

# Minutes of a Meeting of Iwerne Minster Parish Council held in the Abingdon Hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.

**Present:** - Cllr M Jones – Chairman – Cllr P Le Prevost – Vice Chairman, Cllr S Trim, Cllr J Hooper, Cllr K O'Connor and Cllr J Goodliffe.

**In attendance:** Mrs N Phillips – Clerk and 13 members of the public. Cllr Deborah Croney

## **Public Questions:**

Concerns were raised over dog walkers allowing their dogs off their leads whilst walking along the footpath, which is open to residents' gardens, towards the Watery Lane and the playing field. It was reported that a new bylaw regarding anti-social behaviour, Dog control orders has been passed. The Chairman suggested that this is a matter to be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting in May and Cllr Goodliffe stated that there will be a section published in the Village Magazine regarding this matter.

**18/126 take any apologies.** Cllr B O'Lunaigh

## **18/127 Declarations of Interests and Requests for Dispensation.**

There were none.

## **18/128 Minutes of the meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019.**

The minutes were proposed by Cllr J Goodliffe and seconded by Cllr K O'Connor, that they were a true and accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

## **18/129 To consider planning/tree applications received by NDDC. Cllr S Trim reported the following:**

**2/2019/0142/HOUSE – Preston Farmhouse – extension on the property.** It was noted that the description on section 4 states that the raising of the roof will only be by 150 millimetres, these seemed a very small adjustment and was questioned if it is correct. The architect was present at the meeting and confirmed that it should state that the eaves were to be raised by 150 millimetres, not the roof. The architect assured the Council that this will be amended on the application form. After debate, Cllr Jones proposed that the application be approved, this was seconded by Cllr O'Connor and all members agreed.

**2/2018/1802/HOUSE – 9 Oakwood Drive – NDDC approved this application.**

**2/2019/0268/FUL - Pond South West Of Mistleigh, Blandford Road O/s Mistleigh - Erect 6 No. dwellings with associated garaging and 12 No. parking spaces. (Access determined under outline application 2/2018/0778/OUT).** This application was received on the 1<sup>st</sup> April, therefore the Council will consider this application on the 13<sup>th</sup> May at their Parish Council meeting.

**2/2019/0401/CATREE T1 – Beech – raise crown by 2m. T2 Lime raise crown by 2m at Stantway Cottage. No objection.**

**2/2019/0402/TRTREE T1 – Silver Birch – reduce crown. No objection.**

## **18/130 to receive NDDC Cllr report:** Cllr Croney tabled the following report:

**Farewell to North Dorset District Council:** North Dorset District Council held its final Full Council Meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup>. A number of former councillors and officers, civic dignitaries and aldermen joined us to mark the end of an era and to celebrate the story of NDDC. For such a small Council we managed to punch above our weight for many years, and can be proud of our record in delivering services in difficult circumstances. Long serving Councillors, who are not standing for the new Council, were made Aldermen in recognition of their service. Among them was Deborah, who was honoured for her achievements as former Leader of the Council.

**Welcome to Dorset Council:** Today the new Dorset Council goes live, with over 8,000 staff serving 357,000 residents across the county. Internally, this is a massive change but for residents there should be no interruption to services. Bin days, car park charges, road maintenance remain unchanged and frontline staff and public facing service points will continue as before.

Our first priority, reflected in the budget, is to improve services to vulnerable adults, children and the homeless.

Residents can contact the council in the same way as before - online, phone, e mail or in person. The new web address is [dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](http://dorsetcouncil.gov.uk), though [dorsetforyou](http://dorsetforyou) will still work. Council offices, including Nordon, will all remain open as usual for the time being.

While this new council structure will allow us to do more with our money and is undoubtedly a sensible way forward, it is not without its drawbacks. The chief of these being the possibility that this large council could become remote from communities. Town and Parish Councils and community partners, along with the new Peoples Panels, will have a crucial part to play in keeping the Council grounded and close to the grass roots.

**Blandford Fly:** Treatment will be carried out this spring to reduce the spread of Blandford Fly along the River Stour. The treatment has been carried out for many years and has been successful in reducing the nuisance caused by insect bites. Only one treatment is needed, based on the lifecycle of the insect. It will be carried out by Bournemouth University's Department of Life and Environmental Science and funded by the local authority and public health partners.

**Durweston Bridge:** Work has started on the Durweston flood arches, setting up the access roads, fencing and materials storage. The start date was delayed by two weeks from the original schedule, but we are assured that the timetable remains unchanged. There is a communications strategy in place which will include regular updates on the scheme in the Council's travel and transport e-newsletter. Letters will be sent to affected residents and businesses six weeks before the start of the closure period and appropriate signage will be placed at the turn-offs along the diversion route. The contact at Highways is [Stuart.Allan@dorsetcc.gov.uk](mailto:Stuart.Allan@dorsetcc.gov.uk). It was noted that the C13 will be open before the Durweston Bridge is closed.

Cllr D Croney announced that she will be standing down from May 2019.

**Parish Council Elections:** And finally, for those Parish Councillors who are standing down in May, on behalf of your communities, thank you so much for all your hard work. And to those who are soldiering on for another term, well done, thank you and good luck if you are facing an election.

#### **18/132 Chairman's report.**

The Chairman reminded the public and members of the upcoming local elections and if anyone requires further information please contact the Clerk, the cut-off date for nomination to be received by Democratic Services is Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> April. The Parish Council have a new website which will be available for everyone to view in April. The new website address will be available in due course. Thank you to Ian for producing the Website and thank you to Cllr Hooper for getting this project up and running.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Croney for all her support and hard work, as a Councillor for the Parish Council, a Councillor for NDDC and a Councillor for County Council. The Chairman also congratulated Deborah for being awarded an Alderman Status. The Chairman presented a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the Parish Council.

#### **18/132 Finance**

The Payment schedule for March was tabled for the total of £2128.96, this was amended, due to an additional late payment for the Play Area repairs £74.28, the new total of £2222.11 was tabled. Cllr Jones proposed that the bills presented on the schedule should be paid, this was seconded by Cllr O'Connor and all in favour.

**RESOLVED** for the payment to the sum of £2222.11 for bills presented on the schedule be paid (18/132 – accounts)

#### **18/133 To consider other parish matters.**

##### **Highways: Cllr P Le Prevost reported the following:**

- Is looking into where the milestones in the village are situated. Cllr Jones will give the information he has on the milestones to Cllr Le Prevost.
- A meeting has been arranged for the 17<sup>th</sup> April, with Dorset Council Highways officer to discuss the road surfaces within the village.
- Has been trying to contact the relevant persons to confirm that the C13 works will be complete before the Durweston bridge is closed. There is now a new contact, which has been supplied on the NDDC report, which will be contacted.

##### **Recreation: Cllr P Le Prevost reported the following:**

- The work on the notice boards and the play area are underway.
- To order a new NO DOG sign for the Play Area. **Action- Clerk**
- A third swing has been put up in the Play Area, this has not been authorised by the Parish Council and will be taken down. If the owner of the said swing would like it back, please contact Cllr Le Prevost or the Clerk.
- The seat and area at Tower Hill have been investigated and it has been suggested that the Parish Council take over the responsibility of maintenance of the seat and the area the seat is situated. It was reported that there will be no cost to the Parish Council to set up a lease agreement, as the owner of the land will arrange this. The Parish Council will be required just to pay a peppercorn rent. All members are happy for the owner of the land to proceed.
- The wooden sign in the Chalk has been damaged, this is now being repaired.

##### **Footpaths and Rights of Way: Cllr J Hooper had nothing to report.**

##### **Village and District Liaison: Cllr Jones had nothing to report.**

##### **Community Resilience & Emergency Planning: Cllr K O'Connor reported the following:**

- Thank you to everyone that helped with the litter pick in March.
- Dorset Police have reported that there has been an increase in items being stolen from cars that are parked in public beauty spots. Please make sure that you keep your valuable out of site.
- Dorset Police have also reported that dog walkers are still not putting dogs on leads when walking through fields with live stock. Please make sure you keep you dogs on leads, as they can stress out live stock. The only time that your dog should be off the lead whilst walking through fields with cattle, is if the cattle charge, you should take the dog off the lead, as the cattle will follow the dog, rather than yourself. More details can be found on the Countryside Code under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code>.
- The Dorset Fire Brigade have produced a guide for sensible parking, to ensure that the fire engines are able to access all parts of the towns and villages. It is stated that a 3-metre width between parked cars is required.

##### **Speed watch: nothing to report.**

The Speed Watch team would welcome recruits, so if you are interested in supporting this excellent service, please contact Geoffrey Peters on [geoff.peters13@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:geoff.peters13@hotmail.co.uk) or the Parish Council.

##### **IT/Website – Cllr S Trim had nothing further to report:**

#### **18/134 To consider DAPTC matters. Cllr M Jones reported the following:**

- Attended DAPTC annual conference. A full report was circulated to the members of the Council. If any members of the public wish to see the report, please contact the Clerk or Cllr Jones direct.

#### **18/135 To consider any other matters and recent correspondence.** Correspondence had been circulated.

Clayesmore School have organised a Charity Walk to be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019. If you require more details, please contact the Clerk.

Armed Forces Community Careers and Lifestyle Event 24 April 2019 at Kingston Maurward College, if you would like more details on this, please contact the Clerk.

**Agenda item for the next meeting** – AGM – Annual Parish Meeting.

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

The AGM, Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council meeting will be **Monday** the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 6.30pm.  
**The meeting will be held at the Abingdon Hall**

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 19.57 pm

Signed by the Chairman .....

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