

Minutes of a Meeting of Iwerne Minster Parish Council held in the Abingdon Hall on the 5th June 2018.

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

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips – Clerk, 13 members of the public.

At this point, the Chairman asked for people to stand in remembrance of Michael Bryant, Les Staples and Dave Baker.

Public Questions:

Mr Rob Evans gave a presentation on the progress towards supplying two defibrillators for the village. It was noted that most if the money to supply and fit two defibrillators has been raised. After debate it was proposed by Cllr Le Prevost for the Parish Council to allocate £500.00 towards the project, this was seconded by Cllr Nadin and all in favour.

RESOLVED: to allocate £500.00 towards the project to supply two defibrillators for the Village. (PQ18 – Defibrillator)

18/13 To take any apologies. NDDC Cllr D Croney.

1814 Declarations of Interests and Requests for Dispensation.

There were none.

18/15 Minutes of the meeting held on the 30th April 2018.

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Nadin and seconded by Cllr K O'Connor, that they were a true and accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

18/16 Co-option for new member

The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council have a vacancy which can now be filled by co-opting a new member on. The Clerk asked if anyone present is interested in joining the Council, to make themselves known. Susan Trim came forward and introduced herself to the Council, Cllr Nadin proposed that Susan Trim becomes a Councillor for Iwerne Minster Parish Council, this was seconded by Cllr Le Prevost, all members were in favour. The Council welcomed Susan Trim to their team.

RESOLVED: Susan Trim to become a Councillor for Iwerne Minster Parish Council. (18/16 – New Councillor)

18/17 To consider planning/tree applications received by NDDC.

ENF/2018/0055 – 18 Oakwood Drive – Felled fir Tree – this matter has been resolved.

2/2018/0573/HOUSE – 12 The Glebe – single storey extension – the Parish Council support this application.

2/2018/0513/FUL – Thatchways – 3 new dwellings – after a lot of debate, the majority of the Parish Council support this application, with one objection and one abstained. The Council would like it noted that they still have concerns that the application is outside the settlement boundary and in the AONB.

Cllr Nadin stated that he has reported an erection of garden room/studio in a front garden in the conservation area, which has not obtained planning permission, NDDC enforcement officers have this matter in hand.

18/18 – Consider access to the post box on Blandford Road.

Cllr Hooper reported that the post box on Blandford Road is not easily accessible. It was agreed for the Clerk to contact the Post Office to request that the box is moved to a more suitable area.

Action - Clerk

18/19 – To consider commemoration for WW1 Centenary.

The Clerk had circulated details for a Silent Soldier, which the Royal British Legion supply, for the Council to consider. After debate, it was agreed to re-visit this at the next Parish Council meeting.

18/20 to receive NDDC Cllr report

Local Government Reorganisation -Local Government reorganisation came a step closer on Wednesday 23rd May when MPs approved the official legislation which enables the two new unitary councils. After a lengthy and thorough parliamentary debate, lasting a full three hours, the Structural Change Order, which sets up the two new councils, was passed. The new Shadow Authority comprising all existing councillors, for Dorset Council some 176 souls, will hold its first meeting on 7th June, at 6.30pm in Dorchester. Among the matters on the agenda will be a new constitution for the Shadow Authority and arrangements for appointing a Chief Executive for the new Council. The position of Chief Executive will be advertised both internally and externally and careful advice has been taken on the salary we will need to pay - balancing the need to get an excellent person for this demanding job while taking account of salary levels among council tax payers across Dorset. The Shadow Authority will have a 20- member strong Shadow Executive which will take forward all the work programmes needed to get us up and running by next April. The Shadow Executive members will work through a number of Task and Finish Groups on issues ranging from governance, Council Tax harmonisation and the budget to staffing and community engagement. There remains a staggering amount to do between now and April 2019 but we are quietly confident that it will all come together in time.

Pimperne Neighbourhood Plan - After many months of hard work Pimperne has submitted its Neighbourhood Plan to NDDC. The Plan sets out the planning policies which the village wishes to uphold and includes sites earmarked for future development. NDDC must now arrange for an independent examiner to assess the plan. The District Council is required to consult the public on the draft plan, which can be viewed online on Dorsetforyou website or seen at the Council offices at Nordon in Blandford or at Blandford Library. Comments must be received by 4pm on Friday 22 June. The plan along with these comments will then be submitted to an examiner. Depending on the examiner's report, a referendum will be held for the people of Pimperne to decide whether the Plan should be adopted.

Road repairs and traffic calming - The A357 between Fiddleford and Shillingstone will be closed by DCC Highways between 26 July and 15 August, daytime only. Haywards Lane and Station Road in Child Okeford will be closed between 2 July and early October, to enable Wessex Water to install a new water main. These and other planned road closures will inevitably cause delay to traffic and inconvenience to everyone along the routes to which traffic is diverted. DCC Highways consult with Parish Councils before publishing their work schedules, though in reality they can offer little flexibility because their schedules are complex and dates are subject to change. There is feedback that some people are experiencing a good deal of frustration with the number of road closures and many of us will face a trying period over the summer months. But this work is all necessary, indeed some is long overdue, so we are asked to have patience. And think how glad we will be to have better road surfaces once winter returns. Information and maps, updated regularly, can be seen on the Dorsetforyou website which is also where residents can find the one click "report a pothole" link. Meanwhile village gateway work is underway on the A350 and C13 with speed roundels and *slow* symbols at the entrances to villages. New speed limits have been introduced along these roads as part of the A350/C13 route management scheme.

New Phone Parking Payment Partner - JustPark is the new provider for mobile payments in car parks and on-street parking areas across West and North Dorset, Weymouth and Portland. Until 18 July 2018, both the old mobile payment supplier - Phone & Pay - and the new one - JustPark - can take payment for car parks.

Cash and card payments will continue to be available as usual.

Awards and national recognition for Dorset Councils Partnership - The Dorset Councils Partnership Finance Team won the *Innovation in Treasury and Asset Management* award at the Public Finance Innovation Awards 2018. The judges recognised genuine innovation in portfolio diversification, supported by strong risk awareness. It might sound a bit dry, but managing the Council's reserves effectively gives us a significant source of income which pays for services. Dorset Councils Partnership are also finalists in the *2018 Public Sector Paperless Awards*. These national awards are open to all public organisations that have been working towards digital transformation. The main part of our award submission was our move to paperless committees. The majority of councillors and officers now receive committee agendas and reports digitally. Formerly it cost the partnership over £56,000 a year to produce paper committee agendas for councillors and officers. This figure doesn't include the postage costs so the saving to tax payers is even higher.

And finally, DCP is a finalist in the *Municipal Journal awards for Workforce Transformation*. It is encouraging to see national recognition that the Council is still doing excellent work notwithstanding the time and energy needed in the run up to the new council. One of our aims is to ensure we "finish well" here at North Dorset.

An enforcement issue is being investigated with an unlawfully formed parking area up at Home Farm which is sub-standard.

The "No excuses" signage that was removed from the highway during the recent road improvements along the A350 is being tracked down.

18/21 Chairman's Report: The Chairman thanked Cllr J Hooper for the work and time that he has given to the Council over the 20 years of service, this has not gone unrecognised and the Chairman presented Cllr Hooper with a gift from the Parish Council.

18/22 Finance. The Clerk has asked if the Parish Council would support her training for the new CiLca Course. The cost will be divided between the four Councils that she Clerks. To total cost of the course is for £250.00. The Clerk has asked for payment of £62.50 towards the course. This was agreed and the payment added to the payment schedule. The Payment schedule for May 2018 is for the sum of £789.34. It was proposed by Cllr Le Prevost and seconded by Cllr Nadin that the bills presented on the schedule should be paid. All agreed

18/23 To consider other parish matters.

Environmental Protection: Cllr Nadin reported the following:

- Will arrange a working party to clear some more of the overgrowth behind the Village Club.

Highways: Cllr B O'Luanaigh reported the following:

- The potholes in the village have been reported and will continue to be reported until repaired.
- Highways have completed the road marking and gates to the entrance of the village.
- It was noted that Clayesmore Hedge needs to be cut back from the pavement. This will be requested.

Recreation: Cllr P Le Prevost reported the following:

- The grass cutting is underway and the area of grass at Oakwood Drive has been added to the grass cutting schedule.
- The open gardens will be taking place on the 30th June and the 1st July.
- Concerns were expressed over the speed and size of traffic using Watery Lane, as this is near the park, it was felt that the Children could be at risk. It was agreed for the Clerk to obtain a sign, warning traffic that Children are at play in this area.

▪ **Action - Clerk**

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

Will meet with the new keeper for Iwerne Estate, to discuss keeping the rights of way clear on the estates land.

Village and District Liaison: Cllr Jones reported the following:

- Expressed concerns over Stourpaine not having free school bus travel as St. Andrew's, Fontmell Magna, is within the 3 mile limit.
- Expressed his disappointment that Fiddleford Mushrooms have to close, which at the moment employ about 90 people.

Community Resilience & Emergency Planning: Cllr K O'Connor gave the following report: Nothing to report.

Speed watch: Cllr B O'Lunaigh gave the following report:

- The Speed Watch team are arranging 10 watches per month.
- 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, or the Parish Council.

18/24 To consider DAPTC matters. Cllr M Jones reported the following:

- At a meeting with the DAPTC, it was reported that the DAPTC president David Jenkins is standing down.
- The lists of local services questionnaire that had been send to all Councils have not yet been collated. The results will be given once completed.
- The Government are looking on how to keep local business rates within the local community.
- The Boundary Commission are reviewing the boundaries. North Dorset will cease to exist as a parliamentary constituency in 2022. Iwerne Minster will be in a constituency based on Warminster and Shaftesbury.

18/25 To consider any other matters and recent correspondence. Correspondence had been circulated.

The Clerk reminded the Councillors of the Freedom of Information Act, that emails that are send to the Clerk on the Iwerne Minster e mail address are open for the public (unless it stated it is private and confidential). It was also noted that emails that are sent to each other are also open to the public if the contacts state they are from a Parish Councillor.

An email from Geoff Peters regarding concern of the River Iwerne, was tabled. Cllr Nadin has responded to Mr Geoff Peters direct.

Agenda items for next meeting – To consider commemoration for WW1 Centenary – News Letter

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be **Monday the 2nd July 2018 at 7pm**

The meeting will be held at the Abingdon Hall

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.22 pm

Chairman

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