

Minutes of a Meeting of Iwerne Minster Parish Council held in the Abingdon Hall on the 1st October 2018.

Present: - Cllr M Jones – Chairman – Cllr P Le Prevost – Vice Chairman, Cllr J Hooper, Cllr C Nadin, Cllr B O’Luanaigh, Cllr S Trim and Cllr K O’Connor
NDDC & DCC Cllr D Croney

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips – Clerk, 14 members of the public.

At this point the Chairman moved to agenda item 6. Chairman’s report.

18/62 Chairman’s report.

The Chairman reported that Cllr C Nadin has resigned from the Parish Council. Due to Cllr Nadin leaving the Council, there are two vacancies for Planning Officer and Environmental Officer. The Chairman has spoken to Cllr B O’Luanaigh, who has agreed to act as the Parish Council’s Planning officer, this was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Nadin, all members in favour.

RESOLVED: Cllr B O’Luanaigh to act as the Parish Council’s Planning Officer (18162 – Planning – no budgetary requirements)

The Chairman also proposed that the Parish Council appoint an IT Officer and suggested that Cllr S Trim would be interested in taking this role on. Cllr S Trim agreed, the proposal was seconded by Cllr B O’Luanaigh and all members in favour.

RESOLVED: For Cllr S Trim to act as the Parish Council’s IT Officer (18/62a – IT – no budgetary requirements)

The Chairman then went on to give a big thank you to Cllr Nadin for all his hard work and commitment to the Council over the years, which included helping produce the village design statement, before he became a Councillor, planning officer, environmental officer, A350 group, proof reader and general support in all areas. The Chairman presented a gift from just himself, the Council’s gift will be presented soon. Cllr Nadin thanked the Chairman and his fellow Councillors for their continued support and wished the Council and the villagers his best for the future. Cllr Nadin and his wife Jenny have lived in the village since 2003, they have loved their time living in Iwerne Minster and will not be moving many miles away.

At this point, the Chairman asked for everyone to stand in remembrance of Ann Westwood

Public Questions:

Mrs Le Prevost asked the Council if they were aware that staff of Clayesmore School and parents of the School believe that the Village had asked Clayesmore School to not send their mini busses through the village. The Clerk confirmed that she has **not** contacted the School to request this on behalf of the Council. Cllr O’Luanaigh reported that he had spoken to the school and was advised that the decision to redirect the larger vans on to the A350 was taken by the school as they were concerned that Tower Hill was becoming a 'rat run'. They therefore unilaterally decided to stop their larger vans from using Tower Hill with effect from 1st September 2018. I was advised that this decision did not preclude them from using Tower Hill in the future.

Mr I Watson asked the Council if they had an update on the proposed work to take place on the C13 on Gore Clump junction, towards Compton Air Field. Cllr Croney reported that there has been a hold up due to issues with land owners and the Friends of Dorset Rights of Way team who have proposed a foot path is put in place at Gore Clump. Due to legal procedures, the project will now not start until the 2019.

18/63 To take any apologies. There were none

18/64 Declarations of Interests and Requests for Dispensation.

There were none.

18/65 Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th September 2018.

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Nadin and seconded by Cllr P Le Prevost, that they were a true and accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

18/66 To consider planning/tree applications received by NDDC.

2/2018/1103/HOUSE – Ismay Cottage, Higher Street – erect replacement studio. Cllr O’Luanaigh reported that the structure does not enhance the locality due to the overbearing nature of the design, materials used and its appearance. Neither does it meet with the objectives of the Village Design Statement, Conservation Area and positioned in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Moreover, it has a detrimental impact on the attaching cottages in particular Carisbroke Cottage which has a direct view of the Design Studio. For these reasons the Council cannot support this application in its present form and position in a front garden. The council recommend that a smaller screened studio would be more suitably placed in their back garden.

18/67 to receive NDDC Cllr report: Cllr Croney had circulated the following report: these are bullet points from the report, the full report can be seen on the Parish Council's website.

Google Garage is Back North Dorset District Council have teamed up with Google Digital Garage again to offer another free business focussed digital skills workshop on Friday 19th of Oct. It will take place from 10am - 1:30pm at the council offices in Dorchester. Three one hour-long workshops are available - Know your Business with Data, Stay Safe Online & Writing for Social Media. If you or someone you know is interested they can book their free tickets at -

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/google-digital-garage-tickets-49640106896>. A short video was made at our last joint event that might will give to a flavour of what people when away with last time - <https://news.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/2018/09/21/award-winning-partnership-with-google-digital-garage-returns-todorset/>.

North Dorset Business Day North Dorset District Council's Business Day 2017 was a roaring success. It has been confirmed that another business day will take place this year on the 16th of Nov 2018. If you or someone you know is interested they can book their free tickets at - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/north-dorset-business-day-2018tickets-50774041525>. A short video was made at last year's event featuring Hill Fort's Cllr Sherry Jespersen to give you a flavour of the day. – <https://youtu.be/dt3xM8oXxQ8>

Matt Prosser The Dorset Shadow Council on Tuesday evening appointed Matt Prosser as Chief Executive of the new Council. There is a lot of work continuing to go on to ensure that the new council continues to deliver the service we all rely on in a safe and legal way come the 1st of April.

In the interim Stuart Caundle the Assistant Chief Executive will take on the responsibilities of Head of Paid Service for North Dorset District Council as Matt Prosser has left NDDC to work for Dorset Council.

Puppy A 3-month-old puppy was seriously ill when she was picked by a North Dorset District Council Officer. He took the puppy to Damory Veterinary Clinic in Blandford, who began emergency treatment for Parvo virus, at first it was touch and go but she is now well on the road to recovery!

Cllr Croney announced that she had attended a meeting at Compton Abbas Air Field, which is done annually, to keep communications open regarding security and safety for the Air Field. Matters of security and safety for events was raised and these will be discussed with County Council and the Police to ensure that everyone is working together. There is work taking place along the A350 to lay cables for the HGV visibility signs. Cllr Croney will be organising a meeting with the A350 group along with Wiltshire County Council members to discuss the infrastructure in the future. Cllr Croney has now sent the Clerk the information she requires to send a letter to The Secretary of State, expressing the Council concerns of over the harmonising of the Council Tax in one year.

18/68 Finance.

The Clerk had circulated a request for one additional hour a week be added to her contract. Cllr Le Prevost proposed, Cllr Nadin seconded and all in favour that the Clerks hours be increased from 8 to 9 hours a week.

RESOLVED: to increase the Clerk hours from 8 hours a week to 9 hours a week. (18/68 – Clerks wages)

Cllr Le Prevost proposed that the Parish Council purchase 7 x poppies to be placed next to the Silent Solder for remembrance. The cost is 7 X £4.99 and £4.99 delivery. Total cost of £39.92. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Nadin, all members in favour.

RESOLVED: to purchase 7 x poppies to be placed with the Silent Solder in remembrance. (18/68a – donations).

The Clerk asked the Council to confirm that they supported the purchase of Christmas Lights for the sum of £218.32. All members agreed

The Payment schedule was tabled September which was for the sum of £1128.45. It was proposed by Cllr J Hooper and seconded by Cllr Nadin that the bills presented on the schedule should be paid. All agreed.

18/69 To consider other parish matters.

Environmental Protection: Cllr Nadin reported the following:

To arrange a village clean up in October. Due to a kind resident keeping the stream clean, there will be no need for a stream clean this year.

Highways: Cllr B O'Luanaigh reported the following:

- Manhole covers on the A350 have been repaired.
- A request to County Council Community Highways officer, to make sure that the digging out of the channels down Tower Hill are done very soon and for them to investigate damage to the drain outside the Talbot Inn.
- Confirmed that Iwerne Bridge is due to be repaired April 2019.
- Cllr O'Luanaigh contacted the owner of the trout farm Graeme Watling who proposed to remove the two concrete blocks that formed the sluice gate in the river west of Iwerne Bridge. This was to advise him that the bridge had structural defects and to ensure that the removal of the two concrete blocks did not further damage the bridge. Graeme reassured Cllr O'Luanaigh that the two concrete blocks were stand alone and not attached to the bridge and their removal would have no impact on the bridge. Both concrete blocks were now redundant and their removal would increase the flow of the river. The Parish Council does not have authority over this matter.

Recreation: Cllr P Le Prevost reported the following:

- A new report has come out regarding weed killer which contains glyphosate and formulation such as Roundup, which are causing harm to bees. Cllr Le Prevost confirmed that he has informed the Councils contractors not to use these chemicals.
- Work will be taking place on the "rocking horse" soon.

Footpaths and Rights of Way: Cllr J Hooper reported the following:

- Has contacted Graham Stanley again, to chase up the missing sign next to the Cricket Field.
- It was reported by a member of the public that the footpath that runs through the field next to the Sub-station has been ploughed up. Cllr Hoper will investigate this.

- The matter of moving the post box, at the far end of Blandford Road was raised, the Clerk will chase this matter up.

Village and District Liaison: Cllr Jones reported the following:

- A suggestion was made that the proposed new Parliamentary Boundaries will have Iwerne Minster under Warminster and Shaftesbury, has not been agreed as it is now with Central Government.
- The consultation for local boundary changes is still taking place.
- Japanese Knotweed has been seen locally. If you do have problems with Japanese Knotweed, please contact Dorset County Council, Rangers Team, they can assist with removing the Knotweed.

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

- Cllr K O'Connor thanked Cllr Nadin and Cllr Le Prevost for attending the Best Kept Village awards on behalf of herself. Unfortunately, the Village did not win any awards this year.
- Thank you for the AED training that has been held, it was very informative and has given confidence for people to use the Defibrillator, it was encouraging to see new faces from the village attending.
- A reminder to all dog owners, please make sure you pick up after you dog, and a reminder if you cannot find a waste bin, you can take your dog waste home and use your land fill bin.
- Neighbourhood Watch have launched a new campaign, which states that old crimes like car theft have reduced, but new crime on lonely, vulnerable people, slavery, terrorism, have increased. Cllr O'Connor will be attending a walking group course at the end of October, which is to encourage lonely people to join a walking group, to get out and about.
- Cranborne Chase Area Of Outstanding Beauty is promoting their Dark Skies project. A member of the group will be attending the November Parish Council Meeting to describe the project in more detail. If you would like to find out more for yourself, details can be found on chasingstars.org.uk.
- Volunteers are needed for the Snow Patrol, if you feel that you could help, please contact Cllr O'Connor for more information or the Clerk to forward you details on.

Speed watch: Cllr B O'Luanagh gave the following report:

The Speed Watch team achieved 8 watches in September 3 at Tower Hill and 5 on the A350. On the Tower Hill watches 529 cars were seen, 38 were speeding and the average speed of speeding vehicles was 26.8MPH. On the A350 watches 1600 cars were seen, 70 speeding and the average speed of speeding vehicles was 38.1MPH. 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 or the Parish Council.

18/70 To consider DAPTC matters. Cllr M Jones reported the following:

A meeting was held to discuss the resolutions submitted for debate at the DAPTC AGM. There were 8 Motions forwarded. There was a response rate of 44% about the Consultation regarding services. Most Councils felt that there was a need to keep all the services. there was a feeling on the part of some Councils that the Arts might be cut, a discussion around value vs. cost ensued.

Business Rates and Council Tax came up, it was felt that this was an issue for Central Govt. although there were clearly local problems.

Particular concern was expressed as to the system to take on the role of the District Councils, although it was agreed that "Nobody knows" , or seems to know, exactly what will happen, it was agreed that on Day 1 things will be much as they are now.

It was suggested that the new authority will be looking to make savings and concerns were expressed, on behalf of Districts that had built up cash through "good housekeeping", that they were likely to lose out to the new Council.

18/71 To consider any other matters and recent correspondence. Correspondence had been circulated

Cllr Nadin asked the Council for confirmation that they support the Terms and Reference for the A350 group. This was agreed by all members.

The A350 group have asked the following villages to join their team: Shaftesbury Town Council, Blandford Town Council, Blandford St Mary Parish Council, Bryanston Parish Council, Speitsbury Parish Council, Charlton Marshall Parish Council, Sturminster Marshall Parish Council and Pimperne Parish Council. Cllr Nadin asked if the Parish Council are happy for the A350 group to invite these Councils as new members? This was agreed by all members.

A meeting will be arranged with the existing members and the new members in due course. Thanks to Matthew Piles from Dorset County Council and Cllr Deborah Croney for their continued support.

Agenda items for next meeting – Budget

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be **Monday the 5th November 2018 at 7pm**
The meeting will be held at the Abingdon Hall

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.36 pm

Chairman

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