

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF
THE LOWER WINTERBORNE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2008
AT WINTERBORNE KINGSTON**

- 1. ATTENDANCE:** Mr. T. Ives (Chairman)
Mrs. H. Hughes (Parish Clerk)
Mrs. R. Burden
Mr. R. Thorne
Mr. S. Rogers
Mr. D. Holden
Mr. M. Cook
Mr. M. Griffin
Mrs. D. Jones MBE (District Councillor)
8 members of the public

APOLOGIES: Mrs. H. Cox (County Councillor)
Mr. M. Meaden

ABSENT: Mr. P. Baker

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 29th July 2008 were signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Mr. Rogers and seconded by Mr. Griffin. All in favour, unanimously carried.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Chairman and Mr. Cook declared an interest in the Youth Building.

4. NON AGENDA ITEMS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

No items were raised by the public. The Chairman confirmed that the notice advertising the vacancy on the Parish Council had been put up on Monday 8th September and would remain displayed for fourteen working days. If after this time there is more than one candidate an election will be run, if only one candidate stands the Parish Council will be able to co-opt.

5. MATTERS ARISING

- a) Weekly Playground Inspection and Risk Assessment Winterborne Kingston and Winterborne Zelston – The Chairman reported on Winterborne Kingston. He stated that there had been a teenage drinking party at the recreation ground on Friday 15th August which had resulted in damage to the playing surface and fence. The incident had been reported to the police and the damage repaired by the culprits at their expense. Previously reported fence damage had been repaired and the fence to the paddock been replaced without barbed wire and allowing access to the planned mountain bike jumps. The Chairman noted that the grass was still growing rapidly and Mr. Morris was working hard to maintain it. The spring on the gate is still to be fitted. Mrs. Burden reported that all was well in Winterborne Zelston although the whole area requires an autumn clear up; banks strimmed and river cleared.
- b) Cemetery / Churchyard – The Chairman reported that there was no more soil available from the Dunbury School Building Project to infill the sinking graves; he had obtained a quote for a load at a cost of £136.00. Everyone was in agreement that the job was necessary. Mr. Holden noted that he may have some top soil available and the Chairman agreed not to purchase any until he had heard from Mr. Holden. The meeting was advised that the damage to the VE Day bench had been repaired but it still required staining; the Chairman said he would attend to this.
- c) Homewatch / Flood Warden – Mr. Hyde had nothing to report for Homewatch. On Flood Warden issues Mr. Hyde informed the meeting that the letter sent to 56 Broadclose after July's meeting regarding the problem with branches in the River Winterborne was an error. A response to this letter was received by the Clerk disputing the location and ownership of the branches; Mr. Hyde was asked to inspect the area in question and confirmed that the branches are associated to 57, Broadclose. It has already been established that Banyards

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- are not prepared to do the clearance work required so the Clerk has contacted Signpost and they have agreed to deal directly with their tenants on the issue. The Clerk agreed to send a further letter to 56, Broadclose apologising for any upset or inconvenience caused. Mr. Hyde informed the meeting that the Flood Plan was almost complete; he agreed to issue it via e-mail to interested parties. There was some discussion concerning the PACT scheme and a lack of communication regarding it. It was suggested that PC Mullins be contacted and asked to supply some copy to Red Post for publication.
- d) Winterborne Kingston Sports & Social Club (WKSSC) – The Chairman informed the meeting that Winterborne Kingston Cricket Club had been renamed Winterborne Kingston Sports & Social Club (WKSSC) and that he and Mr. Griffin had attended the AGM in August where a new committee had been formed. The treasurer had assured club members that the club was solvent and stated that a balance sheet would be available in October. The Chairman noted that the car boot sales are not proving successful and the football team is withdrawing from the league because of a lack of players. Finally the Chairman noted that a license is still on hold and the concerns of the LWPC had been expressed at the AGM. Mr. Nash and Mr. Stokes were present to represent WKSSC and were invited to speak on behalf of WKSSC. Mr. Nash advised the meeting that the tractor shed was an ongoing issue between the Youth Building and WKSSC. He voiced concerns over the grounds maintenance equipment becoming damaged by not being under cover; the equipment is the only asset of the club. There was a lengthy discussion over the construction of a new shed. The provision and supply of the materials required was established not to be a problem; however a workforce to construct a shed is not available. Help was requested in order to protect the equipment: it was agreed that there was not enough time to wait for grants nor was there anywhere else to keep the equipment. Surprise was expressed that a workforce of club members was not forthcoming and that tarpaulins were being stolen. The Chairman reminded the meeting that £1k was available for the project although £1750 is needed. It was agreed that the Chairman would be supplied with a list of the timber required and he agreed to get the process moving between the Youth Building and WKSSC. The Chairman informed the meeting that permission to hold a bonfire and fireworks event on Saturday 1st November had been requested. Mr. Nash and Mr. Stokes left the meeting at this point.
- e) Highway Matters – Mr. Cook reported and explained the informative but negative response from DCC regarding the positioning of the 30mph speed limit in West Street and suggested that their response should be accepted. The missing reflector on the A31 was reported as still missing but being addressed. (*Afternote: Mr. Cook received a call from Enterprise Mouchel who are sourcing a replacement reflector and hope to have it replaced by the end of the month.*) The Chairman and Mr. Cook agreed to review the hedges and pavements in Winterborne Kingston to establish those that were still in need of pruning and weeding. The problems on the stretch of road between the Red Post and Anderson (missing reflector on and large pothole) had been addressed.
- f) Village Halls – Mr. Meaden was not present to report. However the meeting was advised that grants to resurface the car park and decorate the hall were being applied for. Mrs. Burden reported that Winterborne Zelston Village Hall Committee was applying for a grant to update the electricity.
- g) Rights of Way and Bridleways - Mr. Atkinson was not present to report however the Chairman had two items from Mr. Atkinson: a letter to the Chairman requesting clarification of the insurance covering hunt riders and trailing horses on bridleways; a copy of a fax to John Williams acknowledging footpath clearance work and requesting additional footpath clearance work. Mr. Holden informed the meeting that the paths and bridleways in Winterborne Zelston were still overgrown. Mr. Cook noted that the path at the top of Bagwood Lane was flooded and impassable; the Chairman agreed to advise Mr. Atkinson.
- h) Dog Bins – The Chairman stated that the Clerk had, as advised by the NDDC Waste Manager, written to the Environment Policy Team to establish NDDC's bin emptying policy. A response had been received requesting information from the Parish Council regarding how many additional bins were required, where they should be located and whether the Parish Council were willing to contribute towards their maintenance and emptying. The Clerk is to reply with this information although it has been provided already and correspondence has been ongoing from September 2006.

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- i) DT11 Partnership – Mr. Holden reported on the busy meeting he attended on August 5th. He informed the meeting that bids are being accepted by Local Action for Rural Communities (LARC) for grants from a fund of £2.85m specifically for economic growth. There was an update on Blandford Leisure Centre: NDDC funding will stop in 2010, the centre requires £250k per annum. The suggestion is that parishes fund this requirement via the precept (£24 per band D property.) A presentation will be made to parishes in October. Mr. Holden reported that Signpost Housing are in financial difficulties and are aiming to sell off affordable houses. NDDC are trying to prevent this. Regional Spatial Strategy has resulted in planned workshops for Parish Councils to identify the need for affordable housing in both town and rural areas. (*Afternote: the Clerk has been contacted by Joanne Rickman of NDDC who has requested to attend the November Parish Council meeting to present North Dorset District Council's plans to conduct a housing needs survey of the Lower Winterbornes.*) On the subject of Post Office closures the meeting was informed that the closure of Blandford Camp Post Office was being fought as it is considered to be a special case. However the overall number of closures will not change; if a closure decision is reversed a different Post Office will be identified for closure. Mr. Holden advised the meeting that the DT11 website was now up and running and copy for posting on it was being requested i.e. news, achievements, announcements, help required and so on. Mrs. Burden suggested that the help needed by WKSSC discussed earlier was advertised via this website. The next DT11 Partnership meeting is on 15th October 2008.
- j) DAPTC – Mr. Baker was not present to report. The Chairman reviewed the circulars that had been received. He highlighted seminars scheduled: Clerks, Chairmen and Highways. There was some discussion regarding the Play Forum, refurbishment of the playground and adult exercise playground equipment.

6. YOUTH BUILDING PROJECT

In the absence of Mr. Shaxon the Chairman read a report provided by him. The report stated that approximately twenty people attended Youth Club every Monday evening during the summer term enjoying the opportunity to be with each other in a place specifically for them. The Youth Club is open for the winter term on a Tuesday: 6.20 – 8.30pm for the younger members and 7.30 – 9.30pm for the older ones. There was a successful trial opening of the Club on Tuesday afternoons in the summer holidays which it is hoped will be repeated. The Fun Day with go cart racing held on 7th September was reported as a success with over £620 being raised for Youth Club funds. The report also noted that Youth Club fees and events along with Tadpoles Nursery contributions have to cover all the upkeep and running expenses. Increasing electricity charges were expected to impact annual costs and any financial assistance would be welcomed as would any adult volunteers. The Chairman advised that the £750.00 from the DT11 Forum for the fencing had been received and the work was complete; the invoice is now due. Finally the Chairman stated that the only outstanding work on the project is the laying of the donated slabs at the north end of the building.

7. PLANNING

Applications Received:

2/2008/0583: Bushes Farm Bungalow, Bushes Road, Winterborne Zelston - Erection of low pitched roof conservatory.

2/2008/0606: Pond Cottage, The Street, Winterborne Zelston - Replace four defective wooden single glazed windows on ground floor of property with as is replacement windows.

2/2008/0656: Graymead, Winterborne Zelston – Demolish part of existing house.

2/2008/0772: Wychelm, North Street, Winterborne Kingston - Extend part of front of house to include enclosed porch and bathroom extension above.

Results Received:

2/2008/0583: Bushes Farm Bungalow, Bushes Road, Winterborne Zelston - Erection of low pitched roof conservatory – granted subject to one condition.

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8. CORRESPONDENCE

DCC – North Dorset Youth Forum; proposal to continue.

Disability Action North Dorset – Appeal for an electric wheelchair for Chairperson of Blandford St. Mary Parish Council

(LWPC discussed these two appeals and were in agreement that they would rather financially support more local causes.)

Signpost – Invitation to official reopening of Chescombe Court

Post Office – Temporary Closure of Winterborne Kingston Post Office.

Ms. Cheesesman – River Winterborne

NDDC – Copy of Application for Work to Protected Trees (Willow); 2, Old Council Houses, Winterborne Kingston

DCC – Corporate Plan Summary

LCR Publication

DCC – Structural Maintenance Draft List of Schemes for 2009/2010 (given to Mr. Cook)

Blandford Leisure Centre Action Group – Notice of October 1st meeting

NDDC – Dog / Waste Bins

DCC – Draft Revised Municipal Waste Management Strategy (Poster displayed)

DAPTC – Chief Executive's Circular 11/08 Clerks & Councils Direct – Publication

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Local Action Bournemouth Male Voice Choir – Appeal for singers

Group for Rural Communities – Sowing Seeds

The Dunbury School – 15th Birthday Celebration *(Afternote: Acceptance has been made on behalf of Mr. Ives and Mrs. Burden.)*

The noting of this last item of correspondence raised a discussion on the new Winterborne Kingston school building. There had been a few teething problems: Mr. Cook specifically mentioned the lights; other points mentioned were the appearance of the building, the security alarm and the staff car park surfacing.

9. FINANCE

LWPC Payments

Nildram	£15.99
Grasskeep (July)	£510.00
Grasskeep (August)	£400.00
Anthony Ives Memorials	£76.38
Mr. L. Burden	£100.00
Wessex Water	£12.74

LWPC Receipts

Burial Fees	£165.00
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YBP Payments

F.J.N Fire Protection	£25.85
Wessex Water	£48.00

YBP Receipts

DT11	£750.00
Toddler Group Hire	£35.00

Parish Plan Payments

None

Parish Plan Receipts

August Pop – In	£27.00
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10. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

The meeting was informed that a mole was at work in the cemetery again. Insurance covering the use of the planned mountain bike area was questioned. District Councillor Mrs Jones advised the meeting that the toilets at the Marsh Car Park in Blandford were being replaced with a toilet cubicle and the building was being given to The Information Centre. She also stated that she had noted the points made regarding the new Dunbury School building and would be reporting to the next Governors meeting. Finally District Councillor Mrs Jones reported that Chescombe Court had reopened after a £900k refurbishment.

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11. VOTING

5d) WKSSC – Mr. Griffin proposed that the Parish Council grant permission to WKSSC to hold a bonfire and fireworks event on Saturday 1st November. Seconded by Mrs. Burden. All in favour, unanimously carried.

9) Finance - Mr. Rogers proposed to accept the finance, seconded by Mr. Thorne. Vote in favour, one abstention, carried.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman advised the meeting that the Post Office in Winterborne Kingston would be closing from 10th September 2008 due to retirement. A post Office service is to be provided to the village by the Bere Regis branch in the village hall on Tuesday and Thursday mornings although the start date is to be confirmed. The Chairman raised the suggestion of a gift recognising the twenty one years of service provided by the Postmistress Mary Vincent; the Clerk agreed to look into the protocol surrounding the use of precepted funds for this purpose. The Chairman advised the meeting that there had been correspondence between Mr. Shaxon and Ms. Coffin (Electoral Services NDDC) regarding the use of the village hall for Thursday elections clashing with its use as a temporary Post Office; the clash has been resolved by agreeing that if the hall is required for election purposes the Post Office service will operate on the Wednesday of affected weeks. Mr. Rogers queried whether a stile had been installed between the paddock and the recreation ground; he was informed that the new fencing was not barbed wire so a stile was not necessary. Mr. Rogers questioned the material that had already been deposited on the recreation ground for the November bonfire; the Chairman advised that it was a concession given to a local resident and he was aware of it. Finally Mr. Rogers asked about the VAT refund of money back to the Youth Club building; it was noted that this was complete and the money back in Youth Building funds already. Mr. Griffin asked District Councillor Mrs. Jones about the running costs of North, West and East Dorset Councils versus Bournemouth and Poole Councils. District Councillor Mrs. Jones referred to a letter in the Wessex Gazette and the reply; she agreed to e-mail the correspondence to Mr. Griffin.

13. NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY OCTOBER 21st 2008 – WINTERBORNE ZELSTON