

## **Minutes of a Meeting of Iwerne Minster Parish Council held in the Abingdon Hall on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016.**

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

**In attendance:** Mrs N Phillips – Clerk, 3 members of the public.

**Public Questions:** There were none.

**16/11 To take any apologies:** Cllr Hooper and Cllr O'Connor.

**16/12 Declarations of Interests and Requests for Dispensation.** There were none.

### **16/13 Minutes of the meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016.**

The minutes were amended, due to the incorrect date for the next meeting then they were proposed by Cllr Nadin and seconded by Cllr Le Prevost and all members agreed that minutes were a true and accurate record and were duly signed by the Vice-Chairman.

### **16/14 Matters arising from the minutes.**

Cllr Nadin reported that he has arranged a meeting with Deborah Croney, Cllr J Hooper, Andrew Martin (Head of Highways), Mike Potter (Safety Engineer) regarding the matter of the 20mph project. The meeting will take place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June. A report will be given at the next Parish Council meeting.

### **16/15 To consider development management matters listed on the schedule.**

#### **Development Control Matters:**

2/2016/0739/HOUSE – Chase Cottage – replace boiler – no objection.

2/2016/9696/CATREE – Long Acres – remove and cut back various trees – no objection.

### **16/16 Finance.**

The payment schedule had been tabled, total cost for May 2016, £812.35. It was proposed by Cllr P Le Prevost and seconded by Cllr M Jones, that the bills presented on the schedule should be paid.

### **16/17 To consider other parish matters.**

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

- The litter picking is still being done though out the village. Concerns were expressed over the overgrown tree at Ash Grove. The Clerk will contact the tree officer at NDDC.

Action Clerk

**Highways:** the following report was given by Cllr O'Luanaigh.

- Has reported pot holes around the village, which are now on Dorset County Council's work schedule.
- Dorset County Council is hoping to start work on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016 along Watery Lane.
- People are still parking along the Byway that leads to the Cricket Field. Signs have been put up saying no parking, these have been ignored so Dorset County Council has agreed to put official signs up at the area, stating that parking is not permitted.

**Recreation:** The following was reported by Cllr Le Prevost:

- The recreation area maintenance is ongoing.
- The Iwerne Minster sign, which was outside the Tap House is being repaired.
- A mole catcher has been working on the recreation area, one has been caught so far.
- The replacement benches are being sorted.
- It was agreed for Cllr Le Prevost to purchase two new goal nets for the recreation area.

**Footpaths and Rights of Way:** The following was reported by Cllr Le Prevost on behalf of Cllr Hooper:

- Cllr Hooper has had a meeting with Iwerne Estate to talk about the conditions of their footpaths and the gate of Marsh Lane. It was confirmed that the gate at Marsh Lane will not be locked and the footpaths will be looked at.

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

- Dorset for you website has changed its address to [www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk](http://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk).
- Queen's birthday celebrations are being held on Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> June at the Parish Field. It will be a great day.

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

- A grant for £5206.00 has been applied for this financial year.
- There will be three open meetings to be held at Abingdon Hall on the 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> September, these will be drop in days for residents to come and see the progress on the Neighbourhood Plan.

**Community Resilience & Emergency Planning:** Nothing to report:

**Homewatch/Speedwatch:** Cllr O'Luanaigh Speed watch teams very active in the village. Geoff Peters has recently acquired two freestanding No Excuse signs from the police. These signs can be erected when a speed watch team are doing a watch or perhaps a more permanent position may be found for one of the signs. It was also reported that signs have been put up for Heavy Goods Drivers, to ask them to use the A350 north bound and the C13 south bound. They are also told this at Poole Port and Portsmouth Port.

**16/18 To consider DAPTC matters.** Cllr M Jones reported that he had attended two meetings with DAPTC where the following matters were raised:

- NDDC seem to be holding up their participation in submitted Neighbourhood Plans. They say this is due to lack of staff, which will be looked into.
- Dorset County Council have had their budgets cut by 30%, which they state will only enable them to manage statutory requirements. DAPTC will be producing a list of what they feel are statutory requirements from the County Council, and then compare it to their list.

**16/10 To consider any other matters arising from recent correspondence.**

All correspondence had been circulated and actioned.

Report from Dorset and County Councillor D Croney:

**Combined Authority Proposals:** Dorset's Councils' Leaders commissioned a review of the Governance arrangements of councils' work on economic development and transport. The review required an examination of Dorset's economy. The reviews concluded that Dorset's economy is relatively self-contained and that current arrangements could be improved, with a combined authority offering the greatest advantages. Stakeholder consultation has been carried out, with a wide range of views obtained. Overall there is limited support for no change, with the majority of respondents supporting the creation of a combined authority. The formation of a new Government following the May 2015 general election has given a renewed emphasis to alternative forms of governance in both city and county areas. The major advantages of a combined authority for Dorset lie in getting more favourable treatment from Government, being a national player, saving money with more effective focusing of efforts, getting better deals and avoiding internal (to Dorset) competition, and bridging the gaps between policy, project planning and implementation of jointly agreed priorities. It is also a pre requisite for subsequently approaching and negotiating with Government on any devolution deal. If councils agree to support the creation of a combined authority then a compelling case has to be made to Government, along with a draft scheme setting out the combined authority's scope and form of operation. A parliamentary order is required to establish a combined authority and the likelihood is that a combined authority for Dorset could start operations during 2016/17.

Alongside the development of any combined authority work is also proceeding on the practical operation. Officer support in conjunction with the Local Economic Partnership (LEP) will be responsible for delivering economic development functions, through a proposed Growth Unit. Dorset has a good case to put to Government. There is a strong track record of cooperation and achievement. This includes the Dorset Waste Partnership, the development of a single Local Transport Plan, Better Together Health services provision and a single Public Health Service, a

range of joint working on planning and housing evidence and policies and a shared Learning and Skills service. In addition there is a clear and positive relationship with a single LEP also focused just on Dorset. Bringing together the functions that drive and support economic growth and taking collective decisions which guide individual actions is an important next step. Although Dorset's economy is stronger than that found in some other parts of the country, it is under performing on its potential and with it, the contribution made to the national economy. Productivity is especially low and Dorset's challenge is to tackle the deficiencies in infrastructure (both physical and technological), skills, and wage levels that result in low productivity, whilst protecting the environment and quality of life. In short, the case to Government for a combined authority for Dorset needs to focus on delivering better infrastructure, skills and productivity and at the same time identify any flexibilities and freedoms required from Government. The detailed case for this is currently being formed and is out to wider public consultation until 17th June. Further detailed information can be found on the [dorsetforyou.com](http://dorsetforyou.com) website with the on line consultation -

**Public and School Transport:** Dorset County Council is currently consulting a wide range of people about the proposals to reduce public transport subsidy a further £1m and will also need to reduce the cost of school transport services by £850k. The results of this consultation will help to decide how to proceed with the review and help to form the future shape of Dorset's transport network. You can have your say on Dorset's future transport network by completing the questionnaire. The consultation runs for eight weeks, ending on 22 July 2016. The outcome of this review will be implemented in summer 2017.

DCC propose to prioritise remaining subsidy on those core routes that are able to serve the most people and contribute the most to the economic wellbeing of the county. Core routes are the regular interurban services that link Dorset's towns and serve around 80% of Dorset's population. They also propose to open many more school services for use by the public, ensuring rural residents can access Dorset's market towns. DCC propose to work closely with community transport operators, community groups and councillors to develop Dorset's community transport network and also to work closely with operators to attempt to secure rural 'in-fill' routes. In-fill routes are rural services that operate between school opening and closing times, making use of empty vehicles travelling to and from schools services. The services due to be most affected will be the more rural routes so please do contact me directly with specific individual concerns you may. Impacts to individual circumstances will need to be highlighted to the County Council.

The questionnaire can be found at: <https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=146435619248>

#### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be **Parish Meeting on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 7pm.** There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.15

Date Chairman,

Iwerne Minster Parish Council