

## **Minutes of a Meeting of Iwerne Minster Parish Council held in the Abingdon Hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017.**

*At this point the Vice-Chairman asked everyone to stand in remembrance of Rev John Milton*

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

**In attendance:** Mrs N Phillips – Clerk, Dorset County Councillor D Croney and 25 members of the public.

**Public Questions:** Mr Maguire read out a statement regarding a proposed development on that land off Cleff House, which follows: "It has come to our attention that members of Iwerne Minster Parish Council may have been misinformed regarding our views on the proposed development by Councillor and Mr Croney on their land at Cleff House, Iwerne Minster. I would therefore like to make the following points to clarify our position:

- 1) We are, and always have been, totally opposed to all aspects of the proposed development.
- 2) We were first made aware of the proposed development on Thu 16th Oct. This was 10 days after the final date (10th Oct) for returning the Pre-Submission Questionnaire.
- 3) We have had no contact with Councillor or Mr Croney regarding the proposed development before or after Councillor Croney had delivered to us the details of the proposed development in a sealed envelope on Thu 26th Oct. On delivery of the document, Councillor Croney left immediately without discussing the contents.
- 4) Under no circumstances will we sell any of our land to aid the proposed development.

To avoid any further misunderstandings, we would request the opportunity to read out this statement at the next Parish Council Meeting and for it to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

If Councillor or Mr Croney disagree with any points above, then we would be more than happy to clarify any of these points and answer any questions they may have on this matter if they wish to attend the next Parish Council Meeting on Mon 4th Dec. This statement had been circulated to the members of the Parish Council and the Chairman has responded to Mr Maguire's email.

Mr Croney read out a statement, which follows:

We do not intend to comment on any statement that Jonathan and Susan has made. To do so would be inappropriate. Michael and Deborah Croney love Iwerne Minster. That is the village we have lived in for almost 16 years. Just before we departed on vacation, Deborah visited Jonathan and Susan, to provide them with an advance copy of our Iwerne Minster Neighbourhood Development Plan consultation submission. We were under no obligation to do this, but it seemed an appropriate courtesy. Upon our return, just two weeks later, it seemed that we had arrived back in an entirely different village. Perhaps in an unfolding play that may have a bleak outcome for Deborah and I.

Four separate events:

1. Apparently the Village Club Committee met to consider our submission, without requesting we make representations.
2. Our Neighbours posted a letter about us on the village notice board.
3. We have been told by residents this was an agenda item at a Village Club meeting.
4. It is possible allegations have been made in an email to the Parish Council regarding our conduct, integrity and character.

Things seem to be moving quickly especially when compared with the work undertaken, by many wonderful residents, to implement a 20mph speed limit in the village. Not sure why. Surely it is better to make a good decision rather than a quick decision. Of course, the irony is that the Village Club Committee has possibly been reaching conclusions on, and making recommendations about, our submission when it has not yet been officially published. However, I am sure this was all due to an unfortunate series of misunderstandings, not helped by the fact that we were away on vacation. That said, I now would like to ask the Parish Council Chairman if you could help facilitate a meeting with the Village Club Committee, since so far they have been reluctant to meet with us. I also ask the Parish Council Chairman if he would support a Village Meeting, to discuss the Neighbourhood Development Plan, at which Deborah and I might have an opportunity to discuss our submission. Thank You. Michael Croney

Other members of the public expressed concerns over the Neighbourhood Plan, it was agreed for anyone who has concerns or questions to raise them at the public meeting in the New Year.

**17/89 To take any apologies.** Cllr J Hooper

**17/90 Declarations of Interests and Requests for Dispensation.**

There were none.

**17/91 Minutes of the meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017.**

The minutes were then 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 Vice -Chairman.

#### **17/92 Matters arising from the minutes.**

Matters arising will be dealt with under Parish Matters.

#### **17/93 To consider development management matters listed on the schedule.**

Development matters:

**2/2017/1503/HOUSE** – The Vicarage Stables – erect two storey extension. The Parish Council supported the revised application, provided the above issue of the western gate pier and tile capping being retained by placing the extension behind the garden wall as recommended by the conservation officer.

#### **NDDC Decisions:**

**2/2017/0733** - Land off Watery Lane, Iwerne Minster – ALLOWED

#### **17/94 to receive NDDC Cllr report.**

**Local Government Reorganisation:** On 7<sup>th</sup> November the Secretary of State announced that he was minded to support the proposed reorganisation of local government across Dorset, set out in *Future Dorset* back in February of this year. Before he takes his final decision there will be a period during which further representations may be made and thereafter an Order must be laid before parliament for a set period of time. The final decision will not be made until next spring. Meanwhile, the eight month delay means that there is a massive amount of work which must be progressed if we are to have any chance of being ready to establish two new councils for April 2019. Nine existing Councils will need to be dissolved and two entirely new organisations established. The Dorset Area Joint Committee, set up to oversee the implementation of this project, is already working, with advice from DCLG and the Local Government Association. Early priorities include disaggregation of the County Council services to Christchurch; the review of the ward boundaries for the new council; harmonisation of Council Tax and working with Town and Parish Councils and other community partners.

**North Dorset Local Plan Review:** NDDC is consulting residents; local organisations and businesses on proposed changes to the Local Plan. The Local Plan, along with the NPPF and Neighbourhood Plans, is the basis for making decisions on planning applications. The review proposes no change to the policies governing development in villages, which have by and large worked well. There is a key question regarding the use of land set aside for bypasses along the A350 which will be of particular interest to the villages along this road. The consultation runs from 27 November 2017 until 22 January 2018 and Drop-in Sessions, with the opportunity to discuss the plans with Planning Officers, will be held as follows:

Nordon, Blandford - 27 November 10.00 am - 7.00pm, Shaftesbury Town Hall - 29 November 10.00am - 7.00pm, Riversmeet Leisure Centre, Gillingham -5 December 10.00 am - 7.00pm, The Exchange, Sturminster Newton - 11 December 10.00am- 7.00pm, The Hub, Stalbridge -12 December 1.30pm- 7.00pm.

**House Building Crisis:** Dorset Councils, like most other Local Authorities, are facing problems in securing the delivery of sufficient new houses across the area. As part of a long term strategy to address this we have launched *Opening Doors-Building for the Future*, a programme of actions and interventions aimed at boosting the development of good quality homes. Dorset Councils will pursue any measures we can, at local level, to encourage developers to deliver new homes, including perusing a share of the national funds pledged in the recent budget. Dorset's population is set to rise by 14.5%, to 884,000, by 2039, according to the latest research, with an expected 13,200 more jobs needed in the local economy.

We are keen to hear from any local organisations who would like to get involved in community land trusts.

More information is available on [www.openingdoorsdorset.co.uk](http://www.openingdoorsdorset.co.uk).

**Consultation on Dog Control Orders:** NDDC are consulting residents and local organisations about their views on the rules concerning dogs in public places, such as parks. Following the consultation the Council will draw up new Dog Control Orders. The Council is required to consult under the terms of the Anti-social Behaviour and Policing Act 2014. The consultation runs from 1 December 2017 to 2 March 2018 and details can be found on Dorset for You.

**Waste and recycling over Christmas:** Over Christmas and New Year the rubbish, recycling and food waste dates will be different. The Garden waste service will be suspended over the holiday period until 7 January. Household Recycling Centres are open from 10am to 4pm daily except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Christmas trees can be added to the garden waste or taken to a household recycling centre but are no longer collected from the roadside. Full details of the revised timetable are available on Dorset for You.

**North Dorset Business Day:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> North Dorset Business Day, held on 17 November at the Exchange, was a great success. Over 50 local businesses took the opportunity to attend free workshops and to network with key organisations and with each other. NDDC is supporting a number of ambitious local initiatives and through its Economic Growth Strategy the Council is helping to create an environment in which business can prosper. In spite of the somewhat gloomy national economic picture there is considerable optimism and innovation evident across the local business community. May we wish you and all your residents best wishes for Christmas and we look forward to working with you through an interesting 2018.

Cllr Croney reported that the 20mph project is to be heard at the regulatory committee on the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018. To date, there have been four objections to the 20mph speed limit in the village.

Cllr Jones raised concern over the Dorset Pre-Submission Draft Mineral Sites Plan/consultation regarding a proposed waste disposal site near Blandford, this would cause more larger vehicles using the A350. Cllr Croney confirmed that this has been put on hold at the moment.

***The Full report can be obtained from the Clerk or is available on the Parish Council website.***

#### **17/95 Chairman's report.**

No report given.

#### **17/96 Finance.**

The payment schedule for November for the sum of £1795.08 had been tabled. It was proposed by Cllr P Le Prevost and seconded by Cllr C Nadin that the bills presented on the schedule should be paid.

#### **17/97 To consider other parish matters.**

##### **Environmental Protection: Cllr Nadin reported the following:**

- Contractors large vehicles have driven over the verges by Church Road, the Clerk will contact the Scottish and Southern Electric to report this and request they make good the damage caused. Richard Hood has offered to repair the verges, which he has been thanked for offering, but Richard Hood already does so much in the village, it is felt that the repairs should be completed by the contractors that damaged them.
- **A polite notice** – could all car owners/drivers please make sure you park your cars with consideration, to allow enough space for larger vehicles to pass by. There should be enough room for a fire engine to pass.

##### **Highways: Cllr B O'Lunaigh reported the following:**

- The pot holes in the village are being reported as and when necessary.
- The work on the A350 at Stourpaine has started, concerns have been raised that access to people's homes have been disturbed. Mr David Clegg – Dorset County Council, has confirmed that the work at Iwerne Minster will begin on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018, he will be visiting the village to try and make sure there are no access problems for residents.
- At a meeting with Clayesmore School, the matter of Children Safety crossing the A350 was raised. Cllr B O'Lunaigh and the school are working together to forward proposals to Dorset County Council, to put something in place to improve the safety of the Children when crossing this now very busy road.
- The gullies down Tower Hill need to be cleared out.

##### **Recreation: Cllr P Le Prevost reported the following:**

- Work at the Play Area is due to start any day, with support from Mr Richard Hood and a volunteer from the School.

##### **Footpaths and Rights of Way: Cllr Jones reported the following.**

- If anyone sees any problems with footpaths/rights of way, please contact the Clerk or Dorset for You direct.

##### **Village and District Liaison: Cllr Jones reported the following:**

- Nothing to report.

##### **Neighbourhood Development Plan: Cllr Evans reported the following:**

Cllr Evans read out a statement, the following points was noted:

- Confirmed that Mr & Mrs Croney came forward to offer land for development for the NDP. As the offer has come in after the time scale given, the plan would have to be re-written and further public questionnaires issued, as there is not short cuts to enable this development just to be added to the NDP that has been produced to date. Therefore, additional time to produce a new plan and additional finance to support it will be required. Cllr Evans expressed that he is listening to the village and feels that the village do not support the land offer from Mr & Mrs Croney and also feels that the village has become very unfriendly and un-supportive. Cllr Evans stated that he has always done what the village has asked for and is happy to continue to work on the NDP if that is what the village want? It was agreed that the Parish Council will arrange for a public meeting in the new year and invite the Neighbourhood Plan Committee, the Village Hall Committee, Clayesmore School, Mr & Mrs Croney and all residents of the village to attend. This meeting will be structured and it will enable everyone to have their say and questions answered. If anyone has any questions they would like to put forward, please go on to the NDP website and register your request, [www.imndp.org.uk/](http://www.imndp.org.uk/).

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

- There was nothing to report.

##### **Homewatch/Speedwatch: Cllr B O'Lunaigh gave the following report:**

- It was reported that there are between 4 to 8 speed watches a month.
- Cllr O'Lunaigh expressed his concern over the parking down Tower Hill and would like to agree with the statement already made about people giving more consideration when parking along the road.

- Mr Geoff Peters has requested that this statement is added to the minutes: The Speed Watch team has a potential new member, who is able to help with just Tower Hill, he has to contact Geoff Peters in order to go through the checks required by the police.

**17/98 To consider DAPTC matters. Cllr M Jones reported the following:**

- At the DAPTC AGM, Chief Constable Debbie Simpson QPM. Dorset Police gave a report. It was noted that around 500 incidents a day is reported to Dorset Police, some are carried forward from the previous day, this is not just due to lack of funds, the police spend a lot of their time dealing with online crime and are not out on the beat like they used to be. There is a possible merger proposed for Dorset Police with Devon and Cornwall Police.
- DAPTC have increased their membership cost by 2%.
- Parish Council's raised concerns over the proposed unity authority and what it may mean to them financially for supply services which the new authority may not supply to the villages.

**17/99 To consider any other matters and recent correspondence.**

All correspondence had been circulated and noted.

Cllr Nadin reported that there will be a meeting for the A350 Community Group Cabinet on the 6th December to consider the further of how the traffic is managed on the A350/C13.

**Agenda items for next meeting - TBA**

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Monday the **8th January 2018 at 7pm.**

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

Chairman

Iwerne Minster Parish Council

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**