

**MINUTES OF THE LOWER WINTERBORNE PARISH COUNCIL AGM HELD ON TUESDAY  
17<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2018 AT WINTERBORNE KINGSTON VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING 7pm**

**Present:** Cllrs R Allcock, R Brock, H Andrews, K Langdown, L Luxford & B Newman

**Chair:** Cllr R Sorrell

**Clerk:** Mrs Amanda Crocker

**Also present:** 8 members of public

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Clerk informed those present that neither the Chair, nor the Vice Chair were able to attend. Cllr Andrews proposed Cllr Sorrell take the Chair for the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Allcock and agreed unanimously.

**1 Public Participation**

19.056 The issue of traffic using Marsh Lane through Anderson to avoid traffic on the A31 continues to worsen. The road is narrow and currently has a designated speed limit of 60mph. There are few passing places and areas where horse riders, dog walkers and residents are able to get clear of traffic safely. Due to the narrowness of the road, it is not possible for residents to park cars along it in an attempt to slow traffic. With the summer coming up, more and more vehicles are using this road and, although there have been no reported incidents to date, residents feel this is only a matter of time. It was suggested that, perhaps, a Road Traffic Order could be raised to reduce the speed limit, although this would lead to an enforcement issue. The Clerk will raise the matter with Dorset County Highways to see what could be done and to try and arrange a site visit. County Cllr Hilary Cox will be included in the correspondence. Cllr Andrews will also raise the issue via the Speed Watch initiative.

**ACTION: CLLR ANDREWS/CLERK**

**2 Declaration of Interest and requests for dispensations**

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

**3 Apologies**

19.058 Apologies had been received from Cllrs Mark Leaper and Ross Jessopp, District Cllrs Jane Somper and Emma Parker and County Cllr Hilary Cox.

**4 Minutes of the Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

19.059 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Langdown proposed them to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Allcock and agreed unanimously. The Chair signed the minutes in the presence of the meeting.

**5 Matters arising from those minutes for report only**

19.060 Zelston grass cutting contract – You Grow, We Mow carried out a practise cut. Some residents felt that the cut was haphazard, and the river bank had been cut in error. It was pointed out that there is currently no specification for the work, so the contractor was given a verbal brief which may not have been completely accurate. Cllr Newman offered to draft a specification. As a matter of protocol, whatever contractor is appointed, they would be required to provide a copy of their public liability

insurance and references. The village needs to agree what they want cut – specifically the river bank. Cllr Newman recalled that, at a previous village meeting, it was agreed to leave the bank on the far side, but mow on the nearside. None of the AGMs have mentioned what needs to be done although the bank has been left for the last 10 years. This will be formalised in a specification.

**ACTION: CLLR NEWMAN**

The Hub door will be repaired within the next 10 days and the key will be adapted to make sure it fits. The sound system still needs to be sorted.

**ACTION: CLLR LANGDOWN**

Dog bin to be purchased for West Lane, Kingston. Prior to this, the Clerk will check with DWP that it will be emptied as part of the weekly round.

**ACTION: CLERK**

Notice boards – Cllr Langdown will arrange for quotations.

**ACTION: CLLR LANGDOWN**

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

### 19.061 County Councillor's report

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

### 19.062 District Councillors' report

Although unable to attend the meeting, the District Cllrs had forwarded the following report:

‘Annual Canvas – Each year the Council undertakes an annual canvass to ensure that names recorded on the electoral register are as up to date as possible. Once again, the council is offering a £1,000 prize draw to encourage residents to give their information digitally to help reduce postage and processing costs.

Dorset for You Website – A large amount of work has gone into building the new dorsetforyou website and we are pleased to announce that all content has now been successfully migrated and the old website has been switched off. Feedback is extremely important and, if you spot anything that is not working as it should, please let us know by clicking on the ‘Have some feedback?’ button.

Planning – The Council’s Planning Business Support Team have continued to make improvements to the validations timescales. They have now managed to get validation times down to two weeks across all three authorities.’

A full copy of the report is available from the Clerk.

## **7. Finance**

### 19.063 To confirm payment of accounts

The following payments had been requested:

BT	WK Hub alarm July 2018	101517	47.66
WK Village Hall	Hall hire Jan-June 2018 – Pop In	101518	91.00
H Andrews	Speed gun & batteries purchase	101519	117.49
A Crocker	Wages & expenses	101520	443.56
Pampered Pigs	Red diesel for mower	101521	59.06

The total amount requested from the Precept for the month is £1,592.10.

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

19.064 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 queries raised.

**8. Speed Watch (HA) - update**

19.065 Cllr Andrews reported that the new gun has been purchased and has been used once. There are now 18 volunteers on the team. The Road Safety Team joined the Speed Watch team on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July and it was suggested that when Cllr Andrews submits her report, she comments on the speeding issues along West Street and requests a Road Safety Team attend. Operation Wolf will be taking place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July throughout North Dorset.

Cllr Langdown reported the results of the recent traffic survey that had been carried out on North Street, north of the Greyhound. An average of 2160 vehicles had been recorded travelling north, and 1908 travelling south over the week. The average speed of vehicles when passing the Windwhistle turning was just under 39 miles per hour. The village gates will help to mark the edge of the village and may encourage drivers to slow down but, with the new housing development and the possibility of more children trying to cross the road in this location to get to the play park, this is a very dangerous situation. Cllr Langdown will arrange for the Highways officer to attend the next Parish Council meeting to discuss possible solutions and what can be done to try to slow the traffic.

**ACTION: CLLR LANGDOWN**

Cllr Andrews reported that she is still waiting for the code from the CSW main co-ordinator before setting up the new location at the northern end of the village.

It was suggested that it may possible to approach the developer of the northern site to see if he is willing to assist with any initiative that may be tried to slow the traffic.

**9. WK Hub update**

19.066 Cllr Luxford reported that there are now regular meetings at the Hub. The Mother and Toddlers' Group numbers have increased slightly. The Scouts have received a donation of £200 from the Village Bingo. They have also asked if they could camp in the field for one night at the end of August and use the Hub for cooking etc. It was suggested that they are asked to camp further away to avoid upsetting the neighbours. Members were all in favour of this activity.

**10. To consider a response to the Local Government Boundary Commission Review for ward boundaries**

19.067 The papers had been passed to members prior to the start of the meeting. The review is necessary following the decision to set up a new local authority call Dorset Council. The aim of the reorganisation is to ensure each councillor represents a similar number of voters. Under the review, Lower Winterborne will be linked with Puddletown. This will not affect the parish boundaries, which will remain unchanged. Members had no comments regarding the proposal.

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

19.068 To be moved to the August meeting.

**12 Planning Applications & Tree Work Proposals**

19.069 To consider planning applications received

2/2018/0700 The Olde Bush, East Street, WK - erect single storey rear extension.

Cllr Brock reported this was a fairly minor application and no objections were raised.

**13 WK Playground**

19.070 Cllr Allcock reported that two tonnes of topsoil is to be delivered and used to fill the gaps where the rubber matting has receded.

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

19.071 Cllr Allcock reported that the grant money from the Tesco Bags for Life has been received. This item will be brought back to the August meeting.

**15. Telephone kiosk and defibrillator updates**

19.072 This item will be moved to the August meeting. With regard to the kiosks, Cllr Langdown reported that he has found a paint that matches the kiosk and will place the order accordingly.

**ACTION: CLLR LANGDOWN**

**16 Home Watch/Flood Watch (GH)**

19.073 Home Watch - Graham Hyde reported that nothing had happened locally - one shed was broken into and 4 chainsaws taken but this was some way away. He still needs some tarpaulins for the sand and will purchase these ready for the winter.

19.074 Flood Watch – Rita Burden reported there is still plenty of water in the river at Zelston, but it should be dried up by October, as is normally the case.

**17 Parish Councillors' Reports**

19.075 Cllr Newman raised an issued regarding the river at Zelston. As far as he could recall, this year was the first time in 26 years that the river still has water at this time of year. He felt that this is being caused by the large amount of weed. He had asked an ecologist to look at this and he is 99% certain that nutrients are going into the river. He proposed that the EA are contacted to investigate and highlight the issue at Redwoods. Cllr Newman will check to see if there are any chemical controls possible. Rita Burden reported that she and Graham Hyde are already in touch with the EA on a regular basis and the system they have in place has worked for many years. Cllr Brock asked if it was possible to have the dates when the planning contravention notices were served on Redwoods, so we know if there are delays and where they are coming from. The Clerk will go back to the Enforcement Officer and ask the question.

**ACTION: CLERK**

Cllr Andrews wished to raise the issue of hedges once again. Several have been cut back but there was is problem with the Bere Road hedge along by the Old Post Office when exiting Church Street. The footpath is being obstructed by the hedge. It is possible for the Parish Council to contact

residents and ask them to cut hedges and, should no action be taken, report the hedge to Highways who will then contact the resident themselves.

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

19.076 Nothing to report.

**19 Items for the August agenda**

19.077 Members are reminded to send all requests for items to be included on the agenda by the 10<sup>th</sup> August.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm.