

WINFRITH NEWBURGH & EAST KNIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Monday 13th January 2020

In the Winfrith Village Hall

Starting at 7pm

Draft copy

Councillors present

Nic Johnson (chairman), Brenda Mustoe (vice-chair), Andrew Muir, Amanda Williams and Richard Barrett.

Clerk – Mandy Stephens

Dorset Cllr Laura Miller

Parishioners attended 14

1 Apologies

237. Received from Cllr Charles Smith.

2. Parishioners open forum

238. Report from Mr MacLean

In May 2012 the PC delivered my 'Hazards on the A352' document to the Highways Department. They would have replied sometime after that.

In reply, I believe they stated that the road design complied with the regulations "in place at that time". I think that is – NOT A GOOD ENOUGH ANSWER! Ignoring prevailing traffic conditions does not face up to the realities and hazards that still exist today.

I believe that the authorities are considering some slip roads (known as Merge Tapers) at the bottom of Gatmore Road, but I have drafted up an alternative plan, drawn to scale for a new roundabout which will take the traffic from the Gatmore Road on to the A352 and also provide a new feeder road to the proposed housing development. This feeder road will also provide an entrance to the Red Lion car park enabling the existing entrance to the pub to be closed and made redundant, just leaving the turning into the Winfrith village to negotiate.

I am convinced this is the solution to both the problem of the speed control on the A352 and access for all roads leading on to it. It would slow the traffic up at this hazardous junction in one process allowing any traffic intending to turn into Winfrith to cope with that negotiation separately.

My concept drawing shows that a new roundabout would fit within the boundaries of the County land without encroaching on private properties, except

for the feeder road to the housing development and Red Lion.
Both the County and the developers are prioritising cost-cutting instead of solving the practical problem in this area.

My proposal would not only control the traffic speed on the main road but also the speed of the traffic entering Winfrith village in one operation.

239. The Chairman thanked Mr Maclean for the detailed report and asked to read the document later and report back. It was mentioned that the suggestion of a roundabout was probably dismissed due to the cost.

3. Minutes – 9th December 2019

240. The Chairman asked the Cllrs if they agreed the above minutes.

241. They all agreed so the Chairman signed them off as a true record.

4. Declaration of interest

242. Cllr Barrett on item No 9, Winfrith House, as it is his own planning application.

243. On the request of the Chairman Item No 9-planning application for 6/2019/0694 – land to the East of Gibraltar Cottages was moved up, due to many parishioners attending the meeting regarding this item.

The Chairman invited the Solicitor of the applicant to speak first and he gave a brief history on the project. The purpose for the barn is to store a steam engine.

The residents then all had their say. Concerns raised were

Noise if the barn became a workshop especially at the weekends and a generator was being used. The applicants occasionally cut logs up at the site.

The amount of machinery that is already stored there.

The condition of the access track.

Dorset Cllr Laura Miller said she had had calls from the residents with their concerns and suggested that the parish council request a deferment on the application to push back the date for comments. This way a meeting can be arranged with the council, planning officer and the applicant to discuss further.

244. The clerk emailed the following report to Purbeck District Council planning officer.

Change of use - that it will become more than just a storage shed. That it does not become a workshop.

Frequency of access to the land via the lane considering its current poor state.

The noise of works carried out on the land.

The council would like to work with the landowner but need to ensure that certain limitations are put in place.

5. Matters arising

245. Follow up on the telephone kiosk – the painting of the kiosk has been put on

the list to be done by BT. However, the remedial work that needs to be carried out does not seem to be as important to them. The Clerk was asked to contact the conservation officer and raise the concerns of its condition.

6. Dorset Cllrs reports

246. Cllr Laura Miller reported on the following –
50 members sat through a full day of budgeting on Monday 13th January. With Children & Adult care services costing the most. One of the many areas being investigated is supporting people in their own homes. The consultation period for the Dorset Council Plan is now closed.

7. Plans to develop land adjacent to the Red Lion public house

247. Nothing new to report on at the meeting.

8. Tree planning

248. None.

9. Planning application

249. 6/2019/0689 Winfrith House – alteration to entrance including widening vehicular access and installation of pedestrian gate and replacement gates. Cllr Barrett was asked to leave the room whilst this application was being discussed.

250. 6/2019 & 6/2019/0668 Mr Nash – conversion of barn to single dwelling

251. The council raised no issues on the above planning applications. The clerk will inform Purbeck District Council.

10. Speed watch report

252. The group continues to be active once or twice a week as a deterrent for speeding.

11. Fighting fund – update

253. The Chairman has requested for the NSI account to be closed and the money to be transferred over into the parish council account.

The clerk asked the Cllrs that once the money has been cleared that a cheque can be issued and sent. All the Cllrs present agreed.

It was suggested that maybe a handing over of the cheque could be done at the next village lunch club with a talk given as to where the money will be going and other areas that the Dorset Wildlife Trust deal with. The clerk will check with Pat Yonwin to see if this would be possible.

Mr Leo Henley Lock from Dorset Wildlife Trust will send over the press release once it has been done for the Cllr's approval.

12. Traffic through the village

254. Unfortunately due to the Christmas holidays the meeting that Cllr Mustoe was trying to arrange with Jon Lake the Senior Technician for Dorset has not taken place. He is back in the office on the 16th January so she will contact him then to arrange another meeting to go through the findings of the recent traffic survey.

13. Defibrillator

255. The village hall committee may have someone who is willing to take this on. More information to follow.

14. Damage to the high fence line on Water Lane

256. Cllr Muir met with contractors to get some quotes for the above.

The work required was to remove & replace 10 / 12 rotten fence posts and reattach the wire fence.

The clerk received 3 quotes at the time of the meeting.

Wessex Ground Services £1,113.60 (includes vat)

Corbin Fencing £1,341.60 (includes vat).

R Knight Agricultural, Countryside & Garden Services £435

After a discussion the Cllrs could not reach a decision at the meeting. The clerk was asked to write to the relevant football teams and request 2 options. Content below

“Unfortunately, due to our precept (Annual Council funding) constraints the Parish Council does not have enough money for these repairs, so have come up with 2 options that they have asked me to put forward to the Football Teams / Sports Committee;

1. The football teams / Sports Committee pay for the repair work to the high fence line

2. The Parish Council will remove the high fence line and replace with a new low fence line only, with the subsequent closure and use of the affected football pitch.”

257. This will be carried over to the next meeting.

16. Request from the Citizen Advice

258. Due to the council’s financial constraints they feel they are unable to donate at this current time.

17. Dorset Heathland Framework Supplementary planning document.

259. The clerk asked the Cllrs if they wanted to make any comment on this document.

260. The full council present agreed not to at this point.

18. Committee reports

Daptc (Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils)

261. Nothing new to report at this meeting.

Rights of Way

262. Katie Black (Dorset Ranger) has been told again about the damaged underlay being exposed on the Riverside Walk. Cllr Mustoe was asked again to fill out the same form completed previously. This is still ongoing.

Transport

263. Nothing new to report at this meeting.

Flood Plan

264. No major flooding has been reported in the village during the recent heavy rain. Cllr Mustoe will be attending a Flood Resilience day on Tuesday 14th January.

Village hall

265. Nothing new to report at this meeting.

Playground / recreation

266. Nothing new to report at this meeting.

Tree & Hedgerow

267. Nothing new to report at this meeting.

Village maintenance

268. The broken signpost in Crown Yard has been reported.

Stake holder

269. The next meeting will be on Thursday 30th January. This will be Sandra Ellis last meeting after 15 years of being the Stakeholder Chairman for the Winfrith / Magnox Site. The clerk asked the council if they would like to present Sandra Ellis with some flowers and a card from the Council.

270. The full council agreed. The clerk will buy the flowers and present them to Sandra Ellis at the meeting.

20. Clerk's monthly financial report & general report

271. The clerk issued the financial report.

272. Proposed by Cllr Mustoe and seconded by Cllr Johnson.

273. Four cheques needed to be signed. They were for A Stephens wages (£318.10), Wessex ground services (£401.20), Daptc (seminar £55.00) & Daptc (seminar £60.00).

274. Proposed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr Barrett.

The meeting in April falls on Easter Monday. A new date will be arranged.

21. Correspondence

275. None.

22. Matters of interest & Information

276. None.

23. Items for the next agenda

277. None.

25. Date of next meeting

Monday 10th February 2020.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.50hrs.

