

LOWER WINTERBORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17th September 2019 at Winterborne Zelston Village Hall, commencing 7pm.

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

Chair: Cllr R Jessopp

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also present: 6 members of the public and PC Mike Sinnick

1 Public Participation

20.069 PC Sinnick informed the meeting that he had been invited to attend, following concerns raised in July about events at Middle Farm. He reported that it was a licensed event taking place and any issues should be raised with the Environmental Health Department or License Department of Dorset Council. If the issues are out of hours, there is a telephone number that can be called. It was noted that the field itself is not licensed, the person holding the event needs to apply for the relevant licenses. It is the intention of the Parish Council to monitor the situation and speak to the Licensing Department should the need arise.

Anti-social behaviour at the garage which is currently closed. People are using the site as a toilet and to dump rubbish. The site is becoming unsightly and an environmental hazard. Adding to the problem is the fact that the signs are still in place along the A31, so vehicles are still pulling on to the site – these are the province of Highways England. Environmental Health have also been involved but are unable to do anything. PC Mike Sinnick suggested getting the registration number of vehicles who are behaving badly and then telephoning the Police with the number and what the offence occurring may be. It was suggested that the Dorset Councillor and MP are also asked to assist in getting the signs covered or the entranceway blocked.

Joan Nash raised the issue of litter picking the laybys to the north and south of the village. The WI Would like to undertake a major clean-up of the village and would like the Parish Council to lead on this if possible.

2 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

20.070 No interests were declared at this stage.

3 Apologies

20.071 Apologies had been received from Cllrs Richard Brock and Ron Sorrell, Graham Hyde and Dorset Cllr Emma Parker.

4 Minutes the meeting held on the 16th July 2019

20.072 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 Luxford 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

20.073 The weeds and brambles by the windows at the back and front of the Hub need clearing. The Clerk will contact the contractor and ask him to sort this out as it is part of the contract.

ACTION: CLERK

6. Dorset Councillor’s Report

20.74Cllr Parker was unable to attend the meeting but had forward a copy of her report to the Clerk. This had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting and a full copy is available on request and on the Parish Council web site.

8. Finance

20.075 To confirm payment of accounts

The following payments had been requested:

Water 2 Business	Cemetery & Hub 19/2-27/8/19	101612	37.61
DC Pension Fund	August & September pension contri.	101613	242.00
BT	Hub alarm – September	101614	33.00
A Crocker	August & September wages + expenses	101615	1143.10
Dorset Council	Trade waste collection – August	101616	11.55
	Cancelled cheque	101617	
DAPTC	Practical chairing skills	101618	40.00
Dorset Council	Trade waste removal – September	101619	11.55
JSR Treecare	Grass cutting WK August & September	101620	1666.66
Secure Alarms	Annual service – hub & tractor shed	101621	183.60
Sutcliffe Play	Supply & deliver play safety surface	101622	504.00
PR Ford Groundworks	Install play equipment & safety surface	101623	300.00

The total amount requested from the Precept this month is **£4,173.07**

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

A copy of the reconciliation of accounts and position against budget had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting.

Cllr Knapp proposed that the reconciliation of accounts is accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Andrews and agreed unanimously.

8. Speed Watch, Traffic and Roads

20.075 Cllr Andrews reported that the hedge has been cut and the signs replaced along West Street, but we could do with some more roundels on the road and the one already in place being repainted. It would also be useful to have the 3-2-1 Slow signs. West Street is definitely the worse area for speeding.

The SIDs are working effectively. The SID is currently being moved every 3 weeks. It is also noted that the gates are making a difference. We would remind everyone who lives and works in the village to also please obey the speed limits.

Signed:

9. WK Community Hub update

20.076 Cllr Luxford reported that the carpet was replaced in July and it is clearly a much better quality carpet. We received a donation of £50 from the Church as they were given some of our surplus chairs. Cllr Luxford proposed that £20 of the money is used to replace the slide that was damaged by some youths. This was seconded by Cllr Andrews and agreed unanimously.

During the annual inspection of the fire and burglar alarm system, the engineer reported that some of the system is outdated. The alarm is temperamental and goes off at the slightest thing, eg, insects.

A quote has been received for £531 + VAT. Cllr Jessopp suggested that we also approach the company and get a quote for CCTV to cover the play area. Secure Alarms will be asked to requote, adding CCTV and this will be brought back to the October meeting.

ACTION: CLERK

Hedges around the building need cutting back. The Clerk will contact the contractor.

The bin has never been emptied. The Clerk will check to see what day the bin needs to be moved to the car park. *Post meeting note: The next collection is due on the 16th October and thereafter every 4 weeks.*

10. To confirm the Road Closure for the Remembrance Sunday Service

20.077 The clerk will complete the appropriate form and submit it to Dorset Council. Cllr Jessopp will liaise with the Vicar and see if anyone from the church wishes to get involved.

11. Planning Applications & Tree Work Proposals

20.078 2/2019/0917/FUL Redwoods, A31 Main Road, Winterborne Zelston
Erect a single storey side extension and form first floor accommodation to create a 2-storey dwelling

Concern was raised regarding the treatment of the effluent as no details have been provided. The access has still not been resolved. A larger property could imply additional vehicles exiting onto what is a dangerous blind bend. Cllr Newman proposed the Parish Council **Object** to this application. This was seconded by Cllr Andrews and agreed unanimously.

It was noted that the Parish Council is still not being consulted on tree applications. This has been brought up again with the Tree Officer.

12. Winterborne Zelston

20.079 To consider the quotation for works to the laurels

Three companies were invited to tender but only one quote was received. Cllr Newman proposed we accept the quote of £980 from NJA Treecare. This was seconded by Cllr Knapp and agreed unanimously. The Clerk will contact the contractor accordingly.

ACTION: CLERK

20.080 To consider a new sign for the T junction and a replacement sign on the A31

The Winterborne Zelston sign has been lost and Highways England have said it will be 18 months before the sign will be replaced.

Cllr Newman met with Phil Goodman from Dorset Highways and they have said they are happy to produce a sign saying 'A31 – all routes' and a supplementary sign saying 'local traffic only' marking the western end of the village. It is understood that the Parish Council may have to contribute towards the cost of the sign. We await the quote.

13. WK Playground

20.081 Cllr Allcock reported that the play equipment has been installed and the feedback has all been positive.

Dog walkers – this does not seem to be a problem at the moment, but it was suggested that a sign saying 'any owner with more than 2 dogs, please keep them on a lead' should be put up.

Cllr Andrews expressed her thanks to Cllr Knapp for all his work on keeping the grass short and there is a distinct lack of dog mess.

Thanks are extended to the Bere Regis fireman for watering the trees.

Dorset Trees are planning to return on the 23rd November, and they would like to get the school involved and wondered if they could use one of the halls. Cllr Jessopp suggested contacting the Village Hall which they have, and this is now being organised.

14. Telephone Kiosks

20.082 Defibrillator update for Winterborne Kingston

The kiosk is being used and appears successful. It will be necessary to change the pads on the defibrillator next year.

20.083 Update on the Anderson telephone kiosk

Unfortunately, pursuing the driver who demolished the kiosk has not proved successful. Should we wish to replace the kiosk, it would be necessary for the Parish Council to buy one. Some discussion took place and it was suggested that only one Anderson resident was keen to keep the kiosk. Cllr Jessopp proposed that no further action is taken. This was seconded by Cllr Andrews and agreed unanimously.

15. Home Watch/Flood Watch

20.084 Graham Hyde was unable to attend but had reported to the Clerk that James Allen has agreed to be his deputy Flood Watch Co-ordinator for this year. James works for the EA so is well qualified for the role. Graham will amend the Flood Plan for Lower Winterborne to show James' contact details.

The Riparian letters are in the process of being sent out and all residents concerned should receive their letter by the end of September.

16. Parish Councillors' Reports

20.085 Cllr Langdown – nothing has been done about the tree to the north of the village. However, the tree has been marked, as has the road. He expressed concern about the overhanging nature of all the trees along this stretch of the road as they were planted too close to the road.

Cllr Newman – a letter has been received regarding the approval of tree works at Camelot, Winterborne Zelston. Dorset Planning has given permission to remove a number of trees, but this was not submitted by the owner. The planning department have clearly not checked, nor have they come to the Parish Council. Had they done so we would have told them that this was the case. The tree is also listed. This highlights the requirement for the Parish Council to be included as a statutory consultee. Cllr Newman proposed that we tell them of the error and press that we need to be consulted.

17. Correspondence receive since the agenda was set

20.086 Laurel hedge alongside the play park path. The Clerk reported that emails had been received from the residents, expressing concern that the hedge was causing damage to their fence and greenhouse. The only person affected by the hedge is the lady whose garden is alongside and who is having the problems. Cllr Langdown suggested the hedge is removed and this was seconded by Cllr Knapp. The Clerk will contact the family accordingly.

ACTION: CLERK

18. Items for the October agenda

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

There being no further business, the meeting closed 20.13pm.

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