

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

Present: Cllr J Hooper – Chairman, Cllr M Jones – Vice Chairman, Cllr Evans, Cllr C Nadin, Cllr B OLuanaigh and Cllr K O'Connor.

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips – Clerk and 10 members of the public. County Cllr Deborah Croney

Public Questions: The following items were raised:

A question was asked to define the AONB (area of outstanding natural beauty) for the village. Cllr Nadin confirmed that there is an AONB on pretty well everything east of A350 and the village, the majority of Iwerne Minster is in an AONB area including a small portion of Clayesmore and Oakwood Drive on the west side of the A350, details are to be found in the Village Design Statement.

It was reported that the DT11 group is now closed due to withdrawal of funding from Local Government.

Questions regarding the Neighbourhood Plan will be discussed under agenda item 9.

16/101 To take any apologies: Cllr P Le Prevost.

16/102 Declarations of Interests and Requests for Dispensation.

Cllr Nadin declared a personal interest under agenda item 5 – Planning application no 0184.

16/103 Minutes of the meeting held on the 6th February 2017.

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

16/104 Matters arising from the minutes.

Road Closure of A357 at Durweston for bridge works. Cllr D Croney reported that due to proposed road work along the A350 and C13 in the summer, which is a priority, the work on the bridge has been postponed. This will also allow mitigation to be implemented before the commencement of work, thus ensuring minimal disruption.

Grants. The Clerk tabled a grant application from CAB. After debate it was proposed, seconded and all agreed to award CAB £100.00 grant for 2016/17.

RESOLVED: to award £100.00 for the local CAB. (16/04 Grants)

16/105 To consider development management matters listed on the schedule.

Development Control Matters:

2/2017/0184/HOUSE The Hollow – erect two storey extension – No objection.

2/2017/1775/FUL St Mary's Church – 4 antennas – No objection.

2/2017/0318/CATREE – Orchard House – tree works – Support the tree officers decision.

2/2017/0190/TPTREE – Brentwood – fell sycamore – Support the tree officers decision.

2/2017/0219/CATREE – Thatchways – fell beech – Support the tree officers decision.

16/106 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:

COUNCIL TAX

NDDC: has raised its council tax by £5 per year for a Band D property, bringing the District Council tax to £121.96 for a Band D dwelling. We have been and remain one of the lowest council tax charging authorities in the country, in the lowest ten.

The Dorset Councils Partnership: continues to bring capacity, skills and financial savings. So, although this a challenging time for Local Government, the story from North Dorset District Councils remains largely positive and we feel broadly optimistic about our "reorganised" future.

Local Government Reorganisation:

This continues to be the most important issue across all the Dorset councils, with work now proceeding apace. The submission to set up two new unitary councils for Dorset has now gone to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, from the six council which supported the proposal (Bournemouth, Poole, Dorset County, North Dorset, West Dorset and Weymouth &

Portland). The two new unitary councils will be based on these existing local authority areas: • Unitary A: Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (including the services currently provided by Dorset County Council in Christchurch).

• Unitary B: East Dorset, North Dorset, Purbeck, West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland (including the services currently provided by Dorset County Council in this area).

The Secretary of State is expected to determine his views during March, with Parliamentary Orders prepared for consideration in Parliament during the summer for approval by December 2017. In January 2018 an Implementation Executive will be appointed and throughout 2018 transitional arrangements for services, staff and assets will be underway. In February 2019, as their first formal act, the new councils will set their budgets and in April 2019 the new councils will become operational.

Community Led Housing Development: The Government announced a £60million fund to support community-led housing development in areas with a high number of second homes.

Keeping Hill Forts tidy: The Great British Spring Clean will be held on 3-5 March.

16/107 Chairman's report. There was nothing to report.

16/108 Finance.

The payment schedule had been tabled, £ 515.15 total cost for February 2017. It was proposed by Cllr Nadin and seconded by Cllr Jones that the bills presented on the schedule should be paid.

16/109 To consider other parish matters.

Environmental Protection: Cllr Nadin reported that there has been a lot of heavy rainfall, which has caused flooding outside the Talbot and on the corner of Church Hill. These areas have been reported to Highways, as the drains need to be cleaned/repaired.

Highways: Cllr OLuanaigh reported that he has also contacted the Highways Team and has requested that they make further investigations on why the drain outside the Talbot is a slow running drain.

Potholes in the village have been reported.

Recreation: Cllr Jones asked the Clerk to confirm that the Recreation and Play area could have a No Dog Order placed on the land. The Clerk confirmed that this could be requested, it would then have a legal title. Cllr O'Connor has produced some very good signs to put up in the Play Area and Recreation area, stating that these areas are not for dogs. Cllr O'Connor suggested that the Council consider putting a Dog Park on the edge of the play area, so that dog could be tied up securely, while parents can look after their children in the Play Area. The Council agreed to look into this as a project.

Footpaths and Rights of Way: Nothing to report.

Village and District Liaison: Cllr Jones reported that he has concerns over Business rate increase for the area. Until the budget at Central Government is announced on Wednesday, an increase cannot be confirmed.

Cllr Jones stated that once the mobile phone masts are up and running in the village, BT may remove the public phone from the box and ask the Parish Council to adopt the kiosk. This will be a future project, but ideas need to be discussed if the Council adopt the kiosk, what would it be used for?

At this point standing orders were withdrawn.

Parish/Neighbourhood Plans: There were a lot of questions asked from the public regarding the timing of future progress of the Neighbourhood Development Plan. Concerns were also expressed over making sure all residents are fully up to date with the progress of the Plan. Cllr Evans stated that details are published through the Village Magazine, which goes to each household. Information is also updated on the website <http://www.imndp.org.uk/Home/PlanDetails>. Cllr Evans tabled the following update:

Neighbourhood Development Plan

Update on progress and future actions. March 2017

The committee are getting close to producing the Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan for Parish Council and Village approval.

The committee have become increasingly aware of the pressure being put on other councils by Estate Agents and large building companies to exploit loopholes in the NDP plans that have either

been produced, or are in the production phase. They represent the majority's wishes, as expressed in the questionnaire and public meetings held in April of 2016 and we will resist the wishes of minority interests to destroy our village. In order to protect ourselves from any minority pressure we are spending extra time dotting every "i" and crossing every "t" as well as getting professional advice from a party who has first hand experience of loopholes being exposed before finalising the production of the draft NDP. The Committee has a responsibility to provide extra homes, but more importantly we have a village mandate to protect the identity of the village. We are determined to meet the wishes of the majority of the village.

A reminder of the steps that we still need to go through:

1. Prepare Draft Neighbourhood Plan.
2. Parish Council to approve draft.
3. Present Draft Plan to Iwerne Minster Parish residents and other key organisations (as required by the legislation) for consultation. This consultation has to run for a minimum of 6 weeks.
4. Analyse all the feedback, and re-draft the Plan
5. Parish Council to approve revised Plan.
6. Submit Plan to the District Council, who will organise its independent examination
7. North Dorset District Council and Parish Council consider any changes proposed by the Examiner
8. The District Council organises a referendum of Iwerne Minster Parish residents
9. Plan officially approved if supported by local people in the referendum vote.

The last four timescales are out of our control but hopefully we should have our Neighbourhood Plan in place before the end of 2017.

Community Resilience & Emergency Planning:

The Snow patrol has gained new members.

Homewatch/Speedwatch:

In February 98 vehicles were found speeding, the average speed of those speeding has gone up to 40 to 41 MPH. The Speedwatch are looking for additional members, if you are interested in supporting this very worthwhile scheme, please contact the Parish Council or Cllr B OLunaigh.

16/110 To consider DAPTC matters.

Cllr Jones reported at a recent DAPTC meeting, where Debbie Ward, Dorset County Council Chief Executive, gave a presentation on the proposed two unitary authorities. Full details can be found at www.futuredorset.co.uk.

16/111 To consider any other matters and recent correspondence.

All correspondence had been circulated and actioned.

The Clerk reported that the war memorial cleaning will start week commencing Monday the 13th March.

Cllr Nadin gave the following update regarding the A350/C13.

- A consultation will be taking place for proposals to improve the A350 from Shaftesbury to Blandford Forum.
- The A 350 South of Fontmell Magna will be re-textured and re-surfaced North from Fontmell Magna.
- Repairs to all drainage.
- County Council are looking for suggestions for new signage/pinch points and road marking in the village.
- Consideration is also being given to reducing/extending speed limits.

Agenda items for next meeting — end of year accounts

At this point the Chairman asked everyone to stand in remembrance of Andrew Domoney and Mrs Karen Chainey.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be **Parish Meeting on Monday 3rd April 2017 at 7pm.**

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.50pm

Date Chairman,

Iwerne Minster Parish Council