

Minutes of a Meeting of Iwerne Minster Parish Council held in the Abingdon Hall on the 6th March 2018.

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

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips – Clerk, Dorset County Councillor D Crony and 21 members of the public.

Public Questions: Concerns were raised over the Neighbourhood Development Plan being stopped. It was stated that the vote of 52% for and 48% against should have been taken as a majority vote and for the team to continue with submitting a plan for the Village. The Neighbourhood Development Plan team felt that it was not a clear and substantial majority in favour of the plan and that is why the decision was made.

Cllr P Le Prevost stated that due to the mixed messages of this Referendum, He believes that the vote should be re-run with a very clear information sheet of what is meant by the Yes / No question. On the night, votes counted were – 75% for and 25% against, i.e. 3 out of 4 were in favour, so whatever the cost this must be seen to be fair to both sides and without prejudice. If the current planning team do not want to take this forward then the remaining elements within the village must be given a chance to take the plan to its proper conclusion. Finally, it appears that there are too many hidden agendas, which means that the entire process must be cleared up with no chance of misinterpretation.

The Chairman made it clear to members of the public present that this is a Parish Council meeting and not a Neighbourhood Plan Meeting.

At this point the Chairman introduced Mr Rob Evans, to give a presentation on a Defibrillator Proposal.

Mr Evans thanked Susan Maguire, Sadie Sayer and Caroline O'Brien for their work towards the production of the presentation.

Mr Evans gave a full and detailed presentation on a proposal for Iwerne Minster to have a Defibrillator in the village. With support from local ambulance services, residents of the village can be trained in first aid (CPR) and also trained to use the Defibrillator. Those members of the public that are trained will be asked to be on a response list to attend an incident as required.

After debate, the Parish Council agreed to support the team in looking into this project further and to keep the Parish Council informed of its progress.

Mrs Le Prevost expressed how important it is to have people properly trained in first aid, CPR, before installing a Defibrillator in the Village. She also stated that she is already arranging, with support from the Horticultural Society, a first aid course for 14 people. The cost involved is about £28 per head. It was also suggested that two courses could be held on the one day, which would train up 28 people.

17/121 To take any apologies. Cllr Evans.

17/122 Declarations of Interests and Requests for Dispensation.

There were none.

17/123 Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th February 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.

17/124 To consider planning/tree applications received by NDDC.

There were none.

17/125 – To consider views on Neighbourhood Plan

This had been discussed under public consultation period.

17/126 – To discuss the Parking in the Chalk.

Cllr M Jones expressed his concerns over the amount of cars now parking in the Chalk. After debating this matter, it was agreed for Cllr P Le Prevost to devise a training process which can be given to all residents in the village, to try and help with parking issues.

17/127 to receive NDDC Cllr report – The following is bullet points from the report:

Local Government Reorganisation - On Monday 26th February the Local Government Minister, Sajid Javid, finally gave the go ahead for local government reorganisation. From April 2019 the County Council and all the existing District and Borough Councils will be replaced by two new unitary councils, one covering Poole, Bournemouth and Christchurch and the other, to be known as Dorset Council, covering the rest of the county area. Each new authority will deliver all local government services in their respective areas.

Council Budgets for Coming Year - Councils and other precepting authorities across the county have set their budgets for the next financial year. NDDC have produced a balanced budget with a council tax increase of £5 for a band D property.

The various elements of the council tax are as below. To this should be added each Parish's own precept.

Band	Dorset County Council £	Dorset Police Authority £	Dorset Fire Authority £	North Dorset DC £
A	937.56	137.72	48.47	84.64
B	1,093.82	160.67	56.54	98.75
C	1,250.08	183.63	64.62	112.85
D	1,406.34	206.58	72.70	126.96
E	1,718.86	252.49	88.86	155.17
F	2,031.38	298.39	105.01	183.39
G	2,343.90	344.30	121.17	211.60
H	2,812.68	413.16	145.40	253.92

Home Ownership Register -A new Home Ownership Register has been launched as part of the Council's Opening Doors campaign to encourage more housing, especially for younger working people. House hunters in North Dorset are being urged to sign up to the new register which will help gauge the type of housing required. This insight into the homes people want will be passed to developers to encourage them to provide good quality homes for sale in Dorset. The Home Ownership Register is for people who are ready to buy a home and anyone signing up will receive the latest Opening Doors newsletter with news about housing developments in the area and new homes for sale. The quick and easy online form is available at openingdoorsdorset.co.uk/home-ownership-register.

Ban on Sky Lanterns- North Dorset District Council, along with the other councils in the Dorset Councils Partnership, has introduced a ban on the release of sky lanterns and helium balloons on any council property. The ban applies to all council owned land and leased property and will be reviewed in two years.

Pest Control Services -NDDC is responsible for Environmental Health, which includes providing advice on pest control to local residents. The Council will issue residents with general advice about how to find a suitable pest control provider, rather than directing them to one named supplier. There are a number of local firms that provide a service so offering general guidance should result in more choice. Advice about how to deal with pests such as rodents is available on the Dorset for you website.

Services from the Nordon Hub - The new council services hub at the Nordon Lodge in Blandford is now fully operational. The office is open every weekday from 8.30am to 5.00pm, and residents who drop in will receive help and advice at the Customer Services reception. To make an appointment call NDDC Customer Services on 01258 454111.

Great British Spring Clean - Dorset Waste Partnership (DWP) is once again supporting the Great British Spring Clean organised by Keep Britain Tidy. The event takes place between 2 and 4 March and residents and Parish Councils are encouraged to organise litter picks across the district. DWP can help by providing litter pick teams with picking equipment; protective clothing; and rubbish bags and by arranging to pick up the full bags. They can also help to promote your litter picks through their social media channels. Guidance and support is available on DWP's website.

February was LGBT History Month and, on 12th February, North Dorset Councillors joined their colleagues in raising the Rainbow flag at the council offices. This symbolic gesture raises awareness of LGBT issues and demonstrates the Council's year round determination to help make Dorset a place for everyone, free of discrimination and barriers.

Cllr D Croney expressed how well Dorset County Council and local volunteers rallied together to try and make sure some roads were clear and ensuring that careers were able to get to their clients.

Cllr D Croney was asked to define the meaning of affordable housing. Cllr Croney explained that at the moment, affordable housing is rented Social Housing. It is proposed for the future that affordable housing will be listed as houses that are affordable for local people to buy, not Social Housing.

The full report can be obtained by the Clerk or on the Parish Council Website - ww.iwerneminster.info

17/128 Finance.

The Payment schedule for February 2018 is for the sum of £713.50, with an additional payment for Parish Magazine Printing for the sum of £75.50. It was agreed to add this to February's payments. It was proposed by Cllr P Le Prevost and seconded by Cllr C Nadin that the bills presented on the schedule should be paid.

17/129 To consider other parish matters.

Environmental Protection: Cllr Nadin reported the following:

- Reported that if residents would like to put stone on the verges outside their home, please be aware that there are guide lines to follow. The stone need to be placed at least 450 Millimetres away from the road side and also to make sure that the stones can be clearly seen.
- Any volunteers are welcome to help clear some brambles at the rear of the Village Club. Please contact Cllr Nadin.

Highways: Cllr B O'Luanaigh reported the following:

- The potholes in the village have been reported, especially next to the drain outside the village shop.
- Mr Roland Skeats from Dorset County Council Highways Team has been asked to look at the condition of some of the roads in the village. Some of the roads are in need of re-surfacing, not just filling holes. Mr Skeats will look into this and report back.
- A member of the public reported that a manhole cover near Brooks House has been damaged, this will be reported to County Council.

Recreation: Cllr P Le Prevost reported the following:

- A tile that was blown off the Tap House roof, has been repaired.
- The Village Maintenance programme has been looked at. It has been suggested that the public grassed area at Oakwood Drive, be added to the grass cutting schedule. This will be added if the new residents do not wish to cut the grass in this area.
- Mr Richard Hood has put up a dog post, for people to tie their dogs up, while their children play in the play area.

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

- Nothing to report.

Village and District Liaison: Cllr Jones reported the following:

- After the meeting in February, concerns were expressed over the verges in the village. Cllr Jones wrote to the Police and Dorset County Council. This is the response from Paul Thatcher, Dorset Highways Officer - We have had many verges blighted this time of year across Dorset by inconsiderate drivers. Verges will always recover come spring time, and although this will not be pleasing to the eye it is happening everywhere. Most of the damaged verges are actually part of the highway are not the persons property behind it, the code of practice which we adhere to on verge defects is quite high before an enforcement is issued. Most markers that people put out are plastic flexible one and must be 450mm back from the edge of the road, I would not recommend rocks that are grey and hidden as the person placing them on the edge of the highway will be liable should anything happen.

Neighbourhood Development Plan: Nothing to report

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

- Thanked the Snow Patrol Team for their hard work, they did an amazing job. Hopefully the grit bins will be re-filled very soon.
- Please note that de-icing products such as road salt and grit are a potential danger to your dog's paws and health. They contain a chemical de-icing product that can lead to chemical burns on the skin if exposed to prolonged contact. Avoid walking your dog over gritted surfaces where possible, and if your dog or cat has been into contact with gritted surfaces, wash and dry paws off thoroughly after contact.
- The new dog protection order consultation has now finished. A report will be circulated once received.

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

- The Speed Watch team will resume their watches on the 6th March 2018.
- The Speed Watch team need to look at re-positioning their watch at Tower Hill, once the 20mph signs have been installed.

17/130 To consider DAPTC matters. Cllr M Jones reported the following:

Nothing to report.

17/131 To consider any other matters and recent correspondence. Correspondence had been circulated. Cllr Nadin reported that a provisional date has been set for the installation of the 20MPH signs, for the 6th April 2018.

Agenda items for next meeting – TBC

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be **TUESDAY** the **3rd April 2018 at 7pm.**

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.30 pm

Chairman

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