

Minutes of a Meeting of Iwerne Minster Parish Council held in the Abingdon Hall on the 3rd October 2016.

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

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips – Clerk, 7 members of the public.

Public Questions: The following items were raised:

- Asked for an update on the A350/C15 road issues. Cllr Nadin reported there will be a meeting with the A350 working group, Parish Councils, North Dorset District Councillors, Road Haulage Association, FTA and other haulage businesses on the 5th October. Details of the meeting will be issued after this meeting.
- Reported that North Dorset District Council Planning Department has stated that they are happy for Iwerne Minster to stay as a small village, so why does the village have to have any more houses built? The Council confirmed that National Government have stated that larger villages will be required to allocate land for development and that NDDC has designated Iwerne Minster as a large village, hence the reason to develop a Neighbourhood Plan.
- Concern was expressed that not all of the residents in the village are aware of the Neighbourhood Plan meetings. The Council confirmed that all residents have received the Village News Letter, which has advertised the dates for the meetings and also given up to date information. It was also advertised on the notice boards in the village.

16/49 To take any apologies: There were none.

16/50 Declarations of Interests and Requests for Dispensation. There were none.

16/51 Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th September 2016.

It was proposed by Cllr 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.

16/52 Matters arising from the minutes.

The Clerk reported that she had a meeting at North Dorset District Council, Conservation department, regarding the cleaning of the war memorial. The Council have been advised that the Memorial is in very good condition and would benefit from cleaning with sugarsoap water and hard brush, rather than a pressure clean. This will not require planning. It was agreed for the Clerk to obtain quotes for the cleaning.

Cllr Le Prevost had circulated a costing of Village Maintenance, due to Dorset County Council withdrawing services in the future. After debate it was agreed for Cllr Le Prevost to take comment on board and to produce a new Village Maintenance guide to enable the Council to go out to tender for work needed from 2017 onwards.

Cllr M Jones expressed the importance for everyone to view the Consultation taking place regarding the Unitary Councils. Full details can be found on the website www.opinionresearch.co.uk/DorsetTC or if you have any queries contact Dorsetcouncil@ors.org.uk. Cllr O'Lunaigh reported that he had attended a meeting regarding the proposed Unitary Councils and confirmed that feedback is needed, so please look at the consultation and give your views. The cut-off date is the 25th October 2016.

16/53 To consider development management matters listed on the schedule.

Development Control Matters:

2/2016/1310/CATREE – Patch Cottage – Various Tree Work - support application.

16/54 to receive a report from the Chairmans' Meeting and NDDC Cllr report.

Nothing to report from the Chairman.

The following bullet points from the report which had been circulated from NDDC Cllrs:

Local Government Re-organisation - We are half way through the public consultation on proposals to replace all nine Dorset councils, including Bournemouth and Poole, with two unitary

authorities from 2019. Response rates so far have been good, but the response rate from North Dorset is significantly lower than from other parts of the county. There is still time for Parish Councils and members of the public to have their say on this most important decision. The consultation questionnaire; background information and FAQs are available either at www.reshapingyourcouncils.uk, or in a paper copy, in local libraries. Consultation Roadshows will be held at the Corn Exchange in Blandford on the 17th October and at the Exchange in Sturminster on the 19th October. These are drop in sessions, which run from 9.30am to 1.00pm, and Officers and Councillors will be available to answer any questions you might have.

The findings from the Public Consultation will be one of the three bodies of evidence used to inform Councillors' decisions regarding options for Local Government Reorganisation, along with the financial analysis conducted by Local Partnerships and a newly commissioned Case for Change commissioned from consultants PriceWaterhouseCoopers.

Planning Department Re-organisation: The Planning Department within the Dorset Councils Partnership has been re-organised to achieve greater efficiency and save costs.

Corporate Plans: All three councils have recently approved their Corporate Plans for 2016-2019, which set out what they will be doing in the next three years to meet the needs of local people, businesses and visitors to the area. These high-level, one-page plans enable everyone to quickly get an idea and understanding of the main areas that each council is focusing on rather than having to look through a large and complicated document.

Each council has agreed a similar set of priorities that are based upon:

- A Stronger Economy
- Thriving and Inclusive Communities
- Quality of Life
- Successful Partnerships

Haywards Bridge: Work on Haywards Bridge, on the route between Child Okeford and Shillingstone, is almost complete and the bridge is on schedule to re-open on 14th October.

Launch of Modern.gov: The three councils in the Dorset Councils Partnership have invested in a committee management system called Modern.gov which will transform the way they produce committee agendas and reports. The system, which will go live on 3rd October, will provide a comprehensive database for all committee agendas, minutes and forward plans.

The public will be able to access the new system by following the normal links on Dorsetforyou.com, but will find the process much simpler as the Modern.gov system is easier to navigate and looks cleaner and clearer in terms of design.

Boundary Commission Review: The Boundary Commissions for England, Wales and Northern Ireland have published their initial proposals for Parliamentary constituencies under the current boundary review. They have launched a twelve-week consultation on the proposals.

The Commission's reports can be found on the Boundary Commission for England website, where you can submit your comments on the proposals, by 5 December 2016.

16/55 Finance.

The payment schedule had been tabled, total cost for September 2016, £3633.81. It was proposed by Cllr Le Prevost and seconded by Cllr Nadin that the bills presented on the schedule should be paid.

16/56 To consider other parish matters.

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

- The stream cleaning operation will continue.

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

- Pot holes and loose drain covers have been reported.

Recreation: The following was reported by Cllr Le Prevost:

- The working party is still working on the Play Area.

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

- Communication will continue to take place with Iwerne Estate to try and ensure that the public footpaths are kept clear.
- It was agreed to put a note in the Village News Letter, asking local residents to keep their hedges/trees cut back off the pavements around the village.

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

- Had attended a meeting at Shaftesbury regarding the proposal that the beds are removed from Shaftesbury Hospital. It was suggested that beds are allocated to local residential

homes for the NHS to use. Concerns were expressed that Shaftesbury and Gillingham are increasing in size and need a Hospital. Dorset Clinical Commission stated that the social service bill states that Shaftesbury Hospital will not continue with beds. Further meetings will take place.

- DT11 community group have announced that their funding from NDDC is likely to be withdrawn from April next year, therefore DT11 community group will cease.

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

- The public meetings held on the 15th, 16th and 17th September were well attended. Could all residents please be reminded that the questionnaire forms need to be returned as soon as possible, your feed back is needed, to make sure you have your say.
- Lots of future meetings will be arranged to take this project forward.

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

- The award for best kept village has been announced, Iwerne Minster did not win this year, and they also had been entered in for Village Shop, which also did not win, **but did win the Most Neighbourly Village Award for 2016**. The Council thanked Cllr O'Connor for her hard work on the applications. A cheque for the Village for the sum of £200.00 had been given. This money will be reserved for work in the village for next year.
- Cllr O'Connor is still working with pupils from Clayesmore School regarding making a bench for the Village. Designs have been looked at and further meeting will take place before the pupils come to the Parish Council meeting with their ideas.

Homewatch/Speedwatch:

Speed watch team is working well and it has been reported that Dorset Police Chief Constable has forwarded his congratulation to the Speedwatch Team who are top in North Dorset for the amount of watches they do. They are doing a great job. Well done Mr Geoff Peters for his continued work with the Speed Watch Team.

16/57 To consider DAPTC matters.

Cllr M Jones reported that the Government is minded to apply referendum principles to larger high spending town and parish Councils. At the moment the Parish Councils have no referendum in setting their precepts.

16/58 To consider any other matters and recent correspondence.

All correspondence had been circulated and actioned.

It was confirmed that the proposal for new mobile phone masts in the village has been agreed and will go ahead. The mast will supply O2 and Vodaphone.

Agenda items for next meeting – report from Chairman's meeting – Consider maintenance programme for the village for budget 2017/18 - Cleaning of the War Memorial.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be **Parish Meeting on Monday 7th November 2016 at 7pm.**

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

Date Chairman,

Iwerne Minster Parish Council