

Minutes of a Meeting of Iwerne Minster Parish Council held in the Abingdon Hall on the 5th December 2016.

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

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips – Clerk, Dorset and County Councillor D Croney and 16 members of the public.

At this point the vice-chairman asked everyone to stand in remembrance of Jean Wellings.

Public Questions: The following items were raised:

Asked where the draft neighbourhood plan is. Cllr Evans explained that due to unforeseen additional work required on the draft plan, it is not available for this Parish Council meeting. The working party are working hard on the plan and would hope that a draft will be ready for the Parish Council to view in February.

A member of the public asked if the Iwerne Minster Village Design Statement (VDS) has been used when considering the plan. Cllr Evans confirmed that the plan has been based on the Iwerne Minster VDS.

A member of the public asked why Clayesmore School offer of land for development in the Neighbourhood Plan has not been considered. Cllr Evans confirmed that he has had conversations with Clayesmore School and due to time and other conditions, the land at the moment has not been considered for the Plan. Cllr Evans stated that Savills have been approaching land owners in the village regarding development. He confirmed that without the Neighbourhood Plan in place, there is nothing stopping large developers coming into the village and purchasing land for development. Cllr Deborah Croney gave a quick, but detailed background on the importance of a Neighbourhood Plan for the Village and that she hoped the residents of the village will support the Neighbourhood Plan Committee to enable this project to go forward.

16/69 To take any apologies: Cllr J Hooper – Chairman sent his apologies.

16/70 Declarations of Interests and Requests for Dispensation. The Clerk had circulated copies of an application for dispensation regarding budget setting for the member of the Council. It was confirmed that this is not a legal obligation, but has been agreed in the past. All members agreed and signed the dispensations.

16/71 Minutes of the meeting held on the 7th November 2016.

It was proposed by Cllr P Le Prevost and seconded by Cllr C Nadin, that the minutes were a true and accurate record and were duly signed by the Vice -Chairman.

16/72 Matters arising from the minutes.

The Clerk had circulated the proposed budget for 2017/18. After debate it was agreed to set the budget at £17000.00 for 2017/18.

RESOLVED: to set the Parish Council budget for 2017/18 at £17000.00, this is an increase of £640.00 for the year. (2016/72 – budget)

16/73 To consider development management matters listed on the schedule.

Development Control Matters:

Mrs Jill Major read out an open letter regarding concerns raised over her planning application Pp05527066, (2/2016/1512/FUL)- conversion of agricultural building to residential dwelling. After debate, the Parish Council could not unanimously agree to a decision regarding this application.

2/2016/1662/FUL - Land At E 386803 N 114222 Watery Lane Iwerne Minster Dorset – the Parish Council accept that a house should be built on the land, but have great concerns over the design, size and materials being used, so did not feel that they could support this application.

2/2016/1629/FUL - Land At E 386976 N 113800 Preston Hill Farm Access Road Iwerne Minster – no objections.

2/2016/1726/LBC – West Lodge – internal alterations – no objections.

Cllr Nadin reported that he had received a complaint that trees area had been cut down. This was reported to the Planning officer at North Dorset, the Council are waiting for their report.

16/74 to receive NDDC Cllr report.

Consultation on Proposed Changes to Concessionary Bus Pass Scheme. Local residents are asked to give their views on the proposed changes to the concessionary bus pass scheme in Dorset. The six week consultation opens on 1 December, and we are keen to hear from people who use the scheme, or may be affected by proposed changes. The county council currently subsidises the scheme, which allows bus pass holders free concessionary travel before 0930 on services where the next bus is not until after 1030. Free all day travel is also available for blind and partially sighted pass holders. There is an additional companion scheme, which allows individuals with certain disabilities the option of having a companion travel for free within Dorset. The proposed changes would mean concessionary bus pass holders would not be able to travel free before 9.30am on weekdays. No changes are proposed for the partially sighted and blind, who would still be able to travel free any time. The companion scheme for people with disabilities would still continue. Concessionary holders would still be able to travel anytime of the day weekends and public holidays. By ceasing to provide free concessionary travel before 9.30am, savings would be made that could enable the county council to focus financial resources more effectively. The changes will also allow for the wider use of schools transport routes for public services. Following on from the results of this consultation, changes will be implemented to the service in April 2017. The consultation runs until **Friday 13 January**. You can complete the questionnaire on-line at: www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/travel-dorset/concessionary-passes-consultation. You can also email htr@dorsetcc.gov.uk for a paper version.

Local Government Reorganisation Consultation:

Thousands of residents from across Dorset have taken part in a wide-ranging consultation on proposals for the future of local government in the county.

A household survey was undertaken, based on a representative sample of the Dorset population. Questionnaires were sent to 20,000 addresses selected at random from all addresses in each of Dorset's local authority areas. **4,258 residents responded**. Sixteen facilitated workshops were also undertaken throughout the consultation period, with residents, town and parish councils, businesses and the voluntary sector. In addition, further separate responses and written representations were received from hundreds of stakeholders including businesses, voluntary sector groups, public sector partners, MPs, service user groups, town and parish councils, residents' groups and other organisations. Opinion Research Services (ORS) will now analyse the data, present the findings and produce a full and detailed report, which will be available online at www.reshapingyourcouncils.uk on 5 December, along with the detailed Case for Change that is being prepared by PriceWaterhouseCoopers. The ORS report will include overall results for the whole of Dorset, compare findings from the household survey and open consultation questionnaire, feature breakdowns of results from each council area and present the feedback received from stakeholders via all the different consultation activities.

16/75 Finance.

The payment schedule had been tabled, total cost for November 2016, £2260.45. It was proposed by Cllr P Le Prevost and seconded by Cllr C Nadin that the bills presented on the schedule should be paid.

16/76 To consider other parish matters.

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

- The stream has been cleared.

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

- Pot holes in the village have been repaired. County Highways state that they have cleared the gully opposite the Talbot Inn, which always floods. This will be monitored.
- The A350 community group will be holding a meeting on the 12th January 2017.

Recreation: The following was reported by Cllr Le Prevost:

- The mole man has been to look at the play area, he will be sending his report shortly.
- The weeds have been treated and painting will start in the spring.

Footpaths and Rights of Way: The following was reported:

- Cllr O'Lunaigh reported that the footpath between Oyles Mill and Park Farm needs to be cleared, this has been reported to Dorset Ranger. It has been confirmed that this is now on a work order with Dorset County Council as it is an unclassified road.

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

- Please have your say regarding the bus services in Dorset, details can be found at www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/travel-dorset/concessionary-passes-consultation.
- Would like to the Parish Council to consider adopting the phone box, if BT wish to remove it, due to the new mobile phone aerial being installed in the village. It was agreed to look into this matter if BT announce that they will remove the phone box.
- Cllr Jones attended a DAPTC meeting, the main matter raised was the consultation for the proposed changes towards a unitary council. Details can be found on Dorset For You website.

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

- The new website for the Plan is up and running.
- The working party will be holding meetings and consultation will be arranged to take this project forward.

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

- More dog signs have been put up in the village, if there are any areas which are felt not to be signed, please contact Kerry at kloc.design@virgin.net.
- Cllr O'Connor has contacted residents currently in the snow patrol list and has 28 people confirmed to date. If you are interested in joining the snow patrol, please contact Kerry on the above email address. The salt in the bins is fine to use this year, as long as it kept as dry as possible.

Homewatch/Speedwatch:

In November on average 350 vehicles were seen in one hour, 4% were over the 36 mph limit. The Speedwatch team are very active and have already arranged watches in December. The Clerk has received a request from Mr Geoff Peters, from the speedwatch team, asking for the Council to consider purchasing a new laser gun for the team. This will be put on as an agenda item for the meeting in January.

16/77 To consider DAPTC matters.

Had already given his reported.

16/78 To consider any other matters and recent correspondence.

All correspondence had been circulated and actioned.

Agenda items for next meeting — Speedwatch laser gun.

Transfer of projector and display stand costs to the PC.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be **Parish Meeting on Tuesday 3rd January 2017 at 7pm.**

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at pm
Date Chairman, Iwerne Minster Parish Council