

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

Present: - Cllr M Jones – Chairman – Cllr P Le Prevost – Vice Chairman, Cllr B O’Luanaigh, Cllr S Trim and Cllr K O’Connor
NDDC & DCC Cllr D Croney

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips – Clerk, 10 members of the public, Amanda Scott from Cranborne Chase AONB ‘Chasing Stars’ project.

At this point the Chairman asked everyone to stand in remembrance of Peter Dutch.

Cllr K O’Connor introduced Amanda Scott, who is promoting a bid for international Dark Sky reserve status in the AONB. Amanda gave a presentation and the following details on the reasons for asking for our support toward the bid for the reserve status.

- Cranborne Chase AONB is applying to become an international dark sky reserve.
- There are currently only 13 in the world, including 4 in the UK and they are protected for their scientific, natural, educational, cultural, heritage and public enjoyment.
- The core areas need to meet minimum criteria for sky quality.
- There is **no** additional layer of statutory planning and is **not** about not having lights but using the right lights in the right place.
- AONB already considers lighting quality when responding to planning applications and encourages good practice through engagements and information.
- 85% of the UK population has never seen a truly dark sky or seen the Milky Way, 1 billion pounds is wasted through wasted light in the UK.
- Light pollution disrupts nocturnal wildlife and effects our health and wellbeing.
- A satellite map showing a picture of how much light is spilling up into the night sky was tabled.
- The benefits of dark sky reserve status are focusing on reducing light pollution, save energy – 830,000t of CO₂ Pollution per year, enjoyment and education, boost for local economy and benefits human and wildlife health.
- We can all help by fully shielding outside lights, so that they only point downwards, use max 40w bulb or 500 lumens or less, use warm bulb temperature, no higher than 3,000 Kelvin, install motion sensors or timers.

Further details can be found at www.chasingstars.org.uk, or contact the office direct on 01725517417.

There will be events held on the Tuesday 13th November at Ansty Pick Your Own from 7pm and Thursday the 13th December at Charlton Remembrance Hall from 7pm, it is £5.00 entry for adults, children go free
Cllr K O’Connor thanked Amanda for a very interesting and thought provoking talk.

Public Questions:

There were none.

18/72 To take any apologies. Cllr J Hooper

18/73 Declarations of Interests and Requests for Dispensation.

There were none.

18/74 Co-option for new member.

Nobody came forward.

18/75 Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st October 2018.

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

18/76 To consider planning/tree applications received by NDDC. Cllr B O’Luanaigh reported the following:

2/2018/0892/FUL – Brookmans Farm Bungalow – change of use – **approved by NDDC.**

2/2018/1175/TP TREE T1 - Lombardy Poplar - Reduce crown by 7m due to bifurcation at the base of crown. - Old Preston House – **refused by Tree Officer.**

2/2018/1526/TP TREE – Clayesmore School - T1 - Horse Chestnut - reduce height by 7m, reduce crown by 30% to bring overall better shape -**approved by Tree Officer.**

2/2018/1384/CATREE - T1 - Conifer - Fell to low stump - Wendover Watery Lane – **recommend conifer is removed and replaced with another tree.**

2/2018/1302/CATREE - T1 - Conifer - Fell - Netherton Higher Street – **approved by tree officer.**

Fences at 24 and 26 Oakwood Drive.

These are being investigated by the enforcement officer from NDDC: Mr L Fry.

18/77 to receive NDDC Cllr report: Cllr Croney had circulated the following report: these are bullet points from the report, the full report can be seen on the Parish Council’s website.

Planning: Local Government Reorganisation planning matters continue as usual, with applications, appeals and tree orders proceeding as usual. The delays which we were experiencing in validating applications have now largely been cleared and validations are back on track. At its meeting on 29th October Cabinet agreed that Pimperne's Neighbourhood Plan should go to referendum. Work continues on the review of the North Dorset Local Plan, alongside the Local Plans for the other districts.

The new Council will be required to produce a new Local Plan for the whole Dorset Council area within 5 years.

Sales of Council land: NDDC's plans to sell Shaftesbury Cattle Market., a local group applied to lodge a Judicial Review of this decision, but the courts refused permission for the review, saying there was no arguable case. The sale of the site, to a low-cost supermarket, can now go ahead. The plans for the development of the Nordon site in Blandford will be considered by the planning committee shortly. Okeford Fitzpaine Parish Council would like to take ownership of a plot of NDDC owned land in the centre of the village on which the Council would like to build homes. The plans are currently subject to a planning appeal so nothing further can be decided until that appeal has run its course. The Council has to balance the long term benefits for current and future residents against the different, but equally carefully thought out, wishes of some local groups.

Towards the New Dorset Council: You are all now receiving the *Town and Parish Newsletter* with information on the progress of the Shadow Council. Information is also available on the Shadow website dorsetareacouncils.wordpress.com. The twenty Members who make up the Shadow Executive Committee, of which Sherry is one, are taking the lead in developing a Vision and a Statement of Design Principles for the new Council; setting the strategic priorities and outcomes and designing the operating model. Members are also designing a new decision making framework, including a constitution, procedural rules, scheme of delegation; committee structure and rules of engagement.

Business as Usual: The enormous amount of work involved in building the new Council, the work of delivering front line services continues uninterrupted.

Cabinet, last week, agreed a *Dog Related Public Spaces Protection Order* which will give the Council, and local communities, the opportunity to introduce greater controls to curtail dog fouling in public spaces. Some Parish Councils have particular issues with this so these new powers should help.

North Dorset Business Day will be held on 16th November in the Exchange in Sturminster. This is a business to business networking day, with workshops. Further details are on Dorset for you website. On 19th October we held the second Google Digital Garage offering free support and advice to over 60 local businesses.

Dorset Waste Partnership has teamed up with charity Ideas2Action to produce *We Need That, Dorset's Reuse Directory*, which lists not for profit organisations which need items which are commonly thrown away. More information can be seen at www.ideas2action.org.uk. It remains our aim to maintain services seamlessly right up until the transfer and to "finish well" on behalf of NDDC.

Cllr Croney reported that a team is working to reverse the decision for St Martins in Gillingham to be disposed as an asset of Dorset County Council.

18/78 Chairman's report.

Nothing to report.

18/79 Finance

The Payment schedule for October was tabled, with three late invoices, for Downie Clean, BD Engineering, Mr P Le Prevost, the new total is for £2516.69. It was proposed by Cllr M Jones and Cllr P Le Prevost that the bills presented on the schedule should be paid. All agreed.

The Clerk had circulated the proposed budget for 2019-2020 for the Council's consideration. After debate, it was proposed by Cllr P Le Prevost and seconded by Cllr B O'Lunaigh that the Parish Council set their precept at £18,000.00 and increase of £500.00 – 2.86% for 2019-2020, this was agreed by all members.

RESOLVED: set Iwerne Minster Parish Council's precept for 2019-2020 at £18,000.00 (18-77, Budget).

18/80 To consider other parish matters.

Environmental Protection: Cllr Jones reported the following:

It is intended to spray against the 'Blandford Fly', as soon as a licensed spray was available.

Highways: Cllr Jones reported the following:

- Maintenance work has been done along Watery Lane and Post Office Road.

Recreation: Cllr P Le Prevost reported the following:

- The 'hedge cutter' has been instructed to cut the hedge in the recreation area.
- A report had been received that older children have been seen trying to camp on the Parish Field without permission. Signs have now been put up stating that no camping is permitted, and Clayesmore School have been asked to speak to their pupils.
- The rocking horse has been removed for repairs and the notice boards are also being repaired.
- There are two best village 2017 plaques in the Village, one is on the Tap House and the other is in the entrance of the pub.
- Mr Ron Benfield was unable to attend the 'Nationals' himself, but did send some plants, which were well received. Further details will be produced in the Newsletter.
- The Village Club has asked for the Parish Council to give permission to move the scalplings out 1 metre, so that vehicles will not hit the new steps on the building. The Council agreed in principal to pay for the work to move the scalplings, Cllr P Le Prevost will circulate the cost for the attentions of the Councillors.
- The Village Club asked for permission of the Council to erect a 10 x 6 foot shed for much needed storage. It was proposed by Cllr B O'Lunaigh and seconded by Cllr S Trim that permission is granted, this was agreed by all members present.
 - **RESOLVED:** to give permission to the Village Club to erect a 10 x 6 foot shed for storage on the Parish Field. (18-78, no budgetary requirements).

Footpaths and Rights of Way: nothing to report:

Village and District Liaison: Cllr Jones reported the following:

- A new process for election polling for 2019 is that the voting slips will now be collected after the election and taken to Weymouth for counting. Concerns were expressed over the security required if the voting slips are not collected on the day of the vote and just left in the village hall. The Clerk will investigate this matter and report back.

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

- Had attended a Walking for Health Course, which will be launched in the village in January. The statistics show that there is health benefit of walking for 30minutes a week.
- Brochures are available for advice and support from Independent Age, they cover, Home Security, Home Safety, Winter Wise and Scamwise. If you know of anyone that could benefit from this information, please ring Cllr Kerry O'Connor on 01747 811155, who is happy to drop off a leaflet.

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

The Speed Watch team achieved 10 watches in October. 3600 cars were seen, 145 were speeding and the average speed of speeding vehicles was 38.9MPH. 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. Mr Peters had sent a detailed report to the Chairman, if anyone would like a copy of the report, please contact the Clerk.

18/81 To consider DAPTC matters. Cllr M Jones reported the following:

The DAPTC AGM will be held this Saturday, a report will be given at the next meeting.

18/82 To consider any other matters and recent correspondence. Correspondence had been circulated

Cllr S Trim tabled details of a free service for training people to use their electronic device, laptop, tablet etc. Dorset County Council will be holding courses at Gillingham Library and Sturminster Newton Learning centre, please call 01305 221048 for more information and to book in.

The Clerk tabled information regarding the local government boundary commission, final recommendations. Details can be seen at www.lgbce.org.uk.

A member of the public had asked if anyone in the village was having difficulties with their tv signal since the new mobile phone aerial has been up and running. Members of the public and Council confirmed that some people have stated that there seems to be interference from the 02/Vodafone mast.

Clerk to investigate. It was also suggested that residents contact 02/Vodafone to complain.

Agenda items for next meeting – Co-option

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be **Monday** the 3rd December 2018 at 7pm

The meeting will be held at the Abingdon Hall

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.36 pm

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