

Minutes of a Meeting of Iwerne Minster Parish Council held in the Abingdon Hall on the 1st February 2016.

Present: Chairman Cllr J Hooper, Vice Chairman Cllr M Jones, Cllr P Le Prevost, Cllr C Nadin, Cllr Evans and Cllr K O'Connor

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips – Clerk, 6 members of the public.

Public Questions:

There were no questions or comments from the public.

15/93 To take any apologies: Cllr D Croney.

15/94 Declarations of Interests and Requests for Dispensation. There were none.

15/95 Co-option for a new member.

The Chairman asked if any members of the public present are interested in joining the Parish Council. Mr Brian O'Luanaigh came forward. The Chairman had also received a request to join the Council from Mr Geoff Peters. Mr O'Luanaigh introduced himself to the members, expressing his interest in joining the Parish Council. The Chairman read out an email from Mr Geoff Peters, introducing himself and expressing his interest in joining the Parish Council. The Council has only one vacancy on the Council, therefore the members were asked to vote for who they would like to join the Council. The majority vote was for Mr Brian O'Luanaigh. Cllr C Nadin proposed that Mr Brian O'Luanaigh join the Parish Council, this was seconded by Cllr A Evans, and all members were in favour.

RESOLVED: Mr Brian O'Luanaigh be co-opted on to the Parish Council 2016 (15/95- no budgetary provision required).

15/96 Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th January 2016.

The minutes were proposed by Cllr C Nadin and seconded by Cllr M Jones and all members agreed that minutes were a true and accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

15/97 Matters arising from the minutes.

Nothing to report.

15/98 To receive a report from County and District Councillors. The members had received a report from Cllr D Croney, full details can be obtained by the Clerk.

15/99 To consider development management matters listed on the schedule.

Development Control Matters:

2/2015/1931/FUL - Clayesmore School Blandford Road Iwerne Minster – erect boiler house – No objection.

2/2016/0107/LBC – West Lodge – erect perimeter wall to courtyard – No objection

2/2015/1556/FUL – West Lodge – construct car parking area – No objection

2/2105/1925/TPTREE – Stantway Cottage – fell Silver Birch tree. This tree is near the end of its life masking a very attractive Copper Beech and if not dealt with may well fall and damage nearby property – agreed to support the application.

NDDC Planning Application

2/2015/1788/House – 4 Hilltop Barns – construct garden room – Granted.

15/100 Finance.

The payment schedule had been tabled, total cost for January 2016, £452.50. It was proposed by Cllr Nadin and seconded by Cllr Jones, that the bills presented on the schedule should be paid. The Clerk confirmed that she had not received any applications for grants for 2015-16. The Council agreed to grant £100.00 to CAB North Dorset. This will be paid out in March 2016.

Environmental Protection & Highways: The following was reported by Cllr Nadin

- Blocked drains around the village have been reported to Dorset County Council Highways team, most areas have now been cleaned and the gullies have also been cleaned out.
- The problem at Watery Lane, regarding the amount of surface water, is being followed up.

- The Village Tidy project went very well, thank you to all that helped.
- Mrs Major had reported an incident along Dunn's Lane, involving a large lorry and trailer, damaging the bank and verge. This has been reported to the Highways team and Cllr Nadin is looking into the matter of why the lorry was using this route.
- 20 is plenty project is moving along to the next stage, a feasibility study, it has been requested that the whole the village, East of the A350 including Higher St and Tower Hill up as far as the last dwellings, with the exemption of the Paddocks, should have the speed limit reduced to 20MPH as a zone.

Recreation: The following was reported by Cllr Le Prevost:

- The Play area maintenance will start in the better weather.

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

- The plaque has been removed from the broken gates at Preston Hill, the plaque will be fitted onto a bench once one has been purchased.
- The Chairman attended a meeting with Cllr D Croney and members from Dorset Police. It was reported that £150,000 has been spent on CCTV in West Dorset. Their main focus now is on cybercrime, vulnerable elderly, sex abuse and public relations. They are looking at increasing their precept by 1p to help finance these projects. The officer attending the meeting was in support of the village 20MPH application. It was also reported that migrants have come into Weymouth and are going up to Birmingham.

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

- There has been a bus review taking place, more information can be found on www.dorsetforyou.com/2016-rural-bus-review.
- DT11 group have had their grant from Dorset County Council reduced by half. There are concerns that the group will not be able to continue past August 2017.
- DT11 state that the Council Tax needs to be reviewed. It was noted that in some areas, there is a 45% difference in Council Tax contribution from urban areas to rural areas. It is felt that the urban areas are not being charged as much but have better facilities and services than in rural areas.

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

- The Neighbourhood Plan project is moving along nicely. A questionnaire will be produced and distributed to all residents for their comments. There will also be a public meeting held, hopefully before the end of the financial year.

Community Resilience & Emergency Planning: The following was reported by Cllr O'Connor:

- Cllr O'Connor tabled a design for a public notice, to clean up after their dogs. It was agreed for Cllr O'Connor to obtain quotes for 20 notices.
- Cllr O'Connor will be looking at the application for best kept Village 2016 and report back.

Homewatch/Speedwatch:

- Thank you to Ian Watson who is keeping the Council informed of Homewatch matters.
- Speedwatch team are still working well in the village.

15/101 To consider DAPTC matters. The following was reported:

- CCG Dorset Clinical Group NHS has produced a booklet giving information on changes to the NHS.
- Dorset Local Action Group can apply for EU money for large projects.
- DAPTC are encouraging Councils to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday.

15/102 To consider any other matters arising from recent correspondence.

All correspondence had been circulated and actioned.

The Clerk tabled a letter from DAPTC regarding changes to the audit procedure for 2017. It was agreed that the Parish Council will continue using the Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments.

The following was agreed to be added to next month's agenda – **Councillors' responsibilities.**

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Monday 7th March 2016 at 7pm.** There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.30

Date Chairman,

Iwerne Minster Parish Council

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