

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF
THE LOWER WINTERBORNE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 29th JANUARY 2008
AT WINTERBORNE KINGSTON**

1. **ATTENDANCE:** Mr T Ives (Chairman)
Mrs R Burden
Mr M Griffin
Mr D Holden
Mr M Meaden
Mr M Cooke
Mr R Thorne
Mrs D Jones (District Councillor)
4 members of the public

- APOLOGIES:** Mr S Rogers
Mr M Cox (District Councillor)
Mrs H Cox (County Councillor)

2. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 19th December 2007 had been circulated to all members and were signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Mr Meaden and seconded by Mrs Burden, all voted in favour unanimously carried.

3. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

4. **NON AGENDA ITEMS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

No items were raised by the public.

5. **MATTERS ARISING**

A. Weekly Playground Inspection and Risk Assessment Winterborne Kingston and Winterborne Zelston - The Chairman informed the meeting that the mole problem was being addressed and the play park would be closed while the problem was being attended too. The muddy state of the path between North Street and Sackville Street had been reported to the Rights of Way Officer. The river at Winterborne Zelston is flowing well but very high.

B. Cemetery and Churchyard - Nothing to report

C. Homewatch and Flooding - The Homewatch Co-ordinator reported that there were no alerts. There had been burglaries at 7 houses (all unalarmed) in the Eastern Police District. PC Dave Mullins attended the meeting together with PCO Luke Goddard, who are the Safer Neighbourhood Officers for the Lower Winterborne Parish Council area and many other villages in the southern part of North Dorset District Council area. He reported that in 2006 there were 95 reported crimes in his area of which 19 had been solved and during 2007 the number of reported crimes had dropped to 61 of which 25 had been solved. The area was considered to be a low crime area but he urged residents to continue to be observant and report an emergency situation on 999, but use 01202 222222 when an incident has occurred that you wish to report but which is not an emergency. If you require advice or want to speak to PC Mullins you may leave a message on his direct line 01202 223003. Mr Meaden wished to know were there any specific reasons for the downward trend in reported crimes. PC Mullins replied that there was a small improvement in police presence in villages and that the public were more aware.

The Flood Warden reported that he had received 400 sandbags and that 150 of them had been given to Mrs Burden for use in Winterborne Zelston.

D. Winterborne Kingston Cricket Club and Recreation Ground - No report

E. Highway Matters - PC Mullins, in response to various questions on the recent Traffic Survey carried out in Winterborne Kingston, replied that once he had received the statistics and had the opportunity to study them he would be using more speed checks at more appropriate times which he would obtain from the statistics. Mr Holden informed the meeting that the Dorset Safety Camera Partnership had been conducting a speed check from the lay-by at The Botany Bay in the late afternoon/early evening but in his opinion there was more speeding traffic in the early mornings. PC Mullins said that he would contact the Dorset Safety Camera Partnership in an endeavour to change the times of their visits to this location.

F. Village Halls - Mrs Burden reported that there were no problems with Winterborne Zelston village hall. Mr Meaden had nothing to report on Winterborne Kingston village hall other than to inform that the next committee meeting would be on 18 February 2008.

G. Rights of Way and Bridleways - The muddy state of the footpath from North Street to Sackville Street would be reported to the Rights of Way officer at Dorset County Council. Mrs Burden reported that a lorry had broken a footpath sign in Winterborne Zelston. He was told about it and may put it right but if not, the matter will be reported to the Rights of Way Officer at Dorset County Council

H. Dog Bins - Nothing to report.

I. DT11 Partnership - Mr Shaxson was attending tonight's DT11 meeting which was entitled "Taking on the Environmental Challenge" The DT11 Partnership now has its own office in Blandford at St Martin's House, White Cliff Mill Street.

6. YOUTH BUILDING PROJECT

Mr Ives reported that on Monday (28 Jan) 23 members attended the Youth Club and on average 20 attend each week. A comprehensive programme of activities has been put together and this will run until the summer. The DT11 Partnership has been contacted for help with transport costs to Tower Park for a film and food afterwards.

7. PLANNING

A. Planning Results

Application 2/2007/1173 Little Kingshaw, West Street Winterborne Kingston. Erect rear conservatory. Approved subject to 2 conditions.

Application 2/2007/1195 Marsh Barn Marsh Lane Anderson. Install 2 Solar Panels on garage roof. Approved subject to 2 conditions.

B. Plans Received.

Application 2/2008/0017 Red Post Filling Station. Retention of display unit

Ongoing application 2/2007/1182 (Retrospective) The letter of concern has been received by NDDC (23/01/08). The application will be going to the NDDC planning committee meeting mid March for a decision.

8. CORRSPONDENCE

9. FINANCE

The following payments have been made on behalf of the Parish Council:

Grasskeep Services	£94.05
H Hughes(back pay)	£101.17
H Hughes (Backdated increase in mileage allowance)	£3.04

Payments made on behalf Pop-In

Winterborne Kingston Village Hall hire	£72.00
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Revenue Pop-In

December income	£20.50
January income	£42.03

Payments made on behalf of the Youth Building Project

Southern Electricity (to 14 Sept)	£202.10
C A Stevens Ltd	£1015.64

Mrs Burden proposed and Mr Holden seconded the proposal to accept the finances. All voted in favour, unanimously carried.

Mr Griffin reported that the Parish Council's land assets had recently been revalued, up from £2500.00 per acre to £2900.00 per acre. The field rents had also been reviewed and an increase to £125.00 per annum would be in place from 1st January 2009.

Mr Ives reported that he had spoken to both Mr G Nash and Mr S Rogers regarding the sum of £500.00 that was available to the Winterborne Kingston Cricket Club to be used towards the cost of installing central heating at the WKCC Pavilion. They were both in agreement that central heating would not be installed in the immediate future and agreed that the money could be used towards the construction costs of the tractor shed. All members agreed that this sum could be used for this purpose.

10. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mrs S Knight was concerned that bags of dog waste were being left in the hedge along East Street. It was agreed that a dog bin should be installed in East Street, the exact location to be decided.

Mrs P Shears wished to know if the £500.00 earmarked for central heating at the WKCC pavilion was used in the construction of the tractor shed, where funds would come from when central heating is installed. Mr Ives replied that this point should be discussed with the WKCC committee.

Mrs Nash asked when the hedge at Arnolds Cottage West Street would be attended to Mr Cooke said that he would contact the NDDC Tree officer for advice.

11. VOTING

None.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs Jones informed the meeting that the refurbishment of Chescombe Court was proceeding very well. All tenants had been relocated in Blandford and were very happy but were looking forward to returning to Chescombe Court when the refurbishment is completed towards the end of this year.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **4th March at 7-30pm at Winterborne Zelston.**