

**MINUTES OF THE LOWER WINTERBORNE PARISH COUNCIL AGM HELD ON TUESDAY  
19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2019 AT WINTERBORNE ZELSGON VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING 7pm**

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

**Chair:** Cllr R Jessopp

**Clerk:** Mrs Amanda Crocker

**Also present:** 7 members of public

**1 Public Participation**

19.197 Di Lewis asked what is happening with regard to Redwoods, Winterborne Zelston. Another reminder will be sent to the Enforcement Officer.

**ACTION: CLERK**

When we will we know about the nomination packs. The Clerk reported that the nomination packs are now available to download from the Dorset for You web site, or hard copies from the Parish Council. Completed nomination papers can be submitted to the Returning Officer at any time from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March up to the deadline of 4pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019. These must be delivered by hand and cannot be accepted if they arrive in the post. The Council will be operating an appointments system to receive nomination papers and the timetable showing where and when appointments can be made is also on the Dorset for You webpage. The re-publishing of the electoral register to reflect the new Dorset Council wards and any amended parish/town council wards is underway. Technical issues that have arisen from the merging of the various councils' registers should be ironed out by the end of February.

Joan Nash asked what is left in the fund for the running of the Hub for the current year. The Clerk explained that an element of the Precept, £2,500 for the current year, was set aside to cover the cost of the Hub. To date, the Hub is covering its own running costs without having to use any of the precept monies.

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

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

**3 Apologies**

19.199 Apologies had been received from Cllr Dave Kapp, District Cllrs Emma Parker and Jane Somper, and Mr Graham Hyde.

**4 Minutes of the Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

19.200 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 Chair signed the minutes in the presence of the meeting.

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

19.201 The SID is on order and the posts are now in place.

Register the Greyhound as a Community Asset – it was agreed that this would be left for now as the pub is under new ownership. We will continue to monitor the situation and may reconsider its registration in the future.

## **6 To consider the co-option of a Parish Councillor for Winterborne Kingston**

19.202 Following the resignation of Mark Leaper, a vacancy exists on the Parish Council for Winterborne Kingston/Anderson. It was felt that, with the full election coming up in May, it would not be worthwhile inviting a new person on to the Parish Council at this stage.

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

### **19.203 County Councillor's report**

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

### **19.204 District Councillors' report**

*Post meeting note: Cllr Parker has forwarded the following report:*

*A report outlining the budget proposals for the new Dorset Council was published ahead of the Shadow Executive Committee on the 11<sup>th</sup> February. The proposals will go to full council on the 20<sup>th</sup> February for final agreement. This includes information on how the council tax is set. From the 1<sup>st</sup> April, it is proposed that all residents in the Dorset Council area will pay the same council tax rate – this is known as Council Tax Harmonisation. This avoids residents in one area of the new council contributing more to the cost of services than others. The average 'Band D' rate for the Dorset Council is proposed as £1629.75 per year. The proposed budget is available to view on line and in detail.*

*It has been made clear to councillors that the budget is balanced and there will be no reductions to any services. The Council will redirect £16.7m of backroom savings into frontline services to look after the vulnerable and to improve the quality of life in Dorset.*

## **8 Finance**

### **19.205 To confirm payment of accounts**

The following payments had been requested:

BT	Hub alarm – February 2019	101565	38.86
A Crocker	Wages + expenses	101566	506.29
H Andrews	WK Notice Board	101568	125.50
Secure Alarms	Hub alarm 6 monthly service	101569	102.00
JSR Treecare	WK grass cutting	101570	833.33

The total amount requested from the Precept is £1,605.98.

The payment of £5,523.84 for the village gates will be delayed until the question of cost is followed up.

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

**ACTION: CLERK**

19.206 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. Cllr Sorrell proposed the accounts are accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Brock and agreed unanimously.

**9 Speed Watch (HA) - update**

19.207 Cllr Andrews reported that team has been out on limited occasions recently due to rain and fog. She has attended a Speed Watch meeting at Blandford Station. There are now 84 teams running in Dorset.

**10 WK Hub update**

19.208 Cllr Luxford reported that the regular weekly bookings continue and there are other possibilities in the pipeline. There are several parties booked and the Scouts have booked the site for two weekend camps over the summer holidays. There has been evidence of mouse activity and the pest controller will be notified. Two lightbulbs need replacing and Derek Andrews will be asked to sort this out.

**11 Planning Applications & Tree Work Proposals**

19.209 To consider planning applications received

2/2019/0054 58 Broad Close, WK Erect single storey rear extension

This represents a very minor extension and there appears to be no visual impact on the surrounding properties and no complaints have been received from the neighbours. Cllr Brock recommended no objection. This was seconded by Cllr Luxford and agreed unanimously.

2/2019/0016 Fairways, The Street, WZ Erect 1 extension to pool room, replace roof tiles to main dwelling and erect games room

This application represents no impact on the environment, or the village and it is not visible from the road. Cllr Sorrell recommended no objection. This was seconded by Cllr Brock and agreed unanimously.

**ACTION: CLERK**

**12 WK Playground and Recreation Field**

19.210 Cllr Knapp has been working on keeping the area cut throughout the winter. As a result, we will not need to have the annual first cut as has been necessary in previous years. This will continue through the coming year and our thanks are extended to Cllr Knapp for all the time he has committed to this.

The tree planting was completed about 3 weeks ago. Phase 2 for the orchard will progress next year.

Moss on the rubber surfacing – Cllr Allcock reported that it will cost £70 to hire the pressure washer. A resident has offered to try to clear the moss running a hose from the Hub but, if this is not possible, we will have to resort to the hire of the pressure washer. Cllr Allcock proposed £70 is set aside for the hire of the pressure washer. This was seconded by Cllr Andrews and agreed unanimously.

It was previously agreed that the gaps in the play area surface would be filled by topsoil. Cllr Allcock has the top soil but there is no point in doing this until the area is cleared.

### **13 To receive an update on the Village Gates**

19.211 An invoice in the sum of £5,523 has been received. Once this is paid, the gates will be made up and installed by DC Highways.

However, Cllr Andrews reported that she had been in touch with the Parish Clerk at Charminster who paid £1,152 + VAT for three gates. This will be checked before we proceed with the payment.

**ACTION: CLERK**

### **14 Telephone kiosks**

19.212 To receive an update for the defibrillator at Winterborne Kingston

Derek Andrews is working on the wiring and had rubbed down the inside of the kiosk and started the painting. The case for the defibrillator has an alarm on it which needs to be turned off when the defibrillator is taken out. There are only two keys at present, but more may be needed. Cllr Jessopp will speak to a nearby resident who may be able to hold a set of keys.

Cllr Andrews requested that the installation of the defibrillator is delayed until the training has been undertaken. Sharon Jacobs has offered to undertake the training, although the defibrillator is meant to be very easy to use.

She has had no luck with the VIP phone and no other company is prepared to install an emergency line for free. Cllr Allcock and Cllr Jessopp will look into this as they may be aware of an alternative provider.

**ACTION: CLLRS ALLCOCK & JESSOPP**

Is there any money in the budget for refurbishing the phone boxes – new signage, pin board, etc. Cllr Andrews proposed £200 is set aside for the refurbishment of the kiosk. This was seconded by Cllr Luxford and agreed unanimously.

19.213 To receive an update on the kiosks repairs at Anderson

At the suggestion of the insurance company, a letter was sent to the driver asking if he would like to settle the matter direct or go via the insurance companies. To date, nothing has been received and the matter will now be passed to the Insurers to follow up.

In the meantime, Cllr Langdown will remove the remaining bits and liaise with Derek Andrews regarding the making safe of the electrical installation.

**ACTION: CLLR LANGDOWN**

### **15 Notice Boards update**

19.214 Cllr Andrews reported that she has purchased a new board for the village hall wall at a cost of £125.50. However, it has been leaking and the company has now agreed to replace it free of charge. Once the new board arrives, the old one may be used as a pin board for the kiosk or the Hub.

A price of £1,505 has been sourced for the main notice board but it may be possible to repair the existing board as the wood at the front is a bit rotten whilst the back is sound. Derek Andrews has offered to have a look at and see if it can be repaired.

Cllr Langdown said it may be worth considering replacing it in UPVC if the board cannot be repaired. This will be considered if necessary.

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

19.215 Home Watch - There were several garages broken into in Thomson and half a dozen in Bere Regis. Residents are reminded to make sure their garages and sheds are locked, and any equipment is appropriately marked.

19.216 Flood Watch – Graham Hyde was unable to attend the meeting but had submitted the following via email to the Clerk; the EA will be having a media campaign to promote their groundwater flood warnings. This will be advertised in the Blackmore Vale, Red Post magazine, etc. Anyone concerned about flooding should opt for the warnings via their email or ‘phone. Locally, everything is quite subdued on the flood front.

Rita Burden reported that the river in Zelston is looking good and has plenty of water.

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

19.217 Cllr Andrews – attended a DAPTC meeting in January and is now booked on the DAPTC conference.

Cllr Brock – Neighbourhood Plan – once the new council is in place, perhaps this could be picked up again. He would be happy to take the lead on this. This will be put on the agenda for June.

Cllr Newman – there seem to be a lot of permissions being granted for tree work, but the Parish Council is being notified. The Clerk reported that, in North Dorset, parish councils were removed from the consultee list last year. Future agendas will be amended to remove any reference to Tree Works.

Cllr Langdown – coming into Winterborne Kingston from Blandford, there is one tree that is leaning over the road and could prove to be a problem if we have any storms. The Clerk will ask Highways to attend the site and check the trees and verges in this area

**ACTION: CLERK**

West Street – 30mph signs – Highways originally agreed to replace the signs as they are now very faded. This will be following up.

**ACTION: CLERK**

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

19.218 Nothing to add.

## **19 Items for the March agenda**

19.219 Councillors are reminded to pass any items to the Clerk for inclusion in the March agenda by the 7<sup>th</sup> March.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19.45pm.