

Minutes of a Meeting of Iwerne Minster Parish Council held in the Abingdon Hall on the 7th March 2016.

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

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips – Clerk, 5 members of the public.

Public Questions:

There were no questions or comments from the public.

15/103 To take any apologies: Cllr D Croney.

15/104 Declarations of Interests and Requests for Dispensation. There were none.

15/105 Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st February 2016.

The minutes 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 Chairman.

15/106 Matters arising from the minutes.

Reports will be covered under agenda item 9.

15/107 To receive a report from County and District Councillors. The members had been circulated a report from Cllr D Croney, the following main items were tabled:

- Council Tax - At its Annual Budget Council on 22 February NDDC agreed its budget for the financial year 2016/17 and agreed to raise the Council Tax for a Band D property by £5 per year, to £116.96 for the year.
- 16 young people have been given the opportunity to gain work skills and experience as Apprentices at North Dorset. Of these 11 successfully completed the course and now work in local Government and 2 are working in the private sector.
- The Council's Economic Growth Fund, launched in October 2014, has allocated grants to a total of £65,000 to support local businesses and enable growth in North Dorset. To date, 23 projects have been supported, 12 new businesses created, and a further 11 existing businesses helped to grow and secure additional inward investment.
- In April the Council was awarded the Smarter Planning Champion status by the Planning Portal. The award underpins governments drive to a digital by default approach to information sharing. It reflects national recognition for the work the Council has undertaken over the past three years to improve its electronic planning services.
- The Tri-council is now established and in the last 11 months has appointed a joint Chief Executive, joint Directors and joint senior leadership team who are currently in the process of developing their joint workforces, all to serve the three council areas. This organisational restructure work continues and the benefits of joint working are already being seen. Over the course of the next few months it will develop a joint corporate plan with West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland to ensure that we prioritise our services, focusing resources on our highest priorities, and making the best use of assets, income and investments to support service delivery and smart-working practices across the three councils. Elected Members will ensure that any changes made are in the best interest of those we serve – our residents.

15/108 To consider development management matters listed on the schedule.

Development Control Matters:

2/2016/0171 – 11 The Glebe, Iwerne Minster – erect extension – approved.

2/2016/0226/CATREE – remove lower branches of beech tree – approved.

2/2016/0173/CATREE – remove lower branches from ash tree – approved.

2/2016/0267/CATREE - Church Quarry-various tree works – approved.

NDDC Planning Application

2/2016/1931/FUL – Clayesmore School, erect boiler house – granted.

It was reported that trees had been felled at The Paddocks without permission from NDDC. This has been looked into and NDDC agreed that the trees should be felled, but will need to be replaced. The owners have been informed.

15/109 Finance.

The payment schedule had been tabled, total cost for February 2016, £3,650.12. It was proposed by Cllr Nadin and seconded by Cllr Jones, that the bills presented on the schedule should be paid. The Clerk suggested that the Neighbourhood funds could be spent on mobile display boards and a mobile projector for the public meetings, there will also be funds available to support the printing of the village booklet. It was proposed by Cllr Nadin and seconded by Cllr Hooper to purchase 4x display boards, a mobile projector and to print the village booklet, this was agreed by all members.

RESOLVED: to purchase mobile display boards, a mobile projector and print the village booklet. (15/109 – 2016 – Neighbourhood Plan).

15/110 To consider Councillors responsibilities.

Cllr B O’Luanaigh will take over the responsibility of Highways from Cllr Nadin.

15/111 To consider other parish matters.

Environmental Protection & Highways: The following was reported by Cllr Nadin:

- To arrange a village clean up before the Queen’s Birthday celebrations in June.
- Cllr Nadin has cleaned the stream out.
- All other ongoing Highways matters are being chased up.

Recreation: The following was reported by Cllr Le Prevost:

- Maintenance work on the Play Area will start around Easter time.
- The maintenance work on the side of the Parish Field will be completed before the nesting season.

Footpaths and Rights of Way: The following was reported by Cllr Hooper:

- A new gate at Marsh Lane has been put up, the gate can only be shut, not locked as it is a public right of way.

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

- Dorset County Council received 1300 responses regarding the bus consultation. The x12 service will now continue.
- The Trailway at Blandford St Mary is being looked at, due to the proposal of a large building development on Dorchester Road regarding the main road crossing.
- The mobile library has been cut in some areas, Iwerne Minster are lucky that they have kept the service at the moment.
- DT11 will be holding another Health Day this year, details will be given once received.
- Bus to go day trips can be arranged through Margot on 01258 837749.

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

- Questionnaires have been produced and will be delivered to residents over the next week. The questionnaires should be returned before Easter so that they can be analysed and a report will be ready for the public meetings.
- The response for volunteers has been wonderful. A thank you goes out to all volunteers.

Community Resilience & Emergency Planning: The following was reported by Cllr O’Connor:

- The Dog warden from NDDC will be patrolling the village every other week.
- It was agreed to laminate the new dog posters to put up around the village.
- The best kept village application will be sent in April.

Homewatch/Speedwatch:

Thank you to Ian for keeping the members informed about Homewatch.

It was reported that even though the traffic going through the village has reduced, the speed has increased.

Cllr Nadin is still working on the 20 is plenty project. Further discussions will be taking place with NDDC and reported back to the Council. It was also confirmed that the police will police the 20MPH speed limit once in force.

15/112 To consider DAPTC matters. The following was reported:
Cllr Jones had attended a DAPTC annual conference where "The Impact of Local Government re-organisation on Parish and Town Councils' was discussed. Details can be found on the Dorset For You Website.

15/113 To consider any other matters arising from recent correspondence.

All correspondence had been circulated and actioned.

The Clerk asked for the Council to consider the offer of purchasing HM Queen Elizabeth 90th birthday commemorative medal for the Children in the Village. This will be discussed at the meeting in April.

FUTURE MEETINGS

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

Date Chairman,

Iwerne Minster Parish Council

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