

Minutes of a Meeting of Iwerne Minster Parish Council held in the Abingdon Hall on the 4th March 2019.

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

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips – Clerk and 8 members of the public.

At this point Cllr M Jones asked everyone to stand in remembrance of Audrey Evans.

Public Questions:

There were none.

18/115 take any apologies. Cllr Deborah Croney

18/116 Declarations of Interests and Requests for Dispensation.

There were none.

18/117 Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th February 2019.

Cllr O’Luanaigh stated that he felt the section on Cleff House in the February’s minutes did not have enough details reported, but as the minutes had been circulated three times and if the other members of the Council are happy with them, then no further amendments will be made. The minutes were then proposed by Cllr J Goodliffe and seconded by Cllr S Trim, that they were a true and accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

18/118 To consider planning/tree applications received by NDDC. Cllr O’Luanaigh reported the following:

The Council have received planning application 2/2019/0142/HOUSE – Preston Farmhouse, on the 1st March. There has not been enough time to look at this application in full. NDDC has agreed an extension to the 2nd April 2019. This application will be discussed at the Parish Council meeting on the 1st April 2019.

The Barn – East of Orchard House – has been approved by NDDC.

It was noted that amendments for the approved application for Longacre will be sent to the Council for consideration soon. It was brought to the Councils attention that the developers for Trout Farm will be submitting their application for development in due course, this area has been approved for outline planning already.

Cllr O’Luanaigh had attended the DAPTC planning training event, where it was confirmed that the Planning Officers do have to follow strict guidelines when considering applications. It was also noted that Central Government would like to see more houses built and house prices reduced. The Clerk has been handed a memory stick with details of the event, which will be copied and circulated to all members.

Cllr O’Luanaigh had attended a round table meeting with MP Simon Hoare. It was noted that MP Simon Hoare expressed, in his opinion, the importance of Parish and Towns having a Neighbourhood Plan in place, without a plan, it could be difficult to protect villages/towns from development.

Cllr O’Luanaigh stated that the Blackmore Vale have announced that NDDC Planning have agreed for 1595 houses to be built in Gillingham Area, these will be built in two sections.

18/119 to receive NDDC Cllr report: Cllr Croney had circulated a report, bullet points follow:

Dorset Council Budget : On Wednesday 20 February, the Shadow Council passed the 2019/20 budget for the new Dorset Council. Without making any cuts to services, is a considerable achievement. There will be over £16m of savings, but these will all be drawn from converging the back room functions of the six councils. The Budget includes an essential £1.5m additional funding for Adult Social Care and £5.8m for Children’s Services. The new council will start life with a gross spend of over £900m and an income requirement of nearly £242m.

With one council, it is agreed that everyone should pay council tax at the same rate. There has only ever been one County Council tax, which is 92% of our bills. But the approximately 8% of council tax which funds Districts Council varies, and it is this which has been “harmonised” around a notional average. Because NDDC has for many years been among the lowest taxing councils, they will have to come up in order to meet the average. Council Tax would have risen anyway, but harmonisation means that a Band D taxpayer in North Dorset will pay £49 more than they would otherwise have paid.

Durweston Bridge: Highways will be carrying out planned work to repair the flood arches on the approach to Durweston bridge between 4 March and mid- August.

It is anticipated that the road will be fully closed between 22 June and 21 July with partial closures for the remaining time.

Affordable Homes at Nordon: Planning permission has been granted to Aster Group to develop the former NDDC site at Nordon, in Blandford. Aster, one of our local social housing providers, will build 40 affordable rent and shared ownership homes on the site, providing much needed low cost homes for local people.

Dorset Council Public Information Campaign:

The campaign to inform the public about the new council is now underway, with social media campaigns supported by more traditional communication channels. Work will begin in March to replace some council signs with new Dorset Council signage. Priority will be given to libraries, reception areas in council offices and critical service areas, but most signs will be replaced gradually, in order to keep costs under control.

Improved Land Search Service:

Notwithstanding the challenge of reorganisation, Officers continue to run services well. As a case in point Dorset Councils Partnership’s Local Land Charges Team have been nominated for “Most Improved Service” at the Local Land Charges Awards for Excellence. The average turnaround time for searches is now less than 10 working days.

The full report is available on the Parish Council's website and by requesting a copy from the Clerk.

18/120 Chairman's report.

The Chairman reminded the public and members of the upcoming local elections and if anyone requires further information please contact the Clerk or look at the details on Dorset For You website.

18/121 Finance

The Payment schedule for February was tabled for the total of £2128.96, this was amended, due to payment for Play Area repairs £144.00 had not been confirmed of who the cheque needs to be payable too. The total was amended to £1984.96. It was proposed by Cllr J Hooper and seconded by Cllr M Jones, all in favour that the bills presented on the schedule should be paid.

RESOLVED for the payment to the sum of £1984.96 for bills presented on the schedule be paid (18/121 – accounts)

18/122 To Consider grant applications.

The Clerk confirmed that she had not received any grant applications for 2018-19. Cllr Le Prevost proposed that CAB should receive a grant for the sum of £100.00, this was seconded by Cllr O'Connor, all members agreed.

RESOLVED to grant CAB £100.00 from 2018-19 allocations. (18/122 – Grants)

Village groups were encouraged to apply to the Parish Council for Grant Aid.

18/123 To consider other parish matters.

Environmental Protection: this is now part of the report concerning Resilience etc.

- Nothing to report.

Highways: Cllr P Le Prevost reported the following:

- Work has now been completed along Tower Hill, the gullies have been cleared.
- The area along Tower Hill, where the bench is situated, in the pull in is being looked at to ensure that it is kept clear. Discussions are taking place with the owners Ranston Estate.
- It has been noted that the drains outside the Talbot have a design fault and that is why the water does not run away down the drains. Highways are aware of this matter.
- The builders at Watery Lane have produced a nice gravel access to the new site, but due to heavy vehicles using the access it is pushing the gravel out to the sides. It was suggested that the developers are contacted and asked to make sure they take responsibility of making the access good once the development is complete.
- The general road surface along Old School road and Watery Lane is in a poor state. This will be continued to be reported to Highways.
- The proposed work on the A350 bridge in the Village, will not clash with the proposed work with Durweston Bridge or the C13 works.
- Iwerne Minster Parish Council have agreed to have a representative for the A350 group, the group has requested that the Parish Council allocate funds in their budget to support the project going forward. Cllr Le Prevost proposed that the Parish Council allocate £100.00 for the A350 group project, this was seconded by Cllr O'Connor, all in favour.
 - **RESOLVED:** for the Parish Council to budget £100.00 to the A350 group 2019/2020. (18/123 – Projects)

Recreation: Cllr P Le Prevost reported the following:

- The work on the notice boards and the play area will take place in the better weather.
- The hedge along the Playing Field has been cut back, a very good job by Rob Smith.
- The trees by the Village Club need to be cut down as they are hitting the electric wires. This will be reported to the electric boards for their action.

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

- The steps leading from Church Path to Church Hill are very slippery and need to be repaired/replaced. It will be reported to Claysmore School for their attention. They have been contacted and are looking into the 'problem'.
- The missing notice for the Village (towards the Cricket Club) is still waiting to be replaced by Highways Department.

Village and District Liaison: Cllr Jones reported the following:

- The Annual Parish meeting will follow the Parish Council meeting on Monday May the 13th 2019 from 6.30pm. If you know of any local organisation that wish to come along and give a report, please let the Clerk know.

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

- The Public Spaces Protection (dogs) policy coming into effect 31st March 2019, includes Dog foul cleaning, Dog exclusion areas and if told by an official officer, dog to be kept on a lead.
- On Saturday the 23rd March a litter pick has been arranged. It starts at 9.30am until about 11am, to meet at the Chalk. Please come along and support the Great British Spring Clean.

Speed watch: The Chairman tabled the following email from Mr G Peters:

Due to holidays and weather factors we did not carry out any CSW's in February. However, there has been a communication originating from James Vaughan the Chief Constable with the intention to put officers out with Speed Watch Teams to conduct enforcement sessions which would result in Fixed Penalty Notices. A pilot scheme, of which we took part, was successful will be implemented with an officer with an approved laser camera will join up with a CSW team for a period of their watch, any driver speeding will receive a fixed penalty notice. The watch would continue in the normal manner once the officer has left. This does show the ongoing commitment of James Vaughan to Dorset CSW. We do have a schedule of 10 CSW's for March which include 2 for Tower Hill.

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 or the Parish Council.

IT/Website – Cllr S Trim reported the following:

- BT have fixed the phone box. You can no longer use cash to make a call, the options of payment are listed in the phone box.
- Naomi House in Shaftesbury is now a recycling point for used ink cartridges.

18/124 To consider DAPTC matters. Cllr M Jones reported the following:

- Harmonisation of Council Tax. This is going ahead despite the concerns and objections. It was asserted that the increase in most areas would enable services to be safeguarded.
- A member of the Executive asked about Land Supply. He understood that land supply, once the new authority is up and running, was going to be aggregated across the new council. The Chairman replied that this was also his understanding.

18/125 To consider any other matters and recent correspondence. Correspondence had been circulated. The Clerk asked for the Council to agree that Cllr P Le Prevost be a signature for the Parish Councils Account. This was agreed by all members and the appropriate form was signed by the Chairman and Cllr J Hooper.

Agenda item for the next meeting – TBA

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be **Monday** the 1st April 2019 at 7pm.
The meeting will be held at the Abingdon Hall

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 19.57 pm

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