

**Minutes of the Lower Winterborne Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 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:** 4 members of the public

**1. Public Participation**

18.116 Joan Nash presented the Parish Council with a certificate awarded to Winterborne Kingston for the upkeep and maintenance of the village hall, together with a cheque for £100. The certificate will be framed and kept in the Village Hall. Congratulations and thanks are extended to all those who worked so hard to achieve this recognition.

Pat Shears asked what was happening about the reflective stripe down the side of the bus shelter. Cllr Leaper will look into this and arrange for the work to be carried out.

**ACTION: CLLR LEAPER**

It was noted that web site says that the River Winterborne runs into the Stour at Charlton Marshall – this should read Sturminster Marshall and Tomson is spelt with an ‘h’ and should not be. The Clerk will arrange for the corrections to be made.

**ACTION: CLERK**

The tree growing into the parapet opposite the Greyhound. Highways own the bridge and the tree was not deemed to be damaging the bridge when a survey was carried out a few years ago, but it is felt that this now needs inspecting again.

**ACTION: CLERK**

White Post junction – Another accident occurred recently, resulting in a fatality. Highways have been asked if there is anything that can be done about the junction but, it was suggested that, following this incident, any work should become more of a priority.

**2. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

18.117 No interests were declared at this stage.

**3. Apologies**

18.118 Apologies have been received from Cllrs Dave Knapp, Di Lewis and Ron Sorrell, District Cllrs Jane Somper and Emma Parker.

It was noted that Sharon Jacobs has now resigned from the Parish Council. We would like to thank her for the amount of time and work she has put in during her time on the Parish Council, especially with the Hub, and wish her well for the future.

There are now three vacancies for councillors in Winterborne Kingston.

Signed: .....

#### **4 Minutes the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

18.119 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Andrews proposed the minutes to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Allcock 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**

18.120 WK kiosk - A quote is still awaited for the work needed. Cllr Andrews suggested another local tradesman who will be contacted.

**ACTION: CLERK**

WK play area – The moss still needs clearing from the play area.

Zelston – Exiting on to the A31 – The Clerk has brought this to the attention of Highways and is awaiting a convenient date for a site visit.

#### **6. County & District Councillors' Reports**

18.121 The councillors were unable to attend the meeting but a report had been received from the District Councillors and this was read out to the meeting. In brief: ‘All leaders of the six Future Dorset Councils and Chief Executives met the Rt. Hon. Sajid Javid MP .. on the 27<sup>th</sup> September to request an update on the Future Dorset proposal for Local Government re-organisation. .... The Secretary of State said that Dorset’s desire to move to unitary is his ‘top priority’ and aims to make an announcement in the next few weeks. ... Two Area Committees have been formed; the Dorset Area Joint Committee and the Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch Area Committee. These have been established so members are able to fully participate in discussions about the future of public services in Dorset and to find solutions to shared challenges that all councils face and communicate this as we move forward to our residents. The first meeting of the Dorset Area Joint Committee took place on the 20<sup>th</sup> September. The first meeting of the Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch Committee was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> October.’

#### **7. Finance**

18.122 To confirm payment of accounts

The following payments had been requested:

BT	Purchase fee for the Anderson kiosk	101454	1.00
BT	Hub alarm line – October 2017	101455	34.20
British Heart Found’	Defibrillator purchase	101456	600.00
Water2Business	Cemetery/hub 17/2/17-17/8/17	101457	17.16
JWR Tree Care	October grass cutting	101458	833.33
Mrs A Crocker	September wages + expenses	101459	424.44
HMRC	PAYE	101460	19.80
Came & Co	Insurance renewal	101461	1447.13
DAPTC	Clerks’ seminar/Good Cllrs Guide	101462	51.50

Total amount requested from the Precept is £3,428.56.

Cllr Jessopp proposed the payments are made. This was seconded by Cllr Andrews and agreed unanimously.

18.123 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. No comments were made and no questions raised.

18.124 To arrange a meeting date for the Finance Working Party

The Finance Working Party currently consists of the Chair, Vice Chair, Cllrs Ron Sorrell and Roy Allcock, together with the Clerk. The Clerk suggested that, due to the small number of councillors, it would be more appropriate for all members to be involved in the production of the budget. To this end, the Clerk will draw up a budget proposal which will be issued to all members and a suitable date will be set to review it before bringing it back to a full public meeting.

**ACTION: CLERK**

18.125 To approve the cost of £305 for the removal of a cherry tree along the river walk, WK

This refers to the removal of one of the cherry trees alongside the river walk. The tree is largely dead and the remainder is diseased. There is some danger that the tree may fall or lose branches during windy conditions and its removal would pre-empt any such issues. Cllr Andrews proposed that the quote is accepted and the work carried out. This was seconded by Cllr Jessopp and agreed unanimously.

**8. Speed Watch update**

18.126 Cllr Andrews reported someone was recorded as travelling at 58mph during a recent Speed Watch. The two new volunteers are up and running and there are now 60 teams in Dorset with a further 5 being trained.

**9. WK Community Hub update**

18.127 A booking for a cinema show has been taken for the 18<sup>th</sup> October. The oven is now in place. With Sharon no longer on the Parish Council and unable to assist, a Booking Secretary is needed. Until one can be formally put in place, the Clerk will take the bookings and the keys will be held at the Greyhound.

**10. To consider a response to the DAPTC 2017 motions**

18.128 A copy of the four motions was issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Each motion was considered. Cllr Jessopp proposed that all are supported. This was seconded by Cllr Allcock and agreed unanimously.

Whilst members support the motions, we may not have any one attending the meeting as we do not currently have a representative. An email request will be sent to all members to see if anyone will be available to represent the Parish Council on the 4<sup>th</sup> November.

**ACTION: CLERK**

**11. Planning Applications & Tree Work Proposals**

18.129 No applications at this time.

**12. WK Playground**

18.130 Nothing to report.

**13. To receive an update on the Village Gates**

18.131 Cllr Allcock reported that there has been no further progress.

**14. Telephone kiosks**

18.132 Defibrillator update for Kingston – The cheque has been raised and will be sent. It is not known if the defibrillator comes with a case, if not, this will be something that will need to be purchased. Once the equipment arrives, training sessions will be held.

Signed: .....

18.133 Update on the Anderson telephone kiosk – There are one or two people Anderson residents who would be willing to look after and clean the kiosk. It was suggested that it could be used as a library but other ideas will be sought. It was noted that there had been no firm commitment from residents to look after the Kingston kiosk prior to it being purchased. Like the Kingston kiosk, the Anderson one does need some work doing to it. It was suggested that the cost of any potential work to the kiosk could be included within the Anderson precept.

Cllr Allcock proposed the kiosk is purchased. This was seconded by Cllr Jessopp and agreed unanimously. The Clerk will complete and return the appropriate forms, together with the payment.

**ACTION: CLERK**

## **15. Home Watch/Flood Watch**

18.134 Home Watch – Graham Hyde reported that a green quad bike was stolen from a locked shed in Hilton. The HMRC scam has extended to callers suggesting they are from Dorset Police saying they are following up on the HMRC scam.

18.135 Flood watch – Lawrence Burgess has had his section of the river bank flailed and Jason Bowerman from the Drax Estate has done the section from Anderson to Muston. Graham has spoken to the Environment Agency who have been working on the river by the Greyhound.

Rita Burden reported that Zelston had its annual river clean on the 7<sup>th</sup> October. 26 residents turned out and it was quite a social event.

Cllr Leaper will follow up with Wyatt Homes regarding clearing the silt from the bridge area.

## **16. Parish Councillors' Reports**

18.136 Cllr Jessopp – Nothing to report.

Cllr Allcock – Nothing to report.

Cllr Andrews – Dog bins continue to be an issue with them frequently not being emptied. The Clerk suggested that they could be changed to the larger wheelie bin, chained to a post. This would mean the bins could be used for litter as well as dog faeces. Before any such change is made, the residents will be asked for their thoughts.

**ACTION: CLERK**

Cllr Leaper – Nothing to report.

## **17. Correspondence receive since the agenda was set**

18.137 Parish Council vacancies – There are now three vacancies: two for Kingston, one for Anderson. The notices were issued to councillors for putting on the various notice boards. Residents have until the 6<sup>th</sup> November to respond, after which members may be co-opted.

## **18. Items for the November agenda**

18.138 Co-option of parish councillors.  
Arrange a date for the Finance Working Party to meet.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:46pm.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017 at Winterborne Kingston Village Hall.