

WINFRITH NEWBURGH & EAST KNIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Monday 08th February 2021

Via Zoom

Starting at 7pm

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Present

Councillors; Nic Johnson (chairman), Brenda Mustoe (vice-chair), Andy Muir, Mark Morley and Charles Smith, Laura Miller (Dorset Cllr)
Clerk; Irene Atkins.

Parishioners; Mandy Stephens, John and Patricia Yonwin, Fiona Bowles, Louise Cope.

1. Apologies

369. None

2. Parishioners open forum

370. Mandy wanted to thank the Cllrs for her leaving present.

3. Minutes – 11th January 2021

371. The Chairman asked the Cllrs if they agreed the minutes. The full council agreed so the Chairman signed them off as a true record.

4. Declaration of interest

372. None

5. Matters arising

373. None

6. Dorset Cllrs reports

374. Update from Cllr Miller. Free car parking to be extended for NHS workers. Ministry of Defence are to be investing in the Innovation park. Meeting with Wool PC, WN&EK are welcome to attend. The Interim Corporate Director for Care and Protection of Children, Sarah Jane Smedmore has now been made permanent. The Dorset Local plan is out for people to use link and have their say. Laura and Peter will not be supporting more than the original 470 houses quoted for the Wool area. There have been some outbreaks of COVID in some Dorset care homes which is very sad, the council is supporting efforts and the Vaccine rollout is going great.

Fiona Bowles asked for a traffic issues update, and Cllr Miller confirmed the next meeting is 17th March. Day trippers are causing most of the issues, so they are working with the Police and the Estate so if roads and beaches become unsafe how to close roads without effecting locals. They have also been looking at behavioural insights regarding litter and spending as people on not spending locally, they bring a picnic and leave their rubbish behind.

Park and ride is being looked at but the council do not own the land around here hence working with the landowner but that is a long-term project. Cllr Smith and Morley to explore with a Zoom meeting the relief road with the Estate and local farmers. The NSL revenue could help with funding.

Cllr Miller said Cllr Ray Bryan cabinet member for Highways and Environment would have the authority to set it up. The Army Bypass may assist but the MOD takes forever plus pub, Castle and shop in Lulworth may not be keen to have the traffic rerouted. Cllr Smith wants to know who to talk to at each stage as Congestion charging has never been done in a rural context. Cllr Miller happy to be revolutionary but doubts the Estate would support this. Also need to consider the impact on the Winfrith shop.

Fiona Bowles wanted to know of the Estate had done an environmental assessment on the local community when extra temporary parking was set up because of the number of visitors and Cllr Miller said no as this is only done when a material change is requested that did not count as a material change. If a permanent change of usage of land or a new road were requested that would require an environmental assessment (to include, parking, litter and toilets) as part of the planning application. Likely that Lulworth council would then object.

7. Parish councillor vacancy

375. John Yonwin, all the Cllrs voted in favour of this. Cllr Smith welcomed Cllr Yonwin who is keen to help anyway he can.

8. Tree planning

376. All passed no objections.

9. Planning application

377. The only concern to below is that the Right of Way diversion be finalised before below is approved.

APN/2021/0001 - Newburgh Dairy, Road to Newburgh Farm, to erect a new storage barn.

APN/2021/0002 - Newburgh Dairy, Road to Newburgh Farm, to erect a building for housing cows.

10. Speed watch report

378. Nothing to report at this meeting.

11. Traffic through the village

379. Report from Cllr Mustoe. Peter Wharf's detail on 2021 road works plans had omitted the residual road resurfacing/patching due in Winfrith. This has been followed up on with details of promises made on email and at meetings. Awaiting a reply.

12. To agree to costs for the 20 is plenty signage through the village

380. Apologies from Cllr Johnson as this has been delayed.

13. 20MPH SPEED LIMIT THROUGH THE VILLAGE

381. Cllr Mustoe has sent the formal application to the Cllrs. This will need to include reference to road width as it is dangerous for pedestrians. Cllr Morley also mentioned the lack of parking restrictions added to this danger.

14. Defibrillator

382. Pat Yonwin gave details of the 3 new locations identified for more defibs. The Red Lion, the School and the Church area. There is a meeting Friday. Insurance for the extra 3 needs to be clarified by the clerk when the computer has been replaced.

15. Emergency plan for the village

383. Cllr Mustoe has circulated the plan. The area is to be split into 7 zones. Zone leaders to gather data with a door drop request for information with an opt in for residents if they want to. The zone leaders will need deputies. Cllr Morley will include maps. Data to be collected before the season starts. Pat Yonwin mentioned Roger Stevenson does printing for the community so may do this.

16. The children's play area on the playing field and the pavilion.

384. Cllr Muir and Cllr Morley had another look. Cllr Morley obtained updated quotes for a replacement including new equipment and safety surface and the average spend would be 35 to 45K. Cllr Muir has identified a local carpenter Oliver Hurlstone to manufacture the necessary to repair the slide steps. It will cost about £40 for the materials and Oliver will fit it for free. All agreed to go ahead with this approach.

17. Repair to the parish council notice board

385. Cllr Muir has ordered the materials to repair the board, all agreed on Red to match the telephone and post box. The notice board near The Countryman will be removed.

18. Playing field lease

386. James Weld will donate £5K once the lease has been extended on the Pavilion. His email appeared to be prompting the solicitor. Cllr Yonwin volunteered to take on the Pavilion committee activity from Cllr Johnson. Cllr Mustoe said that Paul Nelson had arranged a 10K grant and now there is a 5K donation. There is the threat of a rent rise and the brewery selling the land that allows the vehicle access so that is not guaranteed.

19. Update on the land at Colehill Drive

387. We still await a reply from Planning. Clerk to chase.

20. Committee Reports

Daptc (Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils)

388. Cllr Morley has completed the survey, there is to be a meeting next week.

Rights of Way

389. Cllr Smith reported Newburgh Dairy is particularly muddy. 3 treads are missing from the bridge near the pound. There appears to be a large number of bikes using the Riverside walk. Cllrs discussed the possibility of signs to avoid unpleasantness and Cllr Yonwin to gauge a consensus for the next meeting.

Transport

390. Cllr Morley attended the meeting last week. 13 Parish councils attended and 6 of those wanted 20mph speed limits.

Flood Plan

391. No flooding even with the flood alert that went out. The Red Lion has reported the issue of the river bank to the council. Cllr Millar has confirmed that Highways will be looking into it.

Fiona Bowles mentioned she had reported School lane multiple times. The council have cleared the drains and ditches. Cllr Mustoe mentioned the surface water flooding and the speed sign now in the hedge because of the flood damage.

Village hall

392. Nothing to report.

Playground / recreation

393. Dealt with above.

Tree & Hedgerow

394. Cllr Muir mentioned Crown Yard and the dumped hedge cuttings. Cllr Johnson thought the council had done this and that there was also a Sycamore that needed removing. Cllr Muir and Johnson to review and remove.

Village maintenance

395. No report.

Stake holder

396. Cllr Johnson attended a Zoom meeting with Magnox. The pipeline will be removed but this has been delayed because of COVID.

21. Clerk's monthly financial report & general report

397. The clerk issued the financial report.

398. Three cheques needed to be signed. I Atkins Zoom (£115.10) and Wessex Ground Services (£411.23) B Mustoe leaving presents (£92.98)

399. Cllr Johnson to sign the cheques.

400. The clerk to progress the VAT reclaim to include the £100 for the electrician for the Defibrillator fittings.

22. Correspondence

401. Cllr Mustoe had completed a breakdown of the costs for the year to see what could be allocated towards the School Pool and to see what the commitments are. Cllr Johnson to resend round. There is not budget for the Citizens advice request. Cllr Johnson to arrange the purchase of a laptop for the Clerk of up to £1,000. All the councillors agreed.

23. Matters of interest & Information

403. Cllr Muir suggested a Welcome home present for Richard Barrett, all agreed with a budget of £25.

27. Items for the next agenda

404. No items to add, item 7 new Cllr to be removed.

28. Date of next meeting

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The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.35hrs.