

Lower Winterborne Parish Council

**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20th March 2018 at Winterborne Kingston Village Hall,
commencing 7pm**

Present: Cllrs R Sorrell, H Andrews, R Allcock, R Brock, L Luxford, B Newman and K Langdown

Chair: Cllr Ross Jessopp

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also Present: 3 members of the public

It was noted that Mr Terry Jenkins died last week. Our thoughts are with Jocelyn at this very sad time.

18.199 Public Participation

Bee keeping – The key for the site at the recreation field still needs to be returned. A letter will be sent saying that the Parish Council would be taking back the site.

18.200 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

No interests were declared at this stage.

18.201 Apologies

Apologies have been received from Cllr Mark Leaper, District Cllrs Jane Somper and Emma Parker.

18.202 Minutes the meeting held on the 20th February 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 Brock and agreed unanimously. The minutes were signed by the Chair in the presence of the meeting.

18.203 Matters arising from those minutes for report only

Reflective tape on the bus shelter at Kingston – Simon Hart has now installed this and thanks are extended to him for undertaking the work.

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

Following the arrival of our 4 new councillors in February, David Knapp felt it was time for him to step down from the Parish Council. During his time on the council he has put in a great deal of work in getting the Hub to its current position. Thanks are extended to David for all his work and we wish him well for the future.

This leaves a vacancy at Winterborne Kingston for one councillor.

18.205 County & District Councillors' Reports

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

‘Local Government Reorganisation – from April 2019 the District, Borough and County Councils will be replaced by two new unitary councils, one covering Poole, Bournemouth and Christchurch

and the other, to be known as Dorset Council, covering the rest of the county. Each new authority will deliver all local government services in their respective areas.

Council Budgets – NDDC have produced a balanced budget with a council tax increase of £5 for a band D property.

Home Ownership Register – A new Home Ownership Register has been launched as part of the Council’s Opening Doors campaign to encourage more housing, especially for younger working people. House hunters in North Dorset are being urged to sign up to the new register which will help gauge the type of housing required. This detailed information into the homes people want will be passed to developers to encourage them to provide good quality homes for sale in Dorset. The Home Ownership Register is for people who are ready to buy a home and anyone signing up will receive the latest Opening Doors newsletter with news about housing developments in the area and new homes for sale. The form is available on line at www.openingdoorsdorset.co.uk/home-ownership-register

Ban on Sky Lanterns – NDDC, along with the other councils in the Dorset County Partnership, has introduced a ban on the release of sky lanterns and helium balloons on any council property. The ban applies to all council owned land and leased property and will be reviewed in two years.

Services from the Norden Hub – The new council services hub at the Norden Lodge in Blandford is now fully operational. The office is open every week day from 8.30am to 5.00pm, and residents who drop in will receive help and advice at the Customer Services reception.’

18.206 Finance

18.206.1 To confirm payment of accounts

The following payments had been requested:

BT	Hub alarm line – March 2018	101486	28.08
ICL	Domain name for 1 year	101487	11.99
Mrs A Crocker	Wages + expenses	101488	499.15
HMRC	PAYE	101489	19.80
A Reed	Pop In Xmas lunch subside	101490	120.00
JSR Treecare	WK grass cutting	101491	833.33
JSR Treecare	Clearing moss from play area	101492	120.00

The total amount requested from the Precept is £1,632.35

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

18.206.2 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.

Notice board – the village hall notice board needs to be replaced. This will be taken from the 2018/19 budget in which £1,200 has been set aside.

18.207 To review Councillor Responsibilities

This will be held over until the May meeting to allow the new councillors time to consider what roles they would like to take on.

18.208 Speed Watch update

18.208.1 Cllr Andrews reported that, due to the bad weather, the team has not been out very much over the last few weeks. It has been noticeable that, in the absence of the team, vehicle speeds are beginning to increase. Now that the weather is starting to improve, the team will be back out.

18.209 WK Community Hub update

Cllr Luxford reported that the heating has now been replaced and the meter has been put in. In the meantime, two bookings were lost because of the weather.

The school booking on the 28th February was disappointing as there was no heating and the surround-sound speakers had been removed, making it impossible to hear the movie. A letter of apology has been sent and the school has been offered a free night by way of compensation.

The Scout group is currently the only permanent booking, although there have been approaches made by other groups. More advertising will be undertaken.

The fire alarms were checked but there was no access available to the tractor shed. More keys are needed for the tractor shed, ready for when the grass cutting starts again.

18.210 Planning Applications & Tree Work Proposals

2/2018/0163 Land to NW of Harvest Cottage, Windwhistle Farm, WK
Change of use from agricultural to equestrian. Erect stable block with attached covered store

It was felt that the proposed building was very large for the land it was on. In addition, there are no details of how the waste material from the horses will be dealt with as it is very close to the nearby houses. Object based on the size and the waste management.

Cllr Brock recommended we submit an objection to the application. This was seconded by Cllr Allcock and agreed unanimously.

ACTION: CLERK

18.211 WK Playground

The moss has been cleared from the play area. Cllr Allcock will check the site during the coming week.

ACTION: CLLR ALLCOCK

18.212 To receive an update on the Village Gates

Voting has finished at Tesco and we now await the results; but it is likely that we will have come third.

18.213 Telephone kiosks

18.213.1 Defibrillator update for Winterborne Kingston

The case has been ordered at a cost of £371.42 and will be installed as soon as the repair work to the Kingston kiosk is complete.

18.213.2 Update on the telephone kiosk repairs

Cllr Langdown reported that to repair the two doors would cost £350. Cllr Andrews proposed that we go ahead with work. This was seconded by Cllr Allcock and agreed unanimously.

18.214 Home Watch/Flood Watch

18.214.1 Flood Watch

Zelston – the river still has plenty of water. There is a fallen tree to the rear of the island but this will be cleared during the village tidy.

18.214.2 Home Watch

No report was available.

18.215 To consider items for the Village Meetings

Zelston – Many of the responsibilities usually undertaken by councillors have, in the past, been carried out by non-councillors. A review of the responsibilities will be included on the agenda; pot holes and condition of road; exit from western end. The Clerk will check with Highways to see how much it is likely to cost to have the road surfaced. Breakdown of the Precept for last year and for the coming year; invite local groups.

Kingston – Bonfire night and the formation of a committee; invite local groups to say a few words; neighbourhood plan.

18.216 Parish Councillors' Reports

Cllr Andrews – Attended the DAPTC conference on the 9th March – items discussed included the implementation of the General Data Protection Regulations and the DAPTC Star Awards. Speakers included Oliver Letwin MP, Martyn Underhill, Police & Crime Commissioner and Dr Forbes Watson, Chairman of the NHS Dorset Clinic Commissioning Group. Cllr Andrews also requested an updated contact list and the Clerk will organise this and issue.

ACTION: CLERK

Cllr Jessopp – The verge at the end of Wares Close has been badly damaged by a lorry. The grass cutting contractor will be asked to see if there is anything he can do by way of repairs.

18.217 Correspondence receive since the agenda was set

NDDC notification regarding future charges for elections. This is something that will have to be considered when setting the 2019/20 year's budget.

18.218 Items for the April agenda

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

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.05 hours.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th April, at Kingston Village Hall, immediately following the Parish Meeting which will commence at 6.30pm.