

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

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

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

Public Questions: The following items were raised:

16/79 To take any apologies: Cllr P Le Prevost and Cllr K O’Connor sent their apologies.

16/80 Declarations of Interests and Requests for Dispensation. Cllr M Jones and Cllr B O’Luanaigh, under agenda item 4 declared a personal interest.

16/81 Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th December 2016.

It was proposed by Cllr C Nadin and seconded by Cllr B O’Luanaigh, that the minutes were a true and accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

16/82 Matters arising from the minutes.

At the previous Parish Council meeting, a request was tabled for a new speed gun for the speed watch team. The cost of the gun to purchase is £88.00 plus £17.00 for rechargeable batteries. After debate it was proposed by Cllr Nadin to purchase the speed gun and batteries for the Speed Watch team, this was seconded by Cllr Evans, the Chairman used his casting vote to get this proposal resolved due to two members declaring a personal interest. The Speed Watch team will try and sell the old gun and give the funds back to the Parish Council, towards the cost of the new gun.

RESOLVED: to donate £105.00 to the Speed Watch team to purchase a new speed gun.
(16/82 – current account)

At the previous meeting, the matter of transferring the cost and asset from the Neighbourhood Plan Committee to the Parish Council for the projector and display stands. After debate, it was proposed by Cllr Nadin and seconded by Cllr Hooper to transfer the cost and asset for the projector and display stands to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: to transfer the cost and asset for the projector and display stands to the Parish Council (16/82a – reserves)

16/83 To consider development management matters listed on the schedule.

Development Control Matters:

ENF/2016/0211 -The matter of the trees behind the Glebe being cut back is still being looked into.

2/2016/1790/HOUSE – Martins, The Chalk – Single storey rear extension. After consideration, the Council agreed to object to this application for the following reasons:

- For the conservation officer to see and consider the materials proposed to be used on the extension, including the glazed roof and the proposed Velux windows for the east facing main roof area and ensure that the proposals comply with the current IM VDS.
- The Village design statement has not been taken into consideration in the heritage statement.
- There appears to have been no any public notice posted outside the property.

16/84 to receive NDDC Cllr report.

In 2017 we will face some very big decisions, as all the Dorset councils embark on a journey which will leave our local government structures radically changed. Our focus, as your Councillors, will be to ensure that the services local people need remain centre stage in all our deliberations and that, whatever local government reorganisation may eventually bring, improving services remains everyone’s priority. Inevitably, changes to the principal councils will eventually impact on the work of Town and Parish Councils. We do not yet know how this might develop but we will ensure that our Parish Councils are involved in this planning and are well placed to make the most of the opportunities which reorganisation might offer.

New Structures for Local Government in Dorset: Throughout 2016 the nine district, borough, unitary and county councils that deliver services to residents in Dorset have together been exploring ways

to restructure local government across the county. As has been widely discussed, the main driver for this course of action is the projected financial position in the coming years. Despite all nine councils becoming more efficient and making savings of over £142m since 2010/11 it has been identified that a further £82m would still need to be saved between 2017/18 and 2024/25. Approximately £52m would need to be found before April 2019 with the remaining £30m having to be found in the period between April 2019 and March 2025. The need for change is therefore critical if current service delivery is to be maintained.

The two new unitary councils will be based upon the following local authority boundaries;

Unitary A: Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole, plus the services currently provided by Dorset County Council in this area. Unitary B: East Dorset, North Dorset, Purbeck, West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland plus the services currently provided by Dorset County Council in this area.

During January 2017 this proposal will be considered and voted upon by all nine councils. In North Dorset this will be at an Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 11th January; at Cabinet on 23rd January and at Full Council on 27th January. All of these meetings are open to the public and the Agendas and papers can be seen on www.dorsetforyou.com/committees. Full details of the next steps if the recommendations are approved can be obtained from the Clerk.

Hambleton Divisional Meeting Diary for 2017. Cllr D Croney has organised a diary of Divisional meetings for the forthcoming year. The first will be an opportunity to hear directly from a Wiltshire County Council Cabinet Member, Fleur De Rhe Philipe, about how Wiltshire engages with the Community groups and Parish Councils through their Area Boards. It will be an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback directly to us as we begin to formulate views and make decisions following the Local Government Reorganisation consultation. We hope that each Parish is able to send a representative.

A350 group. The A350 group will be meeting with Cllr D Croney and the Highways Department at Dorset County Council on the 12th January 2017.

16/85 Chairman's report.

There was no report given.

16/86 Finance.

The payment schedule had been tabled, total cost for December 2016, £2299.55. It was proposed by Cllr C Nadin and seconded by Cllr M Jones that the bills presented on the schedule should be paid.

16/87 To consider other parish matters.

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

- The drains by the Talbot have been cleaned again and the drain outside the "co-op" will be reported.

Highways: the following report was given by Cllr O'Lunaigh:

- The potholes around the village have been reported to Highways at County Council.
- A burst water pipe has been repaired along the A350.

Cllr O'Lunaigh tabled a quote to clear the overgrown foliage along the footpath from Oyle's Mill to Park Farm. The rangers have quoted £139.92 to clear this area. After debate it was proposed by Cllr O'Lunaigh, seconded by Cllr Hooper, and all agreed to instruct the rangers from Dorset County Council to clear the overgrown foliage from the footpath only.

RESOLVED: to agree for the rangers at County Council to clear the agreed area of overgrown foliage, along the footpath from Oyle's Mill to Parish Farm, to the cost of £139.92. (16/87 – footpaths/SLA)

Recreation: There was no report given.

Footpaths and Rights of Way: There was no further report on footpaths.

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

- To remind members of the Council and public that consultations on local and district matters can be found on the Dorset For You website.
- There will be further meeting regarding the NHS provision in North Dorset in the near future.

Parish/Neighbourhood Plans: The following report was presented by Cllr Evans:

Synopsis of NDP history and current status : 2014-2015 The Parish Council were notified of the need for more houses in IM. £500 budget was approved to start this process.

Sept 2015 WAE elected to Parish council and was asked to lead IM NDP Team. 4/4 of 2015 IM NDP team formed. 5 focus areas, 27 volunteers.

Questionnaires agreed and produced to establish the needs of the village.

Public presentation of results of answers to the questionnaires in April 2016. More than 100 people attended, Highlights: Unanimous decision to produce an NDP. Mainly a requirement for smaller houses. Only mention of 2 bedroom houses was from estate agents. Locations preferred were sensitive within village, edge of village and redundant farm buildings.

Call for sites went out in May 2016, including newspaper adverts. Target deadline – June 17th.

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We have had several offers of land made to us in confidence. Land offered could have accommodated more than 100 houses. We met, as a committee on June 23rd and discussed the offers that we had. As expected, there were likely to be several constraints on proceeding to the development stage with some of the offers. Accordingly we have had input from the Highways agency on access constraints. We have also asked for a Strategic Environment Assessment. This has involved Historic England, Natural England and the Environment Agency.

We have received their feedback. We also made sure that we are not impacting any Areas of Outstanding National Beauty, by contacting and receiving guidance from the Cranborne Chase and West Wilts AONB.

The people with land that we jointly, with the owners, decided to proceed with were invited to approach developers and get an idea from the developers exactly what they would like to use the land for. We have got feedback from most of the developers.

We are in the process of matching the offers made by the developers with the profile of housing that we have established that we need as a result of the answers to the questionnaires sent out in March and shared with all at the public presentations made in April. We are impressed by the quality of the sympathetic offerings that have been made.

Once we have reached an agreement with all parties, we will document our conclusions and share it with everyone at three open meetings in the Abingdon hall on:-

Thursday 15th September 18:00 – 20:00

Friday 16th September 18:00 – 20:00

Saturday 17th September 10:00 – 12:00

We are also about to embark on the setting up of a Neighbourhood Development Plan website in which we will document the above conclusions together with a reminder of the steps undertaken so far. The site name is <https://IMNDP.FIGROLL.IN++++++>. It is in its VERY, VERY early stages but we hope to have it populated with all of the information that will be shared with everyone in the Open Meetings in September

++++++ The website is now www.imndp.org.uk

End of July Newsletter *****

The last action that we asked the residents of Iwerne Minster to do was to determine if they had any land that they would like to be considered for housing development. We gave everyone a deadline of June 17th. Considerable effort went into 3 public meetings in September, to display the results of the offers made and the final agreements made with the landowners. Website also went live at the same time. The visual presentations and website were not quite in sync. We had to still ask the village what they thought of the Woodlynch Farm offering. We took advantage of this extra questionnaire to include an application that had already been made to the NDDC – Brookman's Farm Bungalow.

Concern was expressed re extra traffic. DCC Highways contacted and with suggested site of access changes, they saw no problem.

Considerable discussions have been had with Clayesmore School. They want it on record that they may vacate, and make available their premises within the village but they are in no position to categorically state that this will happen.

There have been suggestions that we reopen the call for land scenario and take the whole process back to May 2016. It would probably mean that we have to revisit the original questionnaire that was used as input to the first presentations made to the village in April 2016. In other words, restart the NDP process. I cannot support this scenario. We are all volunteers and it is completely unnecessary.

What do we still have to do?

Beverley Abbey has taken on the responsibility of the Housing input from Hazel Marsh and is working with Chris Nadin to understand all of the environmental input that we have received from

outside agencies so that the draft environmental section of the NDP can accurately reflect all of the input that we have.

Armed with the environmental knowledge, Beverley will be working with me to update the draft housing section of the NDP to ensure that all of the environmental issues have been taken into account in the housing section.

Chris Nadin and I will complete the community section drafted by Kerry O'Connor.

Finally, we will integrate the three above sections into the Village Design Statement being fully aware that there will be duplication, especially on environmental issues.

When we get to this stage, there are still many steps to take, namely

1. Prepare Draft Neighbourhood Plan.
2. Parish Council to approve draft.
3. Present Draft Plan to Iwerne Minster Parish residents and other key organisations (as required by the legislation) for consultation. This consultation has to run for a minimum of 6 weeks.
4. Analyse all the feedback, and re-draft the Plan
5. Parish Council to approve revised Plan.
6. Submit Plan to the District Council, who will organise its independent examination
7. North Dorset District Council and Parish Council consider any changes proposed by the Examiner
8. The District Council organises a referendum of Iwerne Minster Parish residents
9. Plan officially approved if supported by local people in the referendum vote.

The last four timescales are out of our control but hopefully we should have our Neighbourhood Plan in place before the end of 2017.

Finally - Do we have your support to continue with the production of the draft NDP

Community Resilience & Emergency Planning: There was no report given.

Homewatch/Speedwatch: There was no report given.

16/88 To consider DAPTC matters. No report was given.

16/89 To consider any other matters and recent correspondence.

All correspondence had been circulated and actioned.

Agenda items for next meeting — to be agreed.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be **Parish Meeting on Monday 6th February 2017 at 7pm.**

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.30pm

Date Chairman,

Iwerne Minster Parish Council