records would back this up. On this note, and because the Speed Watch initiative has been running for over 18 months, Cllr Andrews would like the Parish Council to finance a new speed gun at a cost of £200. It was reported that Operation Dragoon is underway, targeting persistent offenders.

9. WK Community Hub update

18.152 To consider the appointment of a booking secretary

Cllr Leaper will ask Lyn Luxford if she would be willing to hold the keys.

A meeting of the Building Committee is to be arranged in the near future.

10. To consider dates for the 2018 meetings

18.153 It was initially suggested that the Parish Council meet every other month as this may encourage new members. However, following some discussion, it was felt that it would be preferable to continue to meet monthly and have shorter meetings than have a longer meeting every other month. This would also mean that any issues and planning applications could be dealt with promptly.

It was suggested that a ‘Come and meet the council’ evening may be a useful tool to encourage residents to reconsider their view of what a Parish Council does and what it can achieve.

For the time being no meeting will be held in December.

11. Planning Applications & Tree Work Proposals

18.154 No applications at this time.

12. WK Playground

18.155 Nothing to report.

13. To receive an update on the Village Gates

18.156 A decision is expected within 6 months.

14. Telephone kiosks

18.157 Defibrillator update for Winterborne Kingston – It is expected that we should receive the defibrillator within the next 6 weeks. Once received, training session will be organised.

ACTION: CLLR JESSOPP

18.158 Update on the Anderson telephone kiosk

The purchase of the kiosk has now been completed. An email will be sent to all those residents who originally expressed an interest in taking care of the kiosk.

ACTION: CLERK

15. Home Watch/Flood Watch

18.159 Home Watch – Graham Hyde was unable to attend the meeting but had submitted the following report:

‘Over the last month there have been a few incidents, including thefts from Milton Abbas School and central heating oil from near Shaftesbury. On our patch there have been thefts from outbuildings at the Botany Bay Inn (inaccurate – probably the farm) and tools stolen from a building site in Winterborne Kingston – presumably Wyatt Homes. Scams continue to be catching out Dorset

residents, including HMRC and someone pretending to be an employment agency. The advice remains – NEVER GIVE PERSONAL DETAILS OVER THE PHONE OR IN RESPONSE TO AN EMAIL.

Flood Watch – Nothing to report other than the fact that DCC have ditched the roadside along West Street.’

Zelston – There is now water in the river and the banks, etc look very tidy.

16. Parish Councillors' Reports

18.160 Cllr Andrews – Open Gardens will be held on Sunday 24th June 2018. Comments continue to be received regarding amount of dog pooh on the recreation ground. A reminder will be put in the Red Post. A31 closure from 4th December for 2 weeks from 9pm to 6am. Hole in road by Kingston village hall cannot be found by Highways officials. Cllr Andrews will take a photograph of the site and send it back to Highways.

Cllr Allcock – Asked if it would be worthwhile advertising the Parish Council Vacancies on the village Facebook site. Cllr Leaper will look into this.

ACTION: CLLR LEAPER

Cllr Jessopp – The sewage plant at Broad Close continues to be of concern. Another cat has drowned. It was understood that the Housing Association was supposed to be putting a lid on the site, but this has not been done. The Clerk will contact the Estates Office again and look to arrange a site visit.

ACTION: CLERK

17. Correspondence receive since the agenda was set

18.161 Complaints have been received with regard to the length of grass at the recreation ground and the fact that it is disguising some fairly deep holes in the vicinity of the entrance gate.

Complaints have been received about vehicles parking on the path up towards the play park and making it impassable for residents with pushchairs, bikes or wheelchairs. The Clerk will contact the resident concerned.

18. Items for the January agenda

18.162 - Precept 2018/19

Members are reminded to contact the Clerk by the 31st December for any items they wish to be included on the January agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:12.