

## **Minutes of a Meeting of Iwerne Minster Parish Council held in the Abingdon Hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016.**

Present: Cllr J Hooper – Chairman, Cllr M Jones – Vice Chairman, Cllr P Le Prevost, Cllr Evans, Cllr C Nadin and Cllr B O’Luanaigh

**In attendance:** Mrs N Phillips – Clerk, 2 members of the public.

**Public Questions:** It was reported that the website is not working correctly. It was agreed for the Clerk to get the site repaired.

**16/29 To take any apologies:** Cllr K O Connor

**16/30 Declarations of Interests and Requests for Dispensation.** There were none.

**16/31 Minutes of the meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016.**

It was proposed by Cllr Nadin and seconded by Cllr Le Prevost and all members agreed that minutes were a true and accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

**16/32 Matters arising from the minutes.** This will be discussed under officer’s reports.

**16/33 To consider development management matters listed on the schedule.**

**Development Control Matters:**

The enforcement officer at NDDC is investigating work being carried out on a property near Hambledon Manor. Further information will be given once received.

**16/34 to receive a report from the Chairmans’ Meeting.**

The main item discussed at the meeting was Adult Care. It was reported that there is a budget of 80 million pounds for South Dorset area. It was reported that South Dorset has the largest population of older people in Europe. There are around 13000 carers looking after people at home. Shaftesbury Hospital will no longer be having beds for patients. Blandford Hospital will continue to have beds.

**16/35 Finance.**

The payment schedule had been tabled, total cost for July 2016, £853.28. It was proposed by Cllr Le Prevost and seconded by Cllr Nadin that the bills presented on the schedule should be paid.

**16/36 To consider other parish matters.**

**Environmental Protection:** the following report was given by Cllr Nadin:

- Dorset County Council has cut some verges around the village and the area around the church has been cut.
- To arrange a working party to clear the bank near the village club.
- Will report the overhanging brambles near the entrance of the School.
- The area around the bench at Tower Hill needs to be cut back.

**Highways:** the following report was given by Cllr O’Luanaigh.

- Dorset County Council had started work on Watery Lane. The work has not cured the problem completely, so they has been asked to come back do complete further work.
- A meeting has taken place with the A350 group and Dorset County Council regarding the roads. Full details will be given once received.

**Recreation:** The following was reported by Cllr Le Prevost:

- The working party will start on the Play Area in August,
- Work has started on clearing the foliage around the Village Club.
- It was suggested that two new benches could be placed in front of the Village Club and one that students from the School have offered to make, to be placed in the Parish Filed. This was agreed.

**Footpaths and Rights of Way:** The following was reported by Cllr Hooper:

- Iwerne Estate has agreed to clear the footpaths on their land.

**Village and District Liaison:** The following was reported by Cllr Jones:

- Confirmed that Shaftesbury Hospital will no longer be having beds available for patients.
- The warning sign for heavy vehicles along the A350 near Cann will be fitted this week.(Installed on Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug).

- Road closure from Stubhampton to Tarrant Hinton.
- Blandford School will become an academy, which could affect the Leisure Centre.
- The Leader of NDDC Deborah Croney has resigned to concentrate on her Cabinet role and as a District Councillor, once the Parish Council receive confirmation of her replacement it will be circulated.
- The Dorset Steam Fair will be held at the end of August. Please note that there will be an increase in traffic and unfortunately could be an increase in crime around the area.
- Hall and Woodhouse have confirmed that two people are interested in purchasing the Talbot Inn as a going concern.

**Parish/Neighbourhood Plans:** The following was reported by Cllr Evans:

- The Clerk will check to see if the grants have been received in the bank.
- Offers of land have been received, these have been looked at and with the help from Dorset County Council Highways Team, the amount of land which will be suitable for development has been agreed and this will be discussed further with the land owners and resident of the village.
- A Strategic Environment Assessment is being undertaken, further information will be given once received.
- The working party have been working with AONB on this project. Areas of green space will also be looked at.
- The working party for housing will be coming up with a proposed design for housing in the village.

**Community Resilience & Emergency Planning:** The following was reported by Cllr P Le Prevost on behalf of Cllr O'Connor:

- Has submitted forms for Best Kept Village

**Homewatch/Speedwatch:** A report from Geoff Peters had been circulated. It was reported that the Homewatch Newsletter which the police produce has now been withdrawn. Cllr Le Prevost offered to obtain information from the police for the local area and circulate the details. It was agreed that this will need a co-ordinator and to discuss this matter further in future meetings.

It was reported that the police still receive a large amount of calls which are not genuine 101 calls or 999, they are to report pot holes and other things which are not the responsibility of the police. Speed watch has recruited a new member.

#### **16/37 To consider DAPTC matters.**

Cllr M Jones reported that there will be changes to the 106 community fund which developers give to local government; the new system will be called CIL – community infrastructure levy in addition to this mandatory system developers can, voluntarily, put money into a fund which is then made available to community projects. This system is known as C the CBF (Community Benefit Fund), At a meeting with DAPTC and DCC Highways department it was reported that the Highways Department will be working with local town and village Councils, as they will be removing some of their services, which the local Councils will need to look at taking over.

By 2020 Central Government will be withdrawing their grants to local authorities, but will allow them to keep the business rates that are collected in their areas as a means of local funding.

Cllr Jones asked for the Clerk to invite a North Dorset District Councillor to the next meeting to give details on the Combined Authority and the proposed Unitary Authority options.

#### **16/38 To consider any other matters and recent correspondence.**

All correspondence had been circulated and actioned. The Clerk confirmed that the website is working. Cllr Evans asked for confirmation of who is responsible for the area of grass at Oakwood Drive. The Council confirmed that they do not own this land and the Dorset County Council is not responsible for it. The Clerk will look into this matter with Land Registry.

**Agenda items for next meeting** – report from Chairman's meeting – Homewatch - Consider maintenance programme for the village. - Invite Dorset County Councillor to meeting.

#### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be **Parish Meeting on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7pm**. There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.25

Date Chairman,

Iwerne Minster Parish Council