

Minutes of a Meeting of Iwerne Minster Parish Council held in the Abingdon Hall on the 6th February 2017.

Present: Cllr J Hooper – Chairman, Cllr M Jones – Vice Chairman, Cllr Evans, Cllr C Nadin and Cllr P Le Prevost

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips – Clerk and 13 members of the public.

Public Questions: The following items were raised:

Mr David Calderwood introduced himself, he will be taking over the production of the village News Letter and will be requesting the annual donation from the Parish Council at the meeting in March.

16/90 To take any apologies: Cllr B O’Luanaigh, Cllr K O’Connor and County Cllr Deborah Croney sent their apologies.

16/91 Declarations of Interests and Requests for Dispensation. There were none.

16/92 Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd January 2017.

It was proposed by Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr C Nadin that the minutes were a true and accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

16/93 Matters arising from the minutes.

A350 Community Group Meeting proposal: Cllr Nadin gave a report from the A350 Community Group that met in January at Iwerne Minster requested by DCC Highways and County Councillor Deborah Croney. The following points were tabled:

- 2017 – remedial retexturing, resurfacing and some limited drainage works to the A350 as part of the 2017 DCC Maintenance Programme. (The only deliverable option at present)
- 2018/2019 – TRO’s to change speed limits/create village gateways/make HGV one way system permanent IF Challenge Fund bid is successful.
- 2025+ - Strategic Route M4 to Port of Poole IF proposals are accepted within Dft’s RIS 2/3 schemes. We are dismayed that yet again the timeframe for the publication of the initial study has been delayed. Numerous dates have been given but on each occasion these have been continually pushed back.

The group have advised DCC and the district and county councillors that we will seek your views before responding to their presentation and proposals. The group do not believe it is right for the A350 Community Group to intervene in the consultation process each parish will have in respect of their own requirements in the speed limit/village gateway proposals IF the Challenge Fund bid is successful. However, at a later date and if the bid looks viable it would be useful to have an overview to “link” the village schemes.

There are many queries, especially surrounding the one way system. Those of us that have been involved since Dinah’s Hollow was closed initially in April 2014, (the catalyst for bringing us all together) will remember the 8 “solutions” that DCC compiled from suggestions in the media. All the parishes rejected these, one of which was the one way system. Fontmell Magna spent a considerable amount of time researching and preparing their own Traffic Management Scheme which was submitted to DCC and has been rejected in terms of cost on numerous occasions. Many of the aspects of the latest DCC proposals are remarkably similar to the Fontmell Magna TMS. The group have previously circulated the slides provided by DCC of their presentation for you to circulate and discuss within your parish. These have been included again as an attachment, together with an overview of the meeting and a copy of the Fontmell Magna Traffic Management scheme. The group also intend to seek meetings with councillors in the coming months prior to all important elections.

Actions required: Over the last few months we had assistance from Chris Nadin from Iwerne Minster Parish Council. Chris has a wealth of experience in many matters. Iwerne Minster PC has recently been successful in their long and drawn out bid to apply a TRO in their village reducing speed limits to 20mph. This experience will be especially useful to us as a group, should the Challenge Fund bid be successful.

For the moment however the group ask 2 things from your parish.

1. That you endorse that Chris Nadin joins the four of us in the A350 Community Group
2. That you let us know your initial views of the proposals

The Parish Council all agreed for Cllr Nadin to join the A350 Community Group.

Cllr Nadin reported the road closure of A357 at Durweston for bridge works, the road will be closed from the 1st May until the 5th August. Concern was expressed regarding the extra traffic that would be diverted onto the A350. This will be discussed further at the Parish Council meeting in March. He also reported that the Council had received an e-mail from Andrew Martin DCC Highways that stated that the necessary funding (£2.492 million) for the A350/C13 medium term solution had been secured from the National Productivity Investment Fund.

Action-Clerk

To consider approving policy for Freedom of Information request:

The Clerk had circulated a proposed Freedom of Information request policy, to be adopted by the Parish Council. After discussions, it was proposed, seconded and all agreed to adopt the policy.

RESOLVED: to adopt the Freedom of Information request policy for the Parish Council.

(2017/93 – no budgetary requirements)

16/94 To consider development management matters listed on the schedule.

Development Control Matters:

The Parish Council have not received any new applications this month.

Cllr Nadin reported the following:

North Dorset District Council has objected to the following application.

2/2016/1662/FUL - Land At E 386803 N 114222 Watery Lane Iwerne Minster Dorset.

The following application has been withdrawn: **2016/1790/HOUSE** – Martins, The Chalk – Single storey rear extension.

16/95 to receive NDDC Cllr report.

The report had been circulated and the full report can be obtained by the Clerk.

Bullet point from the report:

Vist-Dorset.co.uk is the official tourism website for Dorset and currently receives 2 million visits each year.

County Council Budget 2017/18 Because of the sustained reductions in funding, DCC decided that it has been and will continue to be necessary to increase council tax by 1.99% across the financial period which runs from 2016 – 2020. In addition to this, from 2016/17, Government allowed Local Authorities with social care responsibilities to levy up to an additional 2% on council tax as the Social Care Precept.

16/96 Chairman's report.

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council are considering changing their website. *Standing orders were removed to allow the members of public to have a say in this debate.*

After debate it was agreed that the Parish Council should have an easy to use and read website, with relevant details from the Council, with links to other organisations, which would be of interest or use for the public. This will be looked into.

Standing orders were re-instated.

16/97 Finance.

The payment schedule had been tabled, total cost for January 2017, £635.17. It was proposed by Cllr C Nadin and seconded by Cllr J Hooper that the bills presented on the schedule should be paid.

16/98 To consider other parish matters.

Environmental Protection: there was no report.

Highways: Cllr Nadin gave the following report:

- The problems with the drains in the village have been reported to Dorset County Council.

Recreation: Cllr P Le Prevost reported the following:

- The memorial bench had been damaged by a car, the bench is being repaired and the person responsible for the damage is happy to pay for the repairs.

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

- The footpath between Oyles Mill and Park Farm needs to be cleared, Dorset Ranger has agreed to do the work, which has not yet been completed.

Village and District Liaison: there was no report.

Parish/Neighbourhood Plans: Cllr Evans gave the following report:

- Work is continuing on producing the draft plan.
- Mr & Mrs Fermor tabled comments regarding the Brookmans Farm Bungalow Site, thanking Cllr Evans and Cllr Nadin for visiting them and for recognising the impact that the current plans would have on their property and agreeing that the plans will be revised to take account of the impact.

Community Resilience & Emergency Planning: Cllr P Le Prevost gave the following report:

- Cllr K O'Connor still needs more volunteers for the snow patrol for the Village. If you would like to volunteer to help, if we get any snow, please contact Nicky Phillips – Clerk at iwerneminster@dorset-aptc.gov.uk.

Homewatch/Speedwatch: The speed gun has been purchased for the speedwatch team. If anyone would like to join the speedwatch team, please contact the Clerk at iwerneminster@dorset-aptc.gov.uk, who will forward your details on to the team.

16/99 To consider DAPTC matters. No report was given.

16/100 To consider any other matters and recent correspondence.

All correspondence had been circulated and actioned.

A following letters were tabled:

- SSE Lighting – street lighting replacement consultation. Further information can be found on www.lightsonindorset.co.uk.
- SturQuest – White Hart Link Project – public rights of way regarding the project to link five towns in North Dorset by walking. Further information can be obtained from info@whitehartlink.uk.
- Simon Hoare MP – regarding Precepts caps. It was tabled that the Government will not be capping Parish Councils precepts.

Agenda items for next meeting — Grants - Road closure of A357 at Durweston for bridge works

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be **Parish Meeting on Monday 6th March 2017 at 7pm.**

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.00pm

Date Chairman,

Iwerne Minster Parish Council