

Present: Cllrs R Sorrell, H Andrews, R Allcock, R Jessopp

Chair: Cllr M Leaper

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also Present: 7 members of the public, including Jamie Rudge, the Grass Cutting Contractor for Winterborne Kingston

18.181 Public Participation

No members of the public wished to raise anything at this point.

18.182 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

No other interests were declared at this stage.

18.183 Apologies

Apologies have been received from District Cllrs Jane Somper and Emma Parker, Graham Hyde, Cllr David Knapp

18.184 Minutes the meeting held on the 16th January 2018

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 Andrews and agreed unanimously. The minutes were signed by the Chair in the presence of the meeting.

18.185 Matters arising from those minutes for report only

Reflective tape on the bus shelter at Kingston – ongoing.

Broad Close – The Clerk has spoken to the Sovereign Asset Surveyor who has confirmed that the site was covered last year and that no animal would be able to get into it.

18.186 To consider the co-option of Parish Councillors for Winterborne Kingston

Lower Winterborne Parish Council consists of 10 seats; 2 for Winterborne Zelston, 1 for Anderson and 7 for Winterborne Kingston. For some time now, numbers have been down to 6 councillors in total. Four residents have now come forward and Cllr Leaper invited each to introduce themselves to the meeting and say a few words about why they wished to join the Parish Council.

Lynn Luxford, Richard Brock, Bill Newman (Zelston) and Keith Langdown were then invited to take a seat on the Parish Council.

18.187 County & District Councillors' Reports

Cllr Somper was unable to attend the meeting but had forwarded the following report:

‘The District Council will be moving to a smaller, more economical building later this month. The move to Nordon Lodge will happen on the 15th February, with service beginning at 10am. The building is only a few metres away from the current office, and still on the Norden site.

£8.4m won to boost housing – NDDC, West Dorset District Council and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council have won bids to unlock the development of 2,700 homes. The councils have been successful in bringing in over £8m worth of funding for housing infrastructure projects in Gillingham, Portland and Chickerell. The funding boost is a result of the housing infrastructure fund, a government capital grant programme which aims to help the delivery of over 200,000 homes in England.

Could you lead health walks? – Another free one-day course will be held to train people to become volunteer walk leaders in North Dorset. The course will be held in Sturminster Newton on 21 February. It is aimed at people who are interested in helping to run health walks to help others stay healthy and active.

Pest Control Changes – You will be aware that, in the past, our councils have advised the public to use a specific pest control provider, namely SDK. This company acted as our approved pest control provider, delivering services for agreed prices. SDK have now advised NDDC that they wish to cease the arrangement. New advice will now be issued to residents. Advice about how to deal with pests and prevent problems like rodents is available on dorsetforyou.com. or from Kerry Pitt-Kerby, Environmental Health Manager.

18.188 Finance

18.188.1 To confirm payment of accounts

The following payments had been requested:

JSR Treecare	Additional work re fence at Sackville St	101479	128.96
BT	Hub alarm line – February 2018	101480	28.08
Mrs A Crocker	Wages + expenses	101481	509.50
HMRC	PAYE	101482	19.80
JSR Treecare	WK grass cutting	101483	833.33
Water2business	Hub & cemetery 18.08.17-29.01.18	101484	18.40
JSR Treecare	Hub gutters & rubbish, cemetery rubbish	101485	241.30

The total amount requested from the Precept is £1,779.37

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

18.188.2 To confirm the reconciliation of accounts and position against budget

A copy of the reports had been given to all members prior to the start of the meeting. No comments were made.

18.189 Speed Watch update

18.189.1 Cllr Andrews reported that the group has only been out a couple of times due to the weather conditions. On each occasion, they continue to catch speeding vehicles.

18.190 WK Community Hub update

18.190.1 General Update - Cllr Luxford reported that there were several bookings over December and the Scouts are now a regular Friday evening booking. The web site has been updated to give booking details and includes photographs of the Hub which has already encouraged a further booking.

The hire agreement is almost complete, and a shortened version will be drawn up for one-off hirers.

18.190.2 Works required - Cllr Andrews took no part in the following discussion.

Cllr Leaper reported that he, Derek Andrews and the Clerk met at the Hub to consider possible ways forward regarding external lighting and heating. It was agreed that the external security light will be raised 3' and pointed down in order to avoid affecting nearby residents. This will be at a cost of £102.

The heating was also considered. The current system of night storage heaters is not adequate as the building is cold by the time an evening booking enters. Disconnecting the storage heaters but leave them in position in case a future all-day hirer is found, installing 6 convector heaters and a coin meter to control the heating system would cost £742.78.

This would give a total cost of £845 to have the lights and heating corrected.

Cllr Langdown suggested that the Parish Council should look to get another quote. Cllr Sorrell suggested that, if we want to make a go of it, we have to resolve the lights and heating issue. The Clerk pointed out that we are already losing bookings because of the heating and we cannot allow hirers to bring in their own, untested heating, as was the case at Christmas.

Cllr Jessopp proposed that the quote is accepted. A vote was taken; 6 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention.

Carried: The quote of £845 will be accepted.

18.191 Planning Applications & Tree Work Proposals

2/2017/2025 Lincoln Farm, Bere Road, WK
Demolish existing stores and outbuildings and erect store/shop/offices/staffroom including rehoming interview rooms.

2/2017/1752 The Dairy Unit, Tomson Farm, Marsh Lane
Erect 1 agricultural building

2/2018/0019 1 West Street Cottages, WK
Erect single storey rear extension (demolish existing), install 4 rooflights

There were no comments shown on the web site from the neighbours of any of the applications.

Cllr Jessopp recommended 'no objections' to the applications. This was seconded by Cllr Allcock and agreed unanimously.

ACTION: CLERK

18.192 WK Playground

18.192.1 Cllr Allcock reported that there is a lot of moss in the play area, together with moles. There is also shrinkage around the wet pour. The shrinkage can be overcome by filling with soil and seeding and Jamie Rudge was asked to sort this out. The Clerk will contact the Pest Control company and ask them to sort out the moles.

ACTION: CLERK

18.193 To receive an update on the Village Gates

Decisions are due at the end of February, but it is likely we will come third and receive £1,000. Once this is confirmed, we will then be able to look at the options for type of gate available. Cllr Allcock explained the scheme to the new councillors and the purpose of the gates. The cost varies from £250 upwards.

Cllr Brock asked if any consideration had been given to any other form of traffic calming. Yes, we have but the agricultural vehicles have always been unable to deal with any of the suggestions for road narrowing, speed humps, etc.

Cllr Andrews reported that, whilst the gates may help on North Street, there is still a problem with speeding on West Street. The hedge is very overgrown and is hiding the 30mph signs.

Cllr Langdown asked who would be responsible for the gates and any planters. The Parish Council would be, although it is unlikely that we would be able to afford the planters now.

18.194 Telephone kiosks

18.194.1 Defibrillator update for Winterborne Kingston

Cllr Jessopp reported that the defibrillator has arrived and now we need to get the kiosk fixed so it can be put in there. One of the conditions of the grant is that the box the defibrillator is kept in must not have a lock on it. Other than that proviso, we can have any case we like. Cllr Langdown was asked he could look into getting another quote for the work on the telephone kiosks.

ACTION: CLLR LANGDOWN

In the meantime, Cllr Andrews proposed that we purchase the defibrillator box at a cost of £309.52 + VAT. This was seconded by Cllr Allcock and agreed unanimously.

All of the training equipment for the defibrillator is currently being held at the Hub. Sharon Jacobs has very kindly offered to provide the training on how to use the equipment and Cllr Jessopp will go ahead and organise this.

ACTION: CLLR JESSOPP

18.194.2 Update on the telephone kiosk repairs

Covered under 18.194.1.

18.195 Home Watch/Flood Watch

18.195.1 Flood Watch

Nothing to report.

18.195.2 Home Watch

Kingston – nothing to report.

18.196 Parish Councillors' Reports

Cllr Andrews – there is a corner of land outside The Cottage in Sackville Street which frequently has one or more cars parked on it. As a result, the verge is being churned up and mothers are complaining about the amount of mud along the pathway used to get to the school. However, stones have, today, been put out around the edge of the area to stop people parking on there.

Cllr Sorrell – At the last meeting he raised the issue of the two new entrances from Redwoods on to the A31. The Clerk will continue to chase NDDC and find out if this was passed by planners. In addition, the use of the road to exit at the western end of Zelston. Unfortunately, the news that Highways would be able to amend the direction of traffic by redoing the lines in the centre of the village has been withdrawn. Highways have come back and said they can no longer redraw the lines without a Traffic Order which would take a number of years to put in place. The village can put up a sign opposite the junction and try to encourage visitors to use that road if they wish. This will be taken to the village meeting in April.

Cllr Allcock – nothing to add.

Cllr Jessopp – nothing to add.

Cllr Leaper introduced Jamie Rudge, the grass cutting contractor for Winterborne Kingston, and thanked him for the work he has done to date.

18.197 Correspondence receive since the agenda was set

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from Mr Chichester regarding Bridleway E30/15 and Footpath E30/12. Due to the number of dog walkers using the paths and allowing their dogs to foul all over the field without clearing up after them, he has been forced to fence in the paths. This is not an action taken lightly but he feels he has no choice as the field is becoming unusable by livestock. Residents are asked, once again, to ensure they clean up after their dogs.

18.198 Items for the March agenda

Members are reminded to pass any items to the Clerk by the 10th March.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19:53 hours.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th March, at Kingston Village Hall, commencing 7pm.