

Minutes of a Meeting of Iwerne Minster Parish Council held in the Abingdon Hall on the 3rd April 2018.

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

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips – Clerk, Dorset County Councillor D Croney and 10 members of the public.

Public Questions: There were none.

17/132 To take any apologies. Cllr J Hooper – Chairman and Cllr B O'Lunaigh.

17/133 Declarations of Interests and Requests for Dispensation.

Cllr M Jones declared an interest under agenda item 4 – Planning application 2/2017/1929-1930.

17/134 Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th March 2018.

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

17/135 To consider planning/tree applications received by NDDC.

2/2017/1929 – 1930 House – Hill View, Shute Lane - Internal alterations – No objections.

Cllr Nadin will be meeting with the Owner of Oak House, NDDC Tree Officer and the Conservation Officer, to discuss the matter of the tree which is damaging the listed wall around the property. Further information will be given when the meeting has taken place.

17/136 – To receive information on the new policy for Data Protection.

The Clerk had circulated a proposed new policy for the General Data Protection for the Council. The policy will be proposed to be adopted at the meeting at the end of April.

17/137 – To agree representative for Abingdon Hall Committee.

It was agreed that Cllr M Jones and Cllr P Le Prevost will continue to represent the Parish Council for the Abingdon Hall Committee.

17/138 to receive NDDC Cllr report – The following is points from the report:

Snow - The Beast from the East - I would just like to take this opportunity to thank the staff at Dorset County Council along with NHS staff, care workers, Dorset Police, DW Fire, the Armed Forces and North Dorset District Council staff who are all heroes for working so selflessly to keep our public services running during the recent bad weather along with all the selfless citizen volunteers who did what they could to help each other.

Houses of Multiple Occupation Licences - Under new regulations, Houses of Multiple Occupation - defined as five or more people in two or more separate households will require a 5 year license. New regulations also bring in mandatory conditions such as minimum sleeping room sizes, maximum number of occupants and provision of refuse facilities. Landlords and tenants can ask for advice or apply for license (landlords only) by contacting North Dorset District Council's Housing Improvement Team by emailing housingimprovement@dorset.gov.uk or by phoning 01305 251010.

Energy efficiency homes' regulations - From April 2018, landlords of privately rented domestic and non-domestic properties must ensure that their properties reach at least an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating of E before granting a new tenancy. These requirements will then apply to *all* private rented properties – even where there has been no change in tenancy arrangements from 1 April 2020 for domestic properties.

More information can be found at

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/669587/Domestic_Private_Rented_Landlord_Guidance_-_Updated_Version.pdf or by contacting North Dorset District Council's Housing Improvement Team by emailing housingimprovement@dorset.gov.uk or by phoning 01305 251010.

Local Government Reform - The Structural Change Order, the legal document that will create the two Unitary Councils which will need to be approved through both Houses of Parliament has now been officially submitted by the Department for Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Cllr Jones asked Cllr Croney for clarification on the effect the Local Government Reform will have on the Council Tax for the village. Cllr Croney confirmed that meetings have been held to discuss how the Dorset Shire will ensure that the people will be paying the same Council Tax throughout their area. There were six different models to consider and at the moment it is proposed that the areas which are paying less Council Tax (North Dorset and others) will have to pay an additional £50.00 a year, on a band D property, to get in line with the higher paying areas. Cllr Jones went on to ask the outcome of the NDDC investigation into people claiming discounts on their Council Tax, who really are not entitled to it. Cllr Croney confirmed that NDDC have investigated this and a report can be obtained at Dorset For You – Council Tax.

17/139 Chairman Report: There was no report given.

17/140 Finance. The Payment schedule for March 2018 is for the sum of £3574.59. It was proposed by Cllr P Le Prevost and seconded by Cllr C Nadin that the bills presented on the schedule should be paid. All agreed.

17/141 To consider other parish matters.

Environmental Protection: Cllr Nadin reported the following:

- A resident from Oak House has replaced the old stones on the verges outside the property. Please be reminded that the stones must be 450mm back from the edge of the road and recommend rocks that are grey and hidden are painted white, as the person placing them on the edge of the highway will be liable should anything happen.
- Cllr Nadin, Cllr Le Prevost, John Goodliffe and Mervyn Marsh helped clear the bank at the rear of the Village Club. There is still work to be done, so another working party will be organised soon.

Highways: Cllr Nadin reported the following in the absence of Cllr B O'Lunaigh:

- The blocked drains have been reported. A broken cover on the A350 will be reported to County Council.
- The 20MPH signs will not now be put up this Friday 6th April, due to the recent very bad weather, County Council Highways team have been held up. Another date will be arranged hopefully, in week commencing 9th April.
- The new signage and gates for the A350 will not be done for another two to three weeks at least but the money to pay for this work has been ring fenced.
- The potholes in the village have been reported, especially next to the drain outside the village shop.
- Cllr Jones reminded members of the public that if they see any problems on the roads, they can report this issue direct on www.Dorsetforyou.gov.uk
- The matter of the gullies along Tower Hill still being blocked was again reported to the Council. The Clerk will report this matter again direct to County Council Highways Department.

Recreation: Cllr P Le Prevost reported the following:

- The Village tidy went well, a big thank you to all who attended.
- The Village Maintenance programme started this month.
- Work in the Play Area will start this month. Repairs to the Castle have been completed and new seats for the Merry Go Round area are being arranged.

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

- Nothing to report.

Village and District Liaison: Cllr Jones reported the following:

- It has been reported from CCG that Shaftesbury Hospital is not fit for its purpose, so all of the hard work to keep the beds open at the Hospital maybe for nothing.

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

- The entries for the Best Kept Village are going through in the next few weeks, there will also be other entries for different sections of the competition.
- Thanked the Snow Patrol Team for their hard work, they did an amazing job. .

Homewatch/Speedwatch: Cllr Jones gave the following report on behalf of Cllr B O'Lunaigh:

- The Speed Watch team are low on members, so if you are interested in supporting this excellent service, please contact Geoffrey Peters on geoff.peters13@hotmail.co.uk.
- Cllr Nadin reported that there have been two cases of keying cars in the Village. Please be vigilant.

17/142 To consider DAPTC matters. Cllr M Jones reported the following:

Had attended the Annual Conference, a further meeting will be held on the 14th April to, where feedback from the Annual Conference can be discussed.

17/143 To consider any other matters and recent correspondence. Correspondence had been circulated.

The Clerk acknowledged emails sent from Mr Rob Evans regarding a proposal for the Council to consider supporting the AED. It has been agreed for Mr Rob Evans to come to the Village public meeting on the 25th April, to give details of his proposal to the member of the public and Council. The Council will then consider the proposal at the meeting on the 30th April 2018. The Clerk read out a letter from the Chairman, Cllr J Hooper, stating that he will not be standing for Chairman for the Council for 2018/19.

Cllr Jones asked if the members of the public would like to have a speaker at the Village Meeting on the 25th April. It was felt that if all of the organisations who are invited to come and give a report, this would be sufficient.

The Clerk will contact the local organisations to invite them to the Village Meeting on the 25th April 2018.

Agenda items for next meeting – AED - End of year accounts - AGM

FUTURE MEETINGS

The Village Meeting will be held on **Wednesday the 25th April 2018 at 7pm**
The next meeting of the Parish Council will be **Monday the 30th April 2018 at 7pm AGM**
Both meetings will be held at the Abingdon Hall

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.00 pm

Chairman

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