

**MINUTES OF THE LOWER WINTERBORNE PARISH COUNCIL AGM HELD ON TUESDAY
21st AUGUST 2018 AT WINTERBORNE KINGSTON VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING 7pm**

Present: Cllrs R Allcock, H Andrews, R Sorrell, K Langdown, B Newman, L Luxford
Chair: Cllr R Jessopp
Clerk: Mrs Amanda Crocker
Also present: 5 members of public

1 Public Participation

19.078 Mr Piers Chichester informed the meeting of his proposal to submit a planning application for two bungalows on the corner of Bagwood Lane. The land is outside the settlement boundary and is a small infill plot between the existing bungalows and the Bere Road on the southern end of Winterborne Kingston. The proposal is for two chalet/bungalow type dwellings fronting Bagwood Lane, 'aimed at providing local housing of an unassuming nature for owner occupation to improve the local environment and quality of life for current and future residents.' Parking will be off-road within the plot. Members of the public present felt that it was a good use of a piece of land that is rapidly becoming a dumping ground. All the residents of Bagwood Lane have been issued with a copy of the proposal that the Parish Councillors have received. There should be no need for any alterations to the road layout as the entrances will be onto Bagwood Lane. It was suggested that perhaps some thought could be given to a more positive frontage onto Bere Road to encourage drivers to slow down. Mr Chichester will be speaking to the Planners about the proposal and will be pleased to bring this up at the same time.

Dog bin from the field by Bush Park onto East Street – the post has been broken.

The Leylandii hedge has been cut back but there is still a visibility problem on Bere Road.

The river bed between the two bridges is a mess at Kingston. Graham Hyde will be contacted for his opinion, but one side is owned by the Parish Council and the other by the owners of the property alongside. The river bank was included within the Grass Cutting Contract and the Clerk will check this. In the meantime, the riparian letters will be sent out a bit earlier.

ACTION: CLERK

It has been reported to Jocelyn Jenkins, the Kingston Rights of Way Liaison Officer, that the bridleway between Kiddles Farm and the Botany Bay is very overgrown. It is understood that this belongs to the Drax Estate. DCC Rights of Way have been informed.

Members of the public asked if it would be possible for the public present to have access to the figures paid out on cheques and the budget breakdown issued to Parish Councillors for each meeting. The Clerk will check to see if these are deemed to be public documents and if they could be made available to the public during the meetings.

ACTION: CLERK

Residents also asked if it would be possible to have a projector, so members of the public are able to view plans and information to be discussed by the councillors. This will be considered within the bounds of the 2019/20 budget. Cllr Jessopp will begin to look at the costs of such projectors.

ACTION: CLLR JESSOPP

2 Declaration of Interest and requests for dispensations

19.079 No interests were declared, and no dispensations had been requested.

3 Apologies

19.080 Apologies had been received from Cllrs M Leaper and R Brock, County Cllr Hilary Cox, District Cllrs Emma and Jane Somper, and Graham Hyde.

4 Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th July 2018

19.081 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 Langdown and agreed unanimously. The Chair signed the minutes in the presence of the meeting.

5 Matters arising from those minutes for report only

19.082 Zelston grass cutting – Cllr Newman has produced some specifications which include 12 cuts a year with an initial tidy-up. The specification also provides that the river bank should be cut as necessary. He and Cllr Jessopp will meet and finalise the specifications.

ACTION: CLLRS JESSOPP & NEWMAN

Cllr Sorrell noted that the grass needs cutting again. Cllr Newman – proposed that we go back to the company who cut the grass last time. Cllr Sorrell suggested that we ask the current contractor to keep the area tidy and we go to full tender in October with a view to the contract starting on 1st April 2019. This was seconded by Cllr Newman and agreed unanimously. Cllr Newman will contact the contractor accordingly.

ACTION: CLLR NEWMAN

The Hub front door has been repaired, with thanks to Cllr Langdown. There has been no need to adjust the keys. Cllr Jessopp will be looking to sort out the sound system in the near future.

ACTION: CLLR JESSOPP

Dog bin – West Street. DWP has been contacted and we await a response from them to confirm they will collect from it should it be positioned here.

Notice boards – still awaiting quotes.

Telephone kiosks – paint has been purchased and has been passed to Anderson in the first instance.

6 County & District Councillors' Reports

19.083 County Councillor's report

Cllr Hilary Cox was unable to attend, and no report was available.

19.084 District Councillors' report

Apologies had been received from both District Councillors due to prior commitments. No report was available.

7. Finance

19.085 To confirm payment of accounts

The following payments had been requested:

Secure Alarms	Annual maintenance check re burglar alarm	101523	98.40
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BT	WK hub alarm August 2018	101524	31.06
Water 2 Business	Cemetery & Hub 30/1 – 8/8/18	101525	1077.30
Secure Alarms	Bi-annual fire alarm service + new detector	101526	156.00
Mrs A Crocker	Wages + expenses	101527	463.61
JSR Treecare	WK grass cutting	101528	833.33

The total amount requested from the Precept for the month is £2,659.70.

The charge for the water was highlighted at 388 cubic meters for the 6 months to 8th August. It is known that there is no leak now. The Clerk will pass all invoices going back to the last leak to Cllr Jessopp and it was noted that there have been issues in the past with very high bills.

Cllr Allcock proposed the payments are made. This was seconded by Cllr Luxford and agreed unanimously.

19.086 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.

8. Speed Watch (HA) - update

19.087 Cllr Andrews reported that she, Cllr Langdown and Cllr Brock met with Joe Allan, DC Highways officer and looked around the village for suitable sites for a SID. The device would cost £2,300, the posts would cost £100 each and the survey would cost £250. The total would be £3,900. Mr Allan proposed sites at West Street, and at either end of the village. Cllr Andrews has been in touch with the main SW co-ordinator and she has said that SIDs have proven to reduce the amount of speeding traffic.

Cllr Sorrell felt that speeding is a real issue in the village and it comes up time and time again at meetings. Therefore, the money should be taken out of the contingency fund and then put back in the budget next year.

Cllr Allcock reported that village gates will, on average, slow traffic 3 to 4 miles per hour. It was noted that they have got to be constructed in a material that, if it is hit by a car, will disintegrate.

Cllr Andrews proposed that we purchase the SID. This was seconded by Cllr Luxford and agreed unanimously. Cllr Langdown will move this forward.

ACTION: CLLR LANGDOWN

There may be a possibility of moving the 30mph sign by Windwhistle Farm.

The SW team will be out on the 22nd August with the Dorset Safety Team. The new site at Windwhistle Farm is also in place.

9 WK Hub update

19.088 Cllr Luxford reported that the Hub has been quiet as the Scouts are on summer break. An enquiry has been made for a young drama group. The Mother and Toddler group continue to meet regular. The carpet in the middle area needs to be replaced and members are asked to put forward some ideas – Cllr Langdown will forward the number for Wessex Carpets.

There was a recent incident whereby the play equipment was dismantled but, fortunately, nothing was damaged, and it has now been put back together.

One of the skirts to the left of the door has now been replaced.

The School have expressed an interest in using the Hub for cinema evenings but wish to visit the site to check the sound system and carry out a risk assessment.

10. To consider Zelston Road markings

19.089 Members had been issued with a copy of the DC Highways report regarding the Safety Assessment. The Parish Council had requested the road markings in the middle of the village are altered in order to encourage motorists to use the central exit on to the A31, rather than use the western exit. The report concluded that there is no evidence to suggest the western exit is a more dangerous junction. Residents are aware of the western exit and can choose whether or not they use it. Deliveries and visitors would, most likely, be using satnav systems and a change to the junction layout would make no difference. 'There have been no injury collisions on any road in the village or at the junctions with the A31 in the last five years and none at the western junction of the A31 involving vehicles pulling in or out of the junction in 20 years.'

The report concluded that 'it would be better to come up with an alternative to this scheme.' Dorset Highways have subsequently suggested a sign saying 'To the A31' from the eastern approach in the centre of the village would be a good idea.

Councillors were disappointed that our request for a site meeting had been ignored but felt we should go ahead with the sign. There is still considerable concern regarding the exit at the western end and members requested another meeting on site with residents is sought.

On a slightly different note, the sign for Zelston from the Wimborne direction is overgrown. The Clerk will check and speak to Highways about getting the hedges cut.

ACTION: CLERK

11. To consider future uses of the Recreation Ground

19.090 Cllr Newman has been approached by Dorset Trees who are offering to plant a number of British trees in land owned by Parish Councils. Cllr Allcock was looking into grants for trees and would be happy to liaise on this. A presentation will be given at a future Parish Council meeting. Cllr Newman will arrange this.

ACTION: CLLR NEWMAN

12 Planning Applications & Tree Work Proposals

19.091 To consider planning applications received

There were no plans for discussion at this time.

13 WK Playground

19.092 Cllr Allcock reported that the annual inspection will take place mid-September and will be carried out free of charge.

14 To receive an update on the Village Gates

19.093 Cllr Allcock reported that the signs we were hoping for will be in the region of £2,000. Iwerne Minster and Fontwell Magna have got new gates and we will check to see who paid for them. Dorset Highways make the signs and we need to find out how much this is likely to cost.

Cllr Allcock has met with a local carpenter who may be interested in carrying out the work. Members were asked to consider various designs for putting to the carpenter. Four gates will be required, two at either end of the village.

15. Telephone kiosk and defibrillator updates

19.094 This has already been covered in item 19.082. The defibrillator will be fitted once the painting has been done and training sessions will be organised.

16 Home Watch/Flood Watch (GH)

19.095 Home Watch - Graham Hyde was unable to attend the meeting and no report had been sent.

19.096 Flood Watch – Rita Burden reported that the Zelston river is at last drying up and the weed is dying off. If they carry out a village clean in October, the river should be completely dry by then.

17 Parish Councillors' Reports

19.097 Cllr Sorrell – offered his apologies for the September meeting.

18 Correspondence receive since the agenda was set

19.098 Nothing to add.

19 Items for the September agenda

19.099 Councillors are reminded to pass any items to the Clerk for inclusion in the September agenda by the 10th September.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.15 pm.