

LOWER WINTERBORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16th July 2019 at Winterborne Kingston Village Hall, commencing 7pm.

Present: Cllrs R Allcock, L Luxford, D Knapp, R Brock, H Andrews, B Newman

Chair: Cllr R Jessopp

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also present: 6 members of the public

1 Public Participation

20.053 Graham Hyde drew members attention to the algae on the equipment at the play park. The rubber surfaces have all been cleaned of algae, but the equipment was not cleaned. If it is pressure washed, it is likely that the paint will come off. It really needs washing down by hand.

Joan Nash raised a query on behalf of residents living in the cottage adjoining Church Lane. The trees are hanging over from the churchyard into their property and will need to be attended to. The Dean's Office will confirm what work can be carried out and will submit a formal notification of permitted works. It is the responsibility of the Parish Council to undertake any such work.

2 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

20.054 No interests were declared at this stage.

3 Apologies

20.055 Apologies had been received from Cllrs Lynn Luxford and Ron Sorrell and Dorset Cllr Emma Parker.

4 Minutes the meeting held on the 18th June 2019

20.056 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Knapp 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.

5 Matters arising from those minutes for report only

20.057 Zelston Village Meeting, Highways issues – this item was deferred from the June meeting as Cllr Newman had been unable to attend. Cllr Newman reported that he has spoken to the new Highways Officer and they will be arranging a meeting in the village to discuss the various issues previously raised.

Letter to the MP – to be followed up.

Village gates – despite repeated requests, no information regarding the breakdown of costs had been received. The Clerk will now contact Dorset Cllr Emma Parker to see if she is able to gain the requested details.

6. Dorset Councillor's Report

20.058 Cllr Parker was unable to attend the meeting but had forward a copy of her report to the Clerk. This was read out at the meeting and a full copy is available on request and on the Parish Council web site.

8. Finance

20.059 To confirm payment of accounts

The following payments had been requested:

Pampered Pigs	Red diesel for mower	101604	72.00
ICL Web Design	Web hosting 01.04.19-30.03.20	101605	60.00
DC Pension	July contribution	101606	121.00
A Crocker	Wages + expenses	101607	689.04
JRS Treecare	WK grass cutting for June	101608	833.33
WK Village Hall	Pop In hire	101609	96.00
Cheque cancelled		101610	
BT	Hub alarm – July and August	101611	67.30

The total amount requested from the Precept this month is **£1,938.67**

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

8. Speed Watch, Traffic and Roads

20.060 Cllr Langdown reported that the SID is now in its third location on West Street. Speed Watch attended West Street recently and picked up 10% of all drivers exceeding the speed limit. People are saying it does not make any difference. The SID seems to work on the southern location, but the northern site is not effective.

It was generally felt that it would be more effective if the 30mph limit was moved about 50m further north up the hill and the SID could then be moved further northwards along the road. Officers are in agreement that the sign should be moved. Cllr Langdown will continue discussions with Highways.

ACTION: CLLR LANGDOWN

Cllr Andrews reported that the 30mph coming into the village on the left-hand side of West Street is totally overgrown by the hedge. She has this evening made enquiries as to who is responsible for cutting the hedge and will follow up once the answer is received.

ACTION: CLLR ANDREWS

In general, it was agreed that the North Street SID is the least effect, the Bere Road position has more impact.

The signs in West Street need to be cleaned and cleared and roundels on the road may have the effect of slowing vehicle down. Highways will be approached requesting this work is carried out.

9. WK Community Hub update

20.061 Cllr Luxford was unable to attend the meeting and no report was available. Cllr Langdown reported that he tries to keep the perimeter of the hub weed free but there are now Ash saplings growing on the patio area and inside the lower wall. He offered to deal with this, and the offer was accepted.

ACTION: CLLR LANGDOWN

10. Neighbourhood Plan update

20.062 Cllrs Jessopp and Brock met with Mr Rease of Dorset Council. It is down to the Parish Council to decide if they wish to go ahead with a Plan. If we do wish to go ahead, it would be sensible to have someone address the meeting with advice and an idea of how much work and time will be involved. This meeting should be held before members decide whether or not to move this forward. It was suggested that Jo Witherden is invited to address the next meeting at Winterborne Kingston in October. The Clerk will contact Ms Witherden accordingly.

ACTION: CLERK

11. Planning Applications & Tree Work Proposals

20.063 2/2019/0781 Units 19-22 Wind Whistle Way, WK – change of use from B1/B8 to residential

It was felt that the units were marketed with a limited amount of enthusiasm and this application is not entirely unexpected. It is disappointing but the agents reported that the location was too isolated for any potential tenant. However, other locations locally, such as Northwest Farm, have never had any problem letting their units. Concern was expressed about the increase in traffic from the additional dwellings onto a fast stretch of road, with limited visibility. The Parish Council would like to see the 30mph sign moved further out of the village and a footpath linking the site to the existing path alongside the Greyhound. Cllr Knapp proposed that, in principle, we do not object to the change of use. This was seconded by Cllr Langdown and agreed unanimously. The Clerk will draft a response and forward it to Cllr Jessopp for confirmation prior to submission.

ACTION: CLERK

12. WK Playground

20.064 Cllr Allcock reported that the play equipment had arrived, but they await the safety tiles. There is no news regarding the grant that has been applied for.

Cleaning of the equipment will be reviewed and organised.

13. Home Watch/Flood Watch

20.065 Nothing to report.

14. Parish Councillors' Reports

20.066 Cllr Langdown – the trees alongside the road to the north of Winterborne Kingston – there has still been nothing done to the tree to the north of the village. The tree has been marked and there are marks on the road, but nothing further has been done. In addition, the trees along this stretch were planted far too close to the road – only 8’ between the tree and the road. Sooner or later, we will have to decided what can be done with them. They all sit on Highways land and perhaps they need to carry out a survey of the trees. Cllr Langdown requested that a letter of thanks is sent to the WI for their litter picking. It makes such a difference and it is carried out by volunteers. Cllr Jessopp will organise an appropriate letter.

ACTION: CLLR JESSOPP

Cllr Newman – trees in Zelston – the copper beach that sits on church land is dropping below the 5’ mark. The laurels – 3 companies have been invited to give quotations but only one has responded. Trees at Middle Farm are tangling BT wires and overhanging the river. Middle Farm – concern over the use of the Paddock was expressed in the past and, since 3 events have been held, considerable concern has been expressed by residents. Cllrs Newman and Sorrell will produce a report for discussion at the next meeting and for forwarding to the appropriate authority on behalf of the residents of Zelston.

Cllr Allcock – community orchard – he and Cllr Jessopp managed to water the trees recently by combining several hose pipes, but it was not very satisfactory. In August the fire brigade is going to water them as part of a training exercise. Some pathways have been cut amongst the trees to encourage people to walk through the site and see the wildlife and at the same time, keeping walkers away from the new trees. Of the 80 trees, 79 are doing very well. There is also an offer of some lime trees from Dorset Trees.

15. Correspondence receive since the agenda was set

20.067 Amendment to the Definitive Map – Anderson. This refers to the main lane from Tomson to the footpath at the bottom of Great Coln Wood. It is not registered as a pathway or bridleway at the moment but is permissive. This is not the formal consultation which will come out in about 2 years’ time so it is not necessary for the Parish Council to make any comment should we not wish to do so. There is an alternative path to the west of this proposal which has always been there but the inclusion of this path on the Definitive Map would give a circular walk. It is known that Path E3/2 is often impassable, so horse riders tend to use the proposed path. We await the appropriate forms.

16. Items for the September agenda

20.068 Members are reminded that, if they wish any items to be added to the September agenda, they should contact the Clerk before the 5th September 2019.

There being no further business, the meeting closed: 19:49pm.