

Minutes of a Meeting of Iwerne Minster Parish Council held in the Abingdon Hall on the 7th January 2019.

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

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips – Clerk, North Dorset & County Councillor D Croney and 18 members of the public.

**The Chairman opened the meeting by wishing everyone a Happy New Year.
Before the meeting proper the Chairman outlined the position of the Parish Council regarding the planning application at Cleff House.**

Public Questions:

The matter of spring water rising on the footpath near to the Play Area was raised by a member of the public. It was confirmed that this and other matters will be discussed at a meeting arranged with Dorset County Council Highways Department this week.

Cllr Le Prevost reported on the footpath N65/21 leading from Watery Lane to Preston Hill - Wessex Internet has started laying a cable along the whole length between Brookmans Valley and Watery Lane. They gave no prior warning and it looks and is in a terrible state. The work stopped when the occupier of Brookmans Old Farm asked them to, as the work they were doing made their house shake. They spoke to James Gibson-Fleming, a director of Wessex Internet, as well as the operative on site concerned who said that Wessex had the permission of the private owner of the land concerned, i.e. Iwerne Estate. Where the footpath is concerned, apparently, they don’t have to advise anyone before they start any works. The owners Brookmans have been told by Wessex Internet that the work will continue, but that all digging will be done by hand. It was agreed for the Clerk to write to Wessex Internet, expressing that the Council has concerns over the state the land has been left in and the lack of notice given. A copy will also be sent to Iwerne Estate.

Action - Clerk

18/94 To take any apologies. Cllr J Hooper

18/95 Declarations of Interests and Requests for Dispensation.

There were none.

18/96 Co-option for new member.

The Clerk asked the members of the public present if anyone is interested in joining the Parish Council as a Councillor. Mr John Goodliffe expressed his interest in becoming a Councillor for the Parish Council. Mr Goodliffe stated that he would like to help with the preservation of the Village. Cllr P Le Prevost proposed that Mr Goodliffe be co-opted as a new Councillor for Iwerne Minster Parish Council, this was seconded by Cllr Jones, all members in favour.

RESOLVED: Mr John Goodliffe to be co-opted as a new Councillor for Iwerne Minster Parish Council.

(18/96 – no budgetary requirements required)

18/97 Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd December 2018.

The minutes were proposed by Cllr K O’Connor and seconded by Cllr S Trim, that they were a true and accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

The Clerk had circulated the Parish Council’s code of Conduct, which had been amended in December 2018. The Clerk asked for the Councillors to confirm their understanding of the Code of Conduct and the Declarations of interest and dispensation. The members all confirmed their understanding and the amended Code of Conduct was proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr O’Connor all members agreed.

RESOLVED: that the members confirmed their understanding and the amended Code of Conduct was agreed.
(18/97 – no budgetary provision required).

Milestones: It was agreed that the Chairman would liaise with the Clerk over this.

Councillor roles:

Cllr Le Prevost had circulated a proposed list of Councillors responsibilities. Cllr Le Prevost read out the list of responsibilities and confirmed with each Councillor their roles. The following has been agreed.

Area of Responsibility

Personnel Officer:

Responsible Financial Officer:

Development Management:

Highways & Care/Oversight of village assets:

IT Officer:

Recreation:

Footpaths & Rights of Way:

Village and District Liaison and DAPTC Matters:

Abingdon Hall Reps.

Community Resilience, Environmental Protection, Emergency Planning:

Speed Watch: TBC

A350 Community Group:

Primary Officer Secondary Officer

Chairman

Clerk

Cllr O’Luanaigh Cllr Trim

Cllr Le Prevost Cllr Hooper

Cllr Trim

TBA Cllr Le Prevost

Cllr Hooper

Cllr Jones

Cllr Jones, Cllr O’Luanaigh & Cllr Le Prevost

Cllr O’Connor

Cllr O’Luanaigh, Cllr Le Prevost & Cllr Hooper

Further discussion took place as to who would take over areas relating to: Stream Clean, Noticeboards, Litter Picks and Homewatch.

It was agreed that Mr C.Nadin would remain on the A350 Group.

18/98 To consider planning/tree applications received by NDDC. Cllr O'Lunaigh reported the following:

2/2018/1103/HOUSE – Ismay Cottage – retrospective approval was requested for a Design Studio – NDDC planning committee and have granted approval with recommendation that there is planting to screen the studio from near neighbours.

2/2018/1522/FUL – Thatchways – erect 3 no dwellings – this application will now be seen by NDDC Planning Committee later in the month or early February.

2/2018/1571/AGBFU - Notification of change of use of an agricultural building Godmans Farm Mower Lane- NDDC have approved this application.

24 Oakwood Drive – the enforcement officer has instructed the owner to reduce the fence by .2 meters by the 31st January 2019.

26 Oakwood Drive – concerns have been raised over the planting of Laurel bushes behind the cut down trees, some six foot closer to the A350. This will be reported to the enforcement officer for his attention.

2/2017/0541/FUL - Car Barn-Store – a resident has expressed concerns over a door which has been put in the building, which is not on the application. They have reported it to the enforcement officer.

Cleff House – the Council received an application on the 3rd January for nine houses to be built, it was felt that there was not enough time to view the application in full before this meeting, so **discussion on the application will be deferred until the Parish Council meeting on the 4th February 2019.**

4 The Paddocks – approval granted to fell dead Japanese Cherry/Apple tree.

18/99 to receive NDDC Cllr report: Cllr Croney had circulated the following report:

C13 Temporary Closure: Just a brief reminder that the C13 will be closed for 12 weeks to undertake improvement works to the junction near the airfield and at Spread Eagle Hill. So, please anticipate that traffic will be increased on the A350 during this period. A weight restriction for Tower Hill was suggested Cllr Croney explained, "This was in hand".

The Chairman asked if there had been any news on the access for Clayesmore School Leisure centre for the general public. Cllr Croney confirmed that the access is still very restricted. It was noted that the access at the moment is an hour on Wednesdays and the general public will need to check the timetable for Saturday and Sunday access.

18/100 Chairman's report.

The Chairman would like the Council to confirm that they are still happy for Mr Ian Watson to supply a much-needed new Website for the Parish Council. The Chairman proposed that Mr Ian Watson supplies the Parish Council with a new website, this was seconded by Cllr O'Connor and all members agreed.

RESOLVED; for Mr Ian Watson to supply the Parish Council with a new website (18/100 – website)

18/101 Finance

The Payment schedule for December was tabled for the total of £1569.51. 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 Chairman would like it to be noted that the AED project was not a Parish Council project and was solely completed by local residents, so a very special thank you goes out to all involved.

18/102 To consider other parish matters.

Environmental Protection: It was reported that:

- A meeting will be held this week with Cllr Deborah Croney and members of Dorset County Council Highways Department, to try and resolve issues with flooding, potholes and other matter that have been raised in and around the village, including Shute Lane. The Cllr meeting with Cllr Croney will be Cllr O'Lunaigh.

Highways: Cllr Jones reported the following:

- Potholes and blocked drains are continuing to be reported to Dorset County Council and if anyone sees an issue that needs reporting, please visit Dorset For You website or contact the Clerk.

Recreation: Cllr P Le Prevost reported the following:

- Maintenance on the play equipment will continue in the better weather.
- Instructions have been given to cut the Parish Field hedge back.

Footpaths and Rights of Way:

- It was noted that the mislaid footpath sign by the Cricket Field still has not been replaced by County Council. The Clerk will speak to Cllr Hooper to chase this matter up.
- The steps leading from Church Path to Church Hill are very slippery and need to be repaired/replaced. The Clerk will speak to Cllr Hooper to find out to whom to report this matter.

Village and District Liaison: Cllr Jones reported the following:

- Thanks to the Newsletter team, it is going from strength to strength, and due to an article regarding the Phone Box, suggestions have been put forward by a resident.
- A consultation is out for a proposal for a new approach to building to be adopted across government departments, the consultation closes on the 17th February 2019, it can be viewed and commented on at:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposal-for-a-new-approach-to-building-call-for-evidence>.

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

- PLEASE, PLEASE, CLEAN UP YOUR DOG'S MESS. Unfortunately, there seem to have been an increase in dog mess being left in the village. The Parish Council may need to consider a by-law in the village and a fine

process for those that do not pick up after their dogs. This will be monitored and discussed further in future meetings

- Cllr O'Connor also drew attention to the need to wash dog paws if they had been in contact with the grit used in snowy weather.

Speed watch: The Clerk tabled an email from Mr G Peters, details following:

The Speed Watch team achieved 8 watches in December. Particular concern was expressed over the speeding traffic on Tower Hill. On the A350 1457 cars were seen, 54 were speeding and the average speed of vehicles was 38.5 MPH. 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.

18/103 To consider DAPTC matters. Cllr M Jones reported the following:

Nothing much to report due to the holiday period.

However, attention was drawn to the advice from DAPTC as to the way residents are shown in the Minutes. The Parish Council already follow this advice.

18/104 To consider any other matters and recent correspondence. Correspondence had been circulated Cllr Trim asked if anyone knew: "If there was a power cut in the village, whether it would affect the mobile phone mast". Mr Goodliffe reported that if the power at the Church went out, it would not affect the phone mast, but if there were to be a power cut of the whole village the mast would be affected.

Agenda item for the next meeting – Land at Cleff House

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be **Monday** the 4th February 2019 at 7pm.

The meeting will be held at the Abingdon Hall

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.21 pm

Chairman

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