

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

Present: Cllr J Hooper – Chairman - 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 27 members of the public, which included Debbie Ward – DCC CEO, Fiona King DCC Communications Officer, Mr & Mrs Martyn Underhill Dorset PCC, Amanda Hughes – Clayesmore Finance Director, Russell James – Clayesmore Estate Manager.

At this point the Chairman asked DCC Cllr D Croney to give her presentation on the 20MPH project.

Cllr D Croney's presentation showed the process taken to achieve the 20MPH zone in the Village. This started back in 2009, with large banners saying 20's plenty, to try and encourage road users to think about their speed whilst driving through the village. The late Mr David Hicks helped the project from the very start. Later from 2014 the community speed watch showed was traffic speeding on the A350 and driving inappropriately in the village. A petition was delivered to the C/Cllr Peter Finney with the support of Martyn Underhill Dorset PCC and our local MP Robert Walters on Feb 5th 2015 by the "20 is Plenty" representatives led by Cllr D Croney. Following a presentation to the Regulatory Committee in March 2015 the Committee required further research.

This was undertaken and Cllrs Nadin and P Le Prevost, pushed for the County Council Highways Dept to undertake an additional speed indicator check, as the first one, raised serious issues on the accuracy of the results. Once the proof was collated the regulatory process began. There have been lots of meetings with Dorset County Council Highways Dept in particular with Michael Potter and Andrew Martin who were very helpful and recommended that a zone be put in place rather than just Tower Hill and Higher Street. With all of the evidence given, County Council agreed with the proposal to reduce the speed limit, but made it very clear they are low on resources and this project was low on the priority list. With support of the Village and Parish Council, it was agreed that the funds would come from the Village Precept and a substantial donation was made by Clayesmore School, which enabled the project to come forward. On the 4th January 2018 the Regulatory Committee unanimously supported the project and it was subsequently unanimously approved by DCC Cabinet on the 17th January 2018. This is the first self funded 20MPH speed limit scheme in Dorset. A special thanks to all that were involved on working on the project, supporting it and for not giving up.

Public Questions: There were no questions from the public.

17/111 To take any apologies. There were none.

17/112 Declarations of Interests and Requests for Dispensation.

Cllr K O'Connor declared a person interest under agenda item 4 – planning application 2/2017/1850.

17/113 Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th January 2018.

The minutes were proposed by Cllr P Le Prevost and seconded by Cllr C Nadin, that they were a true and accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

17/114 To consider planning/tree applications received by NDDC.

2/2017/1850/HOUSE – erect single storey extension – the Parish Council have no objections.

17/115 to receive NDDC Cllr report

Dorset Re-cycling Rates -The Dorset Waste Partnership is now the best performing authority in the entire country as 60% of waste is now recycled. Coupled with Dorset Waste Partnership topping the latest Carbon Index for 2015/16 seeing Dorset in first place, for delivering the greatest carbon benefits. Local Authority Recycling Carbon Index measures the environmental performance of councils' recycling services.

Our 'Right Stuff Right Bin' campaign is counting so we can continue to do better in this very important area.

The Lodge - North Dorset District Council is set to move to a smaller, more economical, state of the art building. The district council will be moving to the 'Nordon Lodge' on Thursday 15 February. By moving to the lodge North Dorset District Council can continue to provide all its normal front of house services to the public in North Dorset. The building is only a few metres away from its current office and has its very own car park. All back of house services will now operate from South Walks House, South Walks Road, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1UZ therefore all official paper work and communications will need to go to this address.

North Dorset Business Day Success - North Dorset District Council's Business Day on 17th Nov 2017 was a roaring success. It has been confirmed that another business day will take place later this year but the date has yet to be set. We will keep you updated. A short video was made, featuring Hill Fort's Cllr Sherry Jespersen to give you a flavour of the day. – <https://youtu.be/dt3xM8oXxQ8>

LGR – Quick Up-date - We are expecting full sign-off from the Government any day now. The Statutory orders are currently being drafted which are the legal mechanism for forming a new local authority and they included setting-up a completely new body. This is a new legal entity and not the existing County Council amalgamating the services.

NDDC & Google Digital Garage - North Dorset District Council have teamed up with Google Digital Garage to offer a free business focused digital skills workshop on Friday 16th February. It will take place from 10am - 2pm at the council offices in Dorchester. Three, one hour-long workshops are available - Build a Digital Marketing Plan, Reach New Customers Online & Social Media Strategy. If you or someone you know is interested they can book their free tickets at - https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/google-digital-garage-tickets-41944450982?utm_campaign=new_event_email&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eb_email&utm_term=viemyevent_button

17/116 Chairman's report.

The Chairman reported that he, along with Cllr B O'Luanaigh had attending a round table meeting with Simon Hoards MP on the 2nd February 2018. The following matters were raised:

- Simon Hoare encouraged Parish Councils to submit their Neighbourhood Plans as soon as possible.
- The project for Broadband through BT is still being worked on and hopefully more areas will be covered by next year. It was noted how important broadband is for local business, as HMR and other business request returns and payment online.
- Rural Bus Services being reduced, the only way to prevent this is to use the services. If they are not used they will be lost.
- Concerns were expressed that children from the age of 16 to 18, using the bus to school have to pay. It was also noted that the reduction of budget for education will no doubt reduce the number of teachers in schools. It was reported that there will be an announcement from the Ministry of Education in the near future regarding the budget.
- Concerns were raised regarding the process of local Planning Applications, the number that goes to committee has been reduced, and therefore decisions are being made by the Head of Planning. It was noted that constitution had been changed regarding Planning Applications, which resulted in the reduction of applications going to Committee. It has been requested to reverse the change. It was also noted that Parish Councils do not receive notification of some Tree Applications. The Clerk will request that NDDC send all relevant tree applications to the Council for consideration.
- The issue of Fly Tipping is still a problem.
- Due to developers not releasing land, there is still a shortage of housing. It was noted that the average age for applying for a mortgage in 1980 was 28, it is now around 42. The Government is looking into ways to help younger people obtain mortgages on property.

17/117 Finance.

Cllr P Le Prevost proposed that the Council purchase some stones, which can be used by residents to put on their verges to try and prevent damage. The cost to purchase the stones is £100.00. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Nadin and all were in favour. With the additional £100.00, the payment schedule for January 2018 is for the sum of £510.40, which was 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.

17/118 To consider other parish matters.

Environmental Protection: Cllr Nadin reported the following:

- Local residents that have verges outside their property, will be invited to have some stones to put along the verges, to help discourage drivers from parking vehicles on the verges themselves.
- A village tidy has been arranged for the 3rd March at 9.30am. This will be advertised through the village notice boards.

Highways: Cllr B O'Luanaigh reported the following:

- Dorset County Council has started resurfacing the A350, the roads from Iwerne Minster to Sutton Waldron will be resurfaced this week and the road from Sutton Waldron to Fontmell Magna will be resurfaced week commencing the 12th February. The road will be closed from 7pm to 7am.
- It was reported that the gullies along Tower Hill have been cleaned.
- The potholes in the village have been reported, especially next to the drain outside the village shop, as a resident fell over the hole and bruised herself.
- Concerns were once again expressed over the parking in the village, Cllr B O'Luanaigh has completed a survey, showing how many cars park along the roads at any one time. (approx 60 to 80) This matter will be discussed in more detail at the next Parish Council meeting in March.
- A member of the public asked if the County Council sweep the roads in the village anymore. It was confirmed that they do come about three times a year. Cllr Croney stated that Blandford Town Council does have provisions of road sweeping and if the Parish Council feels that the village needs to be swept more, they could approach Blandford Town Council for a quote.

Recreation: Cllr P Le Prevost reported the following:

- The repairs to the Play Area will continue in the better weather.
- Cllr P Le Prevost had gone out with the Fire Brigade, through the village, to see if they could get through if there was an emergency. On that day, the Fire Brigade were able to just get through the roads, as people were only parking on one side. **Please be safe, please think before you park, make sure you are not blocking the road or preventing line of sight for other road users.**
- A tile has been blown off the Tap House roof, this will be repaired.

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

- Cllr Hooper will make the necessary repairs to the broken gate at New Road corner.

Village and District Liaison: Cllr Jones reported the following:

- A consultation regarding the police has been completed, the proposal was for everyone to pay an additional £1.00 a month on their Council Tax, to increase the Police precept. 8 out of 10 people agreed.
- The 6th February 2018, is the centenary of women being allowed to vote.
- The Council may need to consider the future of the Telephone Box, once the new mobile phone mast is up and running.

Neighbourhood Development Plan: Cllr Evans reported the following:

- Cllr Evans reported that the Neighbourhood Plan members have arranged for a public meeting to be held on the 15th February, at the Jubilee Lecture Theatre, Clayesmore School, at 7pm. Leaflets will be circulated to all residents, giving full details of the purpose of the meeting. A member of the public stated that it was felt there was not enough notice given for this meeting. It was agreed to see how the meeting goes, if there is a very poor attendance, another meeting may be arranged.

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

- On the 2nd to the 4th March, there is a national Keep Britain tidy, which fits in with the Village Tidy which has been organised for the 3rd March. This will be a great start for this year's entry for Best Kept Village.

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

- The Speed Watch team will resume their watches after their meeting on the 27th February, once the road has been re-opened properly.

17/119 To consider DAPTC matters. Cllr M Jones reported the following:

Had attended a Northern Area DAPTC meeting, if anyone would like a copy of the report, please contact Cllr Jones.

17/120 To consider any other matters and recent correspondence. Correspondence had been circulated.

Agenda items for next meeting – Parking

At this point the Chairman asked everyone to stand in remembrance of Mr David Hicks.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Monday the **5th March 2018 at 7pm.**

At this point the Chairman asked for member of the public to leave the meeting, to enable the Council to discuss the Parish Clerks Wages.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.45 pm

Chairman

Iwerne Minster Parish Council