

# Minutes of a Meeting of Iwerne Minster Parish Council held in the Abingdon Hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

**Present:** - Cllr M Jones – Chairman – Cllr P Le Prevost – Vice Chairman, Cllr S Trim, Cllr B O’Luanaigh, Cllr K O’Connor and Cllr J Goodliffe.

**In attendance:** Mrs N Phillips – Clerk, North Dorset & County Councillor D Croney and 32 members of the public.

*At this point Cllr M Jones – Chairman asked for Cllr P Le Prevost – Vice Chairman to chair the meeting due to the Chairman having problems with his hearing.*

## **Public Questions:**

Concerns over the building work taking place at Watery Lane, regarding the increase of size to the access area were raised. Cllr P Le Prevost confirmed that NDDC planning department had approved the change of use of what was just a footpath.

Members of the public wished to discuss matters on agenda item 4 – planning. It was agreed that certain Standing Orders will be suspended to allow the members of the public to speak on that agenda item. It was noted that there had been problems with the Dorset for You website and, if this continued, members of the public should send an email for inclusion on this planning item.

**18/105 take any apologies.** Cllr J Hooper

## **18/106 Declarations of Interests and Requests for Dispensation.**

Cllr S Trim declared a personal interest in agenda item 4 – 1835 and 1828.

## **18/107 Minutes of the meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019.**

The minutes were proposed by Cllr S Trim and seconded by Cllr J Goodliffe, that they were a true and accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

## **The Clerk gave the following brief details of the Local Elections process for 2019:**

Local elections will take place on the 2nd May 2019.

This election is for Councillors to stand for five years rather than 4, to bring it in line with National, County and Unitary elections. Existing members of the Parish Council will stand down after the April meeting and all seats become vacant. Existing councillors who want to continue must stand for re-election. If there are more nominations than seats, a poll is held on 4th May. If there are only enough councillors for the number of seats or fewer councillors than seats, they are elected unopposed. Existing members need to complete their nomination forms with their own details and of the person nominating them and to make sure that they are signed. The nomination forms need to be given to the Clerk no later than 1st April 2019. The nomination forms are available on the Dorset for You website. The Clerk will be able to send forms if required.

If you wish to stand as a Councillor you must satisfy these requirements:

- You need to be over 18 years of age
- A British citizen, a qualifying Commonwealth citizen, or a citizen of any other member state of the European Union
- Plus at least one of the following qualifications: you are registered as a local government elector for the parish or town council area in which they wish to stand; or you have, during the whole of the previous 12 month period, occupied as owner or tenant any land or premises in the parish or town council area; or your main or only place of work during the whole of the previous 12 month period has been in the parish or town council area; or you have, during the whole of the previous 12 month period, lived in the parish or town council area (or within 4.8 km of it).

You cannot stand for election if you:

A person cannot be a candidate if at the time of their nomination or their election:

- they are employed by the parish or town council or hold a paid office under that council; or
- they are the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order in England or Wales; or
- they have been sentenced to a term of imprisonment of three months or more (including a suspended sentence) without the option of a fine, during the five years before election day (i.e. since 1 May 2014); or
- a person may also be disqualified from election if they have been convicted or reported guilty of a corrupt or illegal practice by an election court, or if they have been disqualified from standing for election to a local authority.

*At this point the Standing Orders suspension was applied to allow the public to speak to agenda item 4*

## **18/108 To consider planning/tree applications received by NDDC. Cllr O’Luanaigh reported the following:**

**Long Acre Dunns Lane** – all conditions have been discharged satisfactorily – NDDC agreed.

**The Barn – East of Orchard House** – the enforcement officer has investigated claims of unauthorised work on this property. A technical breach was identified, but he considers the work has been done within the guidelines for permitted development. The case has been closed.

**2/2018/1522/FUL – Thatchways – erect 3 no dwellings** – although the Parish Council had not approved this application, the NDDC full Committee have approved it with conditions.

**24 Oakwood Drive** – the fence has been reduced as instructed by the Enforcement Officer.

**2/2018/1802/HOUSE – 9 Oakwood Drive** – the Parish Council proposed, with a majority vote to approve this application.

**2/2018/1835/FUL – Barn East of Orchard House** – change of use, agricultural land to garden – the Parish Council proposed, with a majority vote to approve this application.

**2/2018/1828/OUT – Land Adjacent to Cleff House** – the Council listened to the members of the public, expressing their concerns and objections to this application. The Council also listened to the information given from the applicants, Mr & Mrs Croney. Although the Parish Council recognises the merits of some parts of the development, the Council proposed that this application should be refused. This was carried unanimously.

The following points will form the basis of the letter, from the Parish Council requesting that this application goes to the Planning Committee.

- The concern from the public and Council that the proposed access for the development, and the surrounding roads are not suitable for the traffic this development will produce.
- Due to the proposed access, the hedges rows will need to be cut back severely, which will have an impact on local wildlife.
- There are concerns that with newly build houses being built on areas that already have seasonal flooding, this will affect the water courses, which could cause flooding of other people's properties in the village.
- The development is outside of the Settlement Boundary
- The development is in the AONB.
- The development will have an adverse effect on a nearby listed dwelling.

*At this point Standing Orders were re-instated.*

**18/109 to receive NDDC Cllr report:** Cllr Croney had circulated the following report:

**The North Dorset Trailway** is to receive £70,000 of legacy funding from NDDC. This funding will be used to support the extension of the Trailway through land acquisitions. The Trailway, one of North Dorset's most innovative projects, is popular with local residents looking to get out and about and do something healthily with friends and family. It also brings visitors to the area to the benefit of our local shops and pubs.

**Blandford Market Place Grant.** North Dorset District Council agreed a grant of £70,000 for improvements for Blandford Forum Historic Market Place. There have been many reports of the pavements being slippery when wet, their replacement has been something that Cllr Byron Quail and Cllr Nocturin Lacey-Clarke have been championing. The area provides a space for the twice weekly markets as well as being an important venue for open air events.

**LGBTQ+ History Month.** To mark LGBTQ+ History Month North Dorset District Council are flying the rainbow flag outside their offices to celebrate the achievements of LGBTQ+ community as well as recognise the prejudice they still face. We will continue to work to make sure North Dorset is a place free from discrimination and stigma.

**Blandford Camp.** Last week we had confirmation from Simon Hoare, MP that Blandford Camp will be remaining open. A clerical error had created rumours about the bases future after the MOD marked it for disposal.

**Pimperne Neighbourhood Plan.** Piers and Sherry were both pleased to steer Pimperne's Neighbourhood Plan through Full Council in January. The Plan received 87% support at its referendum and is a tribute to all the hard-working volunteers that gave up their time for the village. It is now in force and forms a full part of the Council's planning policy.

**Dorset Council Media campaign.** As we get closer to the 1st April Dorset Council will run a communication campaign to ensure residents know about the new council and what it means for them. The messaging will be clear and simple to explain the changes and provide the information people need to access services. The campaign will include leaflets, posters, a radio campaign on Breeze and Wessex FM, ads on bin lorries and other council vehicles, social media and email and the web site.

**18/110 Chairman's report.**

The Chairman reminded the public and members that if they would like any further information on the Local Elections, to contact the Clerk.

**18/111 Finance**

The Payment schedule for January was tabled for the total of £999.11. It was proposed by Cllr M Jones and Cllr P Le Prevost that the bills presented on the schedule should be paid. All agreed.

**18/112 To consider other parish matters.**

**Environmental Protection: It was reported that:**

- Residents of Oakwood Drive have complained about the lighting to the access for Hambledon Manor. The lights along the approach to Hambledon Manor are lit from early evening through until early morning. It was suggested that as Iwerne Minster is an area trying to promote Dark Night Skies, the owners of Hambledon Manor fit a sensor or timer, so that the lights are not on all the time. Residents can report matters of environmental concern direct on the Dorset for You Website. The Clerk will report this matter to the environmental services for their attention.

**Highways: Cllr P Le Prevost reported the following:**

- Still waiting for work to be completed along Tower Hill and Watery Lane.
- The drainage next to the Talbot has been investigated, and it has been noted that the drains are running in the wrong direction, Dorset County Council will need to resolve this matter.

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

- It was noted that the proposed new shed for the Village Club, will be larger than 10x6 foot, which is what the Council had approved to be installed. The correct size will be forwarded to the Council for clarification.

- The No Dog sign at the play area has been removed. This will be replaced.

**Footpaths and Rights of Way:**

- The steps leading from Church Path to Church Hill are very slippery and need to be repaired/replaced. This is still being investigated.
- The footpath on the track parallel to the Parish Field that has been dug up for Superfast Broadband to be laid is in a very poor state. The Clerk will report this to the Dorset Rangers.

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

- Cllr S Trim has reported that the Phone Box is not working to BT, and can confirm that the Phone Box will not be up for sale in the near future.

**Community Resilience & Emergency Planning: Cllr K O'Connor reported the following:**

- Thank you to the Snow Patrol for helping clear the snow. Levels of grit will be checked.
- There will be a Great British Spring Clean between 29<sup>th</sup> March and 23<sup>rd</sup> April, so a litter pick is being arranged.

**Speed watch: The Clerk tabled an email from Mr G Peters, details following:**

The Speed Watch team achieved 8 watches in January. On the A350, 1457 vehicles were seen, 54 were speeding and the average speed of vehicles was 38 MPH. On Tower Hill of the 121 vehicles recorded, 9 were speeding and the average speed of vehicles was 28.2 MPH. The Speed Watch team would welcome recruits, so if you are interested in supporting this excellent service, please contact Geoffrey Peters on [geoff.peters13@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:geoff.peters13@hotmail.co.uk) or the Parish Council. It was noted that the speed sign outside Clayesmore School was broken.

**18/113 To consider DAPTC matters. Cllr M Jones reported the following:**

The DAPTC (Dorset Association of Parish Council) are back to full staff.

**18/114 To consider any other matters and recent correspondence.** Correspondence had been circulated. The Clerk will chase up Royal Mail regarding the Parish Council's request to move the post box at Preston Lane.

**Agenda item for the next meeting – Grants**

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be **Monday** the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7pm.

**The meeting will be held at the Abingdon Hall**

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.25 pm

Chairman

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