

Minutes of a Meeting of Iwerne Minster Parish Council held in the Abingdon Hall on the 3rd April 2017.

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

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips – Clerk and 12 members of the public.

Public Questions: The following items were raised:

Mr Ian Watson asked if there was any progress on the proposed Unitary Council, it was confirmed that the Parish Council have not received any further progress news at the moment.

17/1 To take any apologies: Cllr J Hooper – Chairman and Cllr B OLuanaigh.

17/2 Declarations of Interests and Requests for Dispensation.

There were none.

17/3 Minutes of the meeting held on the 6th March 2017.

It was proposed by Cllr Nadin and seconded by Cllr Evans that the minutes were a true and accurate record and were duly signed by the Vice - Chairman.

17/4 Matters arising from the minutes.

End Of Year accounts, to agree risk assessment 2016-17 and asset register 2016-17.

The clerk tabled the end of year figures, which members agreed to. The risk assessment for 2016-17 was agreed. The asset register was tabled and after agreeing to add the Tap House in the Chalk, two bus shelters to the register, it was agreed by the members.

17/5 To consider development management matters listed on the schedule.

Development Control Matters:

2/2017/0385/HOUSE - Copse House – first floor extension – no objection.

2/2017/0513/CATREE –Church Quarry – tree works – support tree officers decision.

2/2017/0426/TPTREE- School Garden – tree works – support works.

2/2017/0441/CATREE – Netherton – tree work – support works.

17/6 to receive NDDC Cllr report.

The report had been circulated and the full report can be obtained from the Clerk.

Bullet point from the report: Highway Maintenance & Improvements for Financial Year 2017/2018

A report is available providing a very brief description for what work has been agreed so far but does not take in to account most recent additions and changes following meetings with Parish Councillors. Some of these changes include: Improvements to A350 and C13: The villages along these routes have been highly involved with the development of this significant programme of works over the past 5 months. Two consultation events will be held in May. The dates are: Monday 15th May – 2pm to 8pm at Stourpaine Village Hall. Wednesday 17th May - 10.30am to 4pm at Compton Abbas Airfield.

Durweston Bridge Repairs It has been agreed to delay these works until the A350 works are completed.

Iwerne Minster 20mph Zone: A project that has, over the past 10 years, been pursued by the village through the regulatory system and is due to be implemented later this year.

Child Okeford: re-surfacing of the Hanford Road out beyond Duck Street. White line refresh and parking to ensure footpath access in the village centre. Drop kerb access point on Station Road.

Accessing services at Nordon: District Council Services are now based at South Walks House in Dorchester this includes, senior management, Legal, Financial Services, HR, IT, Business Improvement, Democratic Services, Digital Access, Economy, Leisure & Tourism and Elections. Residents can still access services such as Housing, Planning, Building Control and Revenues and Benefits. Reception office is fully staffed and operational during office hours so you can still access services here and the duty officer services will continue to be operated.

The following services will still operate out of Nordon:

Housing, Technical Services including Facilities, Building Control, Community Safety, Environmental Health, Planning Policy, Planning, Trees, Conservation, Land Charges, Revenues and Benefits.

All NDDC meetings will now take place at South Walks House, with the exception of Full Council and Planning or any meeting with high public interest. These will take place at Durweston Village Hall.

County Council Elections 4th May 2017 - The four-year term is nearly complete and this election sees a boundary change for Hambledon Division. Ashmore, Compton Abbas, Fontmell Magna, Melbury Abbas and Cann move in to the new Division of Stalbridge and The Beacon whilst the Blandford Heights estate becomes part of Hambledon Division. Registration for nominations opened on the 27th March and Deborah Croney has been nominated to stand as the Conservative Candidate. Nominations close on 4th April, following which, the names of those standing in the election will be published.

A Note of thanks from Deborah: May I take this opportunity to say that it has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as your County Councillor. During the past four years we have experienced many challenges and the Parish Councils have, not only been the “eyes and ears” of the community but also a strong voice and I wish to particularly thank the Parish Councils for the work undertaken on behalf of the community. Your role is becoming increasingly important and active as we chart new territory in the local government reorganisation and I hope to continue to chart that course with you following the elections in May.

17/7 Chairman’s report. There was nothing to report.

17/8 Finance.

The payment schedule had been tabled, £3278.65 for March 2017, with additional payment of £1201.58 for April 2017. It was proposed by Cllr Nadin and seconded by Cllr P Le Prevost that the bills presented on the schedule should be paid.

17/9 To consider other parish matters.

Environmental Protection: Cllr Nadin gave the following report:

- A working group is required to clear the foliage at the back of the village hall.
- County Council have agreed to work to repair drainage up Tower Hill and a request for repairs at Watery Lane has been put forward.

Cllr P Le Prevost gave the following report:

- The Parish Council have cancelled their Service Level Agreement with County Council for the additional village maintenance. The Council agree that local contractors should be given the opportunity to quote for the work.
- Costing for Village Maintenance was tabled and Cllr P Le Prevost gave a brief report on what is required to keep the village safe and looking nice and clean.
- Cllr P Le Prevost proposed that the Parish Council continue to use existing contractors for work that they are already contracted to do for the next three years. This was agreed by all members.
- It was also agreed to contact the contractors and ask if they would be happy to quote for the additional work that is required along with new contractors.

Highways: Cllr Nadin gave the following report:

- Confirmed that the Durweston Bridge repairs have been postponed until the work on the A350 has been completed.
- The A350 from Blandford to Fontmell Magna will have a re-textured surface. From Fontmell Magna to Shaftesbury the road will be re-surfaced.

Cllr B O’Luanaigh sent the following report:

- The drain outside The Talbot has now been well and truly repaired. A burst water pipe was found and repaired adjacent to the drain which could very well have played a major part in the road flooding when it rained. In addition the drain was flushed through and all are confident that the road will not flood again.
- Gullies up Tower Hill, around the village and on the A350 have been cleared and various manholes have been lifted and repaired. There is still work to be done on the drain outside Heddle House and this is planned for later this year. It will involve digging up the road to find the blockage and repair the system.
- Watery Lane should hopefully be resurfaced this year. A number of potholes have been repaired, in particular outside Barber Cottage and The Paddocks plus a few others.

Recreation: Cllr P Le Prevost reported the following:

- It is felt that the recreation/play area does not need new legislation for a dog ban on the land, more signs will be put up and the matter will be monitored.
- A mole has been caught in the Play Area, this will be monitored.
- The Clerk was asked to look into grants and costs for re-surfacing the Play Area with more suitable surface. Details will be reported at the next meeting.
- It was requested that 7 tons of chippings need to be delivered to the Play Area. This was agreed by all members.

Footpaths and Rights of Way: Nothing to report, it was agreed that this will be discussed along with the Village Maintenance at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Village and District Liaison: Cllr Jones reported the following:

- The consultation period for comments on the proposed removal of beds from Westminster Memorial Hospital has finished. The Council will report back once they receive feedback.

Neighbourhood Development Plan: Cllr Evans reported the following:

- The working group have been looking at Shillingston Neighbourhood Plan, which has been agreed by central government. After taking ideas from the Plan, the group have agreed to simplify Iwerne Minster's plan.
- A lot of work is being done to produce the draft plan as soon as possible.
- It was agreed to make sure there is an item in the plan regarding speed limits for when new developments are applied for and also to consider weight restrictions.
- It was confirmed that the Neighbourhood Development Plan will be not replacing the Village Design Statement, they will be used alongside each other.

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

- Cllr K O'Connor will be entering the village into the best kept village competition.

Homewatch/Speedwatch: Cllr B O'Lunaigh sent the following report:

- Active month for Iwerne Minster but very little else to report other than Stourpaine CSW visited us recently to look at our speed gun. They were envious and are planning to purchase one themselves as they are now active on the A350.

Cllr M Jones gave the following report:

- On a watch today, 270 cars came through in the time the watch was taking place, where 9% were over the speed limit, one was even travelling at 62MPH.

17/10 To consider DAPTC matters.

Cllr Jones reported that the Parish Council received a star award certificate from DAPTC, for Councillors attending training courses.

17/11 To consider any other matters and recent correspondence.

Agenda items for next meeting — Play area re-surfacing. AGM

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be **Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 26th April 2017 at 7pm and the next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday May the 2nd 2017 at 7pm.**

There being no further business, the Vice -Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.20pm

Date Chairman,

Iwerne Minster Parish Council