

IWERNE MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

**DRAFT Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held in the Abingdon Hall on
Wednesday 2nd January 2008 commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT Councillors , Dianne Benfield (Chairman)
Mike Jones, Deborah Croney, Terry Payne, Jill Ball,

IN ATTENDANCE Derek Stanley (Clerk) also 6. Members of The Public.

- 1670. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Cllrs, John Hooper, Rob Smith, and Angus Campbell, also Mr Geoff Peters.
- 1671. THE MEETING** **The Chairman** opened the meeting and welcomed those present, and expressing good wishes for a very happy New Year and 2008. In addition the Chairman thanked Members for their good wishes on her becoming a Grandparent!!
- 1672. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council's meeting held on 5th December 2007 be approved. Also signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
- 1673 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.** a) Climate Change – noted that a meeting would be held shortly. Funds to be considered later and not as stated.
b) Precept was deferred for a month.
- 1674. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS**
07/0998 Pedestrian access to Corner Cottage. Cllr Croney had talked to The Planners as to the policy on this sort of application, A reply was awaited to The Chairmans letter.
0/0316 Land and Farm Buildings at Stud Farm, Reply still awaited from NDDC
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(Cllr Croney agreed to follow these matters up with The Planning Officer.)

07/1149 and 07/1148 both of Forge Cottage, IM, were reported as approved by NDDC Planning
07/1153. 2 The Paddocks, IM Approved by NDDC Planning,
- 1675. RECREATION:** The Chairman indicated there was no matter to raise at this time.
- 1676. ROADS AND TRANSPORT** In the absence of Cllr Smith The Chairman reported that due to Building work in Dunns Lane permission had been given to the Builder to use a piece of Recreation ground entrance to park some vehicles – thus removing a highway hazard. Cllr Ball also reported some problems with parking in Dunns Lane due to a site meeting She would keep under observation.
- 1677. VITAL VILLAGES.** Cllr Croney had no further report on this item.
- 1678 PARISH PLANNING AND DESIGN.** Cllr Payne reported on a meeting with Chris Nadin and NDDC -- The time scale had now moved to June next for publication of the Iwerne plan. It was noted that the Sturminster Newton Plan was now complete.
- 1679. HOME WATCH.** Mr Geoff Peters gave apologies as he could not attend.
- 1680 CONSERVATION. CLIMATE CHANGE.** It was indicated that a meeting with interested parties would be held shortly on Climate Change. Other Parishes to be invited. More publicity was required and The Clerk had spoken to DAPTC Office as to ways and means of doing this. They were to offer help if possible. There was also a discussion on any financial assistance that the Parish might give the Group and after discussion it was **Resolved that The Parish would pay**

for the venue costs and any stationery needed. Proposed by Cllr Payne and Seconded By Cllr Croney. (Two Members voted against this resolution. The other Members were in favour) **SO RESOLVED.**

1681. RIGHTS OF WAY. Cllr Hooper was unable to be present.

1682 REPORTS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Croney Gave a report on aspects of District welfare and other details of policy, closure of Gillingham Leisure Centre, CEO and Senior Member meeting with Government, Also a Government statement as to the level of Community charge for the village.

1683. COMMUNITY PLANNING. Cllr Jones gave a report on DAPTC and the policy action now in hand. He had also been elected to serve on the Executive Committee serving the North Area.

1684 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED DURING DECEMBER.

A list of correspondence received during DECEMBER 07 was referred to by The Chairman and duly noted by Members (see list attached to the agenda..)

1685. ACCOUNTS & BALANCES

(a) accounts be authorised for payment :-

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Clerks Salary.	148.00
Offices expenses	<u>50.00</u>
A/c.540 <u>Total for payment -----</u>	<u>£198.00</u>

541 Abingdon Hall Rent----- £10.00

542 GRASS CUTTING COSTS. -----£1027.00

ALL APPROVED FOR PAYMENT -----RESOLVED. .

Precept. Accounts were circulated showing a Precept requirement of £8500. (expenditure at £8620) This included funding as set out in the agenda -- to replace the hall windows as the present fittings were in very poor condition. (cost £7000) – See Accounts attached.

Clerks salary -- Based on national scales and the new rate would be £36.97 for a 4 hour week. From £32.60. ----- Approved.

1686 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. a. A Member of the Public asked the position with finance requested by NDDC to make up for funding they could not afford. It was noted that after consideration no contributions had been made -- there being no public interest.

b) A further question was asked as to Administration costs for Parish work. Care would be needed to ensure the figures were not overspent. The Clerk and Chairman indicated that a report had already been made at the last meeting and min 1668 gave details of the expenditure. This was noted by members. Clearly having a Clerk outside the Parish and a good computer system gave the figures referred to. The Clerk would consult with internal auditor John Hooper as to next year, this year should not be a problem with good balances etc. Noted.

1687. AOB a) Next meeting 6th February 2008.

Meeting ended at 9.05 pm

CHAIRMAN _____ DATE _____

