

**Minutes of the Lower Winterborne Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at Winterborne Zelston Village Hall commencing 7pm**

**Present:** Cllrs R Allcock, D Lewis, R Sorrell, H Andrews, J Jenkins, R Jessopp

**Chair:** Cllr M Leaper

**Clerk:** Mrs A Crocker

**Also present:** 10 members of the public

**Guest Speaker:** **PCSO 7309 Mick Sinnick – Home and Community Security**

The Chairman invited everyone to the meeting and introduced PCSO Mick Sinnick, who went on to explain that he was part of the North Dorset Rural Neighbourhood Team covering some 100sq miles of North Dorset. He informed the meeting that, should they ever wish to know the up to date crime statistics for any area, they can do so by logging on to [www.ukcrimestats.com](http://www.ukcrimestats.com) which provides information from every Police Force in the country. What the statistics prove is that North Dorset continues to be one of the safest parts of the country to live. In 2015, Zelston and the surrounding area had 2 thefts, 2 non-dwelling burglaries and 5 suspicious people reported. In 2016 the equivalent figures were 3 thefts, 2 suspicious people and 0 non-dwelling burglaries. In 2017 there were 3 thefts, 3 non-dwelling burglaries, and 0 suspicious people. As the figures are so low, the percentage impact of any additional incident appears high; i.e. 1 additional theft equates to a 25% increase, but clearly, the figures prove that such incidents in this area are very low. The advice continues to be - if you are mowing your lawn and you go indoors – put your mower away or move it to somewhere that is not so visible; once you have finished working in your shed or garage, close it and lock it; do not leave any valuables in your car. The area of growing crime is internet fraud and telephone crime. Domestic security – when you go out, ensure all doors and windows are locked. When you are indoors, make sure your front and back door are locked. Sheds and garages should be kept locked at all times when you are not in them and, ideally, they should be alarmed – motion alarms are useful or light sensors. For the house; fit a burglar alarm. Burglaries are predominantly for cash and jewellery. If you are out, leave a radio on or use a timer for the lights. There has been no record of any theft of dogs in the North Dorset Area. If anyone wants a home security survey – contact the Neighbourhood Team.

Questions - Of the crimes reported in the area, how many are solved? A very small proportion. PCSO Sinnick will check on the results of the recent crime.

Is CCTV admissible in court? If the suspect is identifiable, then it can be used in court. There are guides on when and how CCTV can be used, what it can record and what signage is required. PCSO Sinnick was able to provide some guides.

Church security – the advice is to keep items in a locked vestry but it is felt that more damage could be caused if the vestry is locked. Petty vandalism is more of a problem. An alarm on the door could be a possibility or layers of security – locked doors combined with alarms.

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## **1. Public Participation**

18.93 Graham Hyde – The signage on the White Post junction is not clear. Vehicles have been known to use the right-hand carriageway by mistake, thinking it was one-way. Dorset County Highways to be contacted.

**ACTION: CLERK**

## **2. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

18.94 Cllr Lewis declared an interest in the planning application as her property overlooks the proposed site. No other interests were declared at this stage.

## **3. Apologies**

18.95 Apologies have been received from Cllrs Sharon Jacobs, Dave Knapp, District Cllrs Jane Somper and Emma Parker and Rita Burden.

## **4 Minutes the meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

18.96 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Lewis proposed the minutes 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**

18.97 Traffic report for Winterborne Kingston, 2010 – A copy of the report had been issued to members and Cllr Andrews had been able to compare the results with the current results from the Speed Watch initiative. The volume of traffic has increased, on one occasion by over 100%. This supplies evidence that the amount of traffic has increased substantially over the years and is most likely to continue to do so.

Cllr Jenkins reported that she had contacted the Kier Group Ltd and reported that lorry drivers have been told to watch their speed between the Red and White Post junctions as the tarmac along both edges of the road is crumbling.

Kiosk in Kingston – A quote is awaited from the joiner for a hardwood frame. Once this work is completed, the kiosk will then be painted.

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

18.98 The councillors were unable to attend the meeting but a report had been received from the District Councillors and this had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting.

‘Local Government Reorganisation – A comment is still awaited from the Secretary of State to ensure that, should they get the go ahead, all Councils across Dorset are in a position to proceed. To achieve this, two joint committees have been created to lay the ground works for forming a new Unitary Authority.

5 Year Housing Land Supply – NDDC were set a target by central government of 2219 homes to be completed in the next 5 years. Regrettably, NDDC have joined a long list of councils that no longer have a ‘5 Year Housing Land Supply.’ There are three reasons for this: only 142 houses were completed in North Dorset last year; the 5% buffer requirement was increased to 20%; there was slower than anticipated progress on strategic sites such as Gillingham. Currently, NDDC have granted planning permission for over 1500 homes but only 1162 are likely to be delivered in the next five years, so only these can be counted towards

their five-year housing supply. Without a five year supply it makes it harder for NDDC to refuse planning permission for housing development, even if it conflicts with the local plan, as they are required to fall back onto national planning policy. The local plan will still be used as a starting place but, unless the development's negatives 'significantly and demonstrably' outweigh its positives, it cannot be refused.

Community Led Trust – NDDC is just completing setting up a support system with £238,000 budget to help local people set up community-led housing schemes. A CLT is a way for local communities to ensure that affordable homes are still built. CLTs will require a parish council's blessing. The CLT will act as a developer by designing, applying for planning permission and carrying out community engagement for a deployment of 100% affordable homes. It is a great way for villages to ensure they have good housing mix.

Car parking machines – A project to replace car parking machines with ones that have the facility to pay by card in addition to cash and 'phone, is nearing completion across North Dorset to make it quicker and easier for people to pay for their parking.

DWP – The Dorset Waste Partnership has achieved an underspend of £3m for the 2016/17 year. £2.5m is to be returned to partners in accordance with the percentage each council pays in. Therefore, £156,150.86 will be returned to NDDC and the other £0.5m is going to be kept in DWP reserves.

18.99 Neighbourhood Plan update – Cllr Jessop reported that he had met with Cllr Walsh, Cabinet member in charge of planning for NDDC. The local plan is effectively inoperative, and the Neighbourhood Plan would also be inoperative. NDDC would support us in the production of a plan to an extent but they have very few officers. Any development will be based on its individual merits and based on national policy. With this in mind, it would appear that there is little value in spending time producing a plan at this moment.

## **7. Finance**

### **18.100 To confirm payment of accounts**

The following payments had been requested:

R Sorrell	Refund re purchase of bench for Zelston	101447	329.00
Pampered Pigs	75 litre red diesel for mower	101448	67.50
Pestwright	Pest control 1/4/17-30/9/17 – final payment	101449	62.50
BT	Hub alarm line – September 2017	101450	27.00
JSR Tree Care	September grass cutting	101451	833.33
Mrs A Crocker	August wages + expenses	101452	451.05
HMRC	PAYE	10153	29.60

Total amount requested from the Precept is £1,789.98.

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

### **18.101 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.

## **8. Speed Watch update**

18.102 Cllr Andrews reported that two new volunteers have been trained by the Police. There are now 59 teams operating in Dorset. The Kingston team now consists of 16 volunteers.

**9. WK Community Hub update**

18.103 There will be a Car Boot Sale on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September between 10am and 2pm.

**10. To consider future uses of the Recreation Ground**

18.104 This item will be put on hold for the time being.

Cllr Andrews suggested that a village fayre is held in Kingston, similar to the one recently held in Zelston. This would require a group of enthusiastic people to take on the organisation. It was hoped to have a bonfire party but there is not enough time now. This will go on the agenda in the new year with a view to setting up a committee for organising an event.

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

18.105 2/2017/1180 Land adjacent to Trout Lake, Rainbow View Farm – erect storage container and hard standing

Cllr Lewis took no part in this discussion.

Cllr Sorrell reported that the lake is owned and run by the Wimborne Angling Club who wish to place a container on the site. The proposal will impact the view from Riverside, as well as being visible from the main road and from the lane. Screening is essential – evergreen screening would be needed. In the village, there have been suggestions that it could be wooden cladded, but this may not be appropriate. There is already a portable toilet on the site which can be seen from the lane and this should be screened. The proposal is basically putting a shipping container in a field and surrounding it with greenery. This is not acceptable and something more appropriate should be used. If properly screened, it would only be seen by the anglers who look after the site. Screening must be adequate and the toilet must be hidden as well. The existing screening proposal is not adequate. Cllr Sorrell proposed that we object to the application unless screening is adequate and the toilets are included within the screening. This was seconded by Cllr Jessopp. A vote by show of hands was taken giving – 6 in favour, 1 abstention.

**Decision** - An objection will be submitted pending adequate screening to include the screening of the portable toilet.

**ACTION: CLERK**

**12. WK Playground**

18.106 The moss has now been cleared. It was noted that the standard regarding the requirement for two gates into the play area is advisory only. With this in mind, we will not be reinstating the second gate at this time.

**13. To consider concerns raised regarding A31 exits from Zelston**

18.107 Concern has been raised by residents who are saying that B & B guests’ satnavs are encouraging people to exit the village at the Red Post Garage exit. They would like Highways to visit the village and discuss making this road access only. In the meantime, Cllr Jenkins suggested the B & Bs give notices to their guests suggesting they exit using the road opposite the Botany Bay. The Clerk will speak to Highways to see if anything can be done.

**ACTION: CLERK**

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

18.108 An application has been submitted to Groundworks who manage the Tesco fund. We now have about four weeks to go before we hear if it has been approved.

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## **15. Telephone kiosks**

- 18.109 Defibrillator update for Kingston – A grant has been received and the Q90 fund is going to make up the shortfall. Cllr Jessopp has called the British Heart Foundation to determine the balance left to pay and, once this arrives, a case will be arranged for the equipment. Training events will then be organised.
- 18.110 Update on the Anderson telephone kiosk – Although some response has been received from two residents of Anderson, there has been no-one offering to maintain the kiosk should it be purchased. It was generally felt that there has to be some enthusiasm from the community before we take this on. It was suggested that an item is included on the October agenda to establish a clear position. The Clerk informed members that BT had said the removal of the kiosk was dependant on when the contractors were working in the area and was beyond the control of BT. A show of hands was taken to decide whether or not members should make a decision this evening or agenda it for October, pending further contact with residents:

Refer to October – 6 in favour

Decision this evening – 1.

**Decision:** The item will be deferred to the October meeting.

The Clerk will invite the two respondents to the next meeting.

<b>ACTION: CLERK</b>
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## **16. Home Watch/Flood Watch**

- 18.111 Home Watch – Graham Hyde reported that five satnavs have been recovered recently. There is currently a scam running implying the recipient is eligible for a refund from HMRC. This has caught a lot of people. In addition, there was an attempted burglary from Milton Abbas School.
- 18.112 Flood watch – Weed cutting in the river. Graham reported that he has spoken to Lawrence Burgess who is going to get a contractor in to flail the bank along his section of the river. This, in conjunction with the flailing of the Drax land should stop Muston from flooding. The EA should be starting work on the river shortly. There is a lot of weed in the river bed as a result of the lack of water through the summer season.

Zelston will be holding their river clear on Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **17. Parish Councillors' Reports**

- 18.113 Cllr Jenkins – The hole in the middle of West Street near Plumbley House is increasing and it may be a spring. Cllr Jenkins will report this to Highways. The hedge trimming on the 30mph signs on West Street will be carried out during the first weekend of October. Cllr Jenkins asked all residents to use the paths designated when out walking and not wander all across the field.

Cllr Lewis – Camelot, Zelston – application for two trees to be cut down. The tree application still lists Zelston as being under Winterborne Whitchurch. The 187 bus service now runs from Blandford to Dorchester via Bere Regis four times a day and anyone can get on the school bus that goes from Kingston to Blandford. Having tried to confirm this with Damory, they apparently know nothing about it. There is further confusion regarding the BL2 – can the public use this service. There is also no reference to the 722 service. The Zelston village farye did not take a massive amount of organisation and, in two hours, they took over £800. Rupert Hardy has reported that, on the 28<sup>th</sup> September, there will be a display at the Botany Bay Farm of future uses for the site.

Cllr Andrews – Reported regarding the hedges around Kingston – people on mobility scooters are having trouble getting around and visibility coming out of Duck Street and West Street make exiting difficult. Dog bins – the Bagwood Lane bin was covered with a black bag to stop people using it as it was full but the bins have been emptied today. Cllr Andrews offered to put notices on the bins asking users, if the bin is full, to take the dog bags to the next available bin or home.

**18. Correspondence receive since the agenda was set**

18.114 Nothing further to add.

**19. Items for the October agenda**

18.115 Cllr Jenkins informed the meeting that she would be standing down as off this meeting. Our thanks are extended to her for all her work over the last four years. She kindly offered to carry on overseeing the rights of ways.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:42pm.

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