

WINFRITH NEWBURGH & EAST KNIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Monday 13th July 2020

Held in the Winfrith Village Hall

Starting at 7pm

Draft copy

Councillors present

Nic Johnson (chairman), Brenda Mustoe (vice-chair), Richard Barrett, Charles Smith, and Andy Muir.

Clerk – Mandy Stephens

Parishioners present 11 (all socially distancing)

1. Apologies

83. Mr Turney and Mr MacLean.

2. Parishioners open forum

84. The Chairman invited the parishioners to speak for no more than 5 mins on agenda or non- agenda items.

85. It was reported that the covering around the pavilion has been removed. This was put there to stop people from using the pavilion due to its current poor state. The clerk will contact the Sports Committee Chairman.

86. A parishioner raised their concerns over the recent events at Durdle Door, that this is not just a recent thing but something that has been going on for many years. They also said they felt that Dorset Council had not kept parishioners up to date on the Covid-19 issues. The Cllrs strongly disagreed with this and said that Dorset Council sent out regular updates.

3. Minutes – 8th June & 22nd June 2020

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

Am amendment was made to Item NO. 3 on the 22nd June minutes. “The group is in touch with not only the Community Heartbeat Organisation but with other organisations that may be able to assist.”

88. They were then agreed so the Chairman signed them both off as a true record.

4. Declaration of interest

89 None

5. Matters arising

90. None.

6. Dorset Cllrs reports

91. No reports.

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

92. Nothing new to report at this meeting.

8. Tree planning

93. TWA/2020/047 Marley House. (T1) Hornbeam to crown reduce by up to 3m.

94. The council raised no objections to these applications.

9. Planning application

95. 6/2020/0179 Riverside House, 30 Thornicks, Winfrith – to erect a detached double garage & attached side shed.

96. 6/2020/0150 The Malt House, 16 High Street – to erect a single bay garage, brick wall to boundary and construct a new vehicular access.

97. 6/2020/0282 – planning application 92 Blacknoll Lane – to erect a single storey extension.

98. 6/2020/0283 Listed building consent, 92 Blacknoll Lane – to erect a single storey extension

99. The council raised no objections to the above applications. The clerk will inform Purbeck District Council.

10. Speed watch report

100. This is now back in operation. Only three people can be out due to there being three pieces of equipment. Nine new volunteers are awaiting to be approved. It is hoped that when these are approved Gatemore Road will also be covered.

11. Traffic through the village

101. Cllr Mustoe reported the findings of the traffic survey (radar across the road) that was carried out in the village a few months ago.

The traffic is not going slow enough for a 20mph speed limit, and is

Not going fast enough for a flashing sign.

Cllr Mustoe is now dealing with a higher lever within Highways a Mr Jack Wilkshire.

102. Another traffic survey is booked for 25th August for 1 week outside the village hall and by the Church. This will cost £250 plus vat for the first site and £175 plus vat for the second site.

103. Cllr Mustoe asked the council if they wished to proceed. The full council present all agreed.

25 replies to date have been received from the recent traffic survey document that was delivered to every household in Winfrith & East Knighton.

A parishioner sent the clerk a detailed document that could help with the traffic issues. It was decided it would be discussed at a separate sub-committee meeting so that it did not distract from the current one.

A discussion followed about the traffic issues. It was raised that the issue with volume of traffic is down to people's expectations. A lot of people do not realise exactly what they are coming to. The Chairman felt that there was a gap and lack of communication between the Parish Council and the Dorset Council. The Chairman and a couple of parishioners were unhappy that neither of the Dorset Cllrs attended the Parish Council meeting.

104. Cllr Mustoe proposed that a letter should be sent to the Chief Executive of Dorset stating the council's concerns, and issues.

105. The full council agreed to this.

12. Defibrillator

106. The spokesman for the defibrillator group asked the Cllrs

1. If they were prepared to adopt the telephone box for the siting of a defibrillator.?

The council voted 4 – 1 in not adopting the telephone box, due to the ongoing costs the council would have to take on.

2. Are the council willing to accept the monies raised and buy the defibrillators.?

Cllr Mustoe said that the council was in no position to make such a decision, so she suggested that the council request a full budget and business plan including source, purchase cost as well as ongoing running costs from the group.

The spokesman for the group said they would feed this information back to the group.

13. Up-date on the telephone box repairs

107. The box is on British Telecom's list to be painted when they are back working. They are also in conversations with the Conservation Officer about replacing the door.

14. Proposed Blueberry Farm & adjacent field.

108. The new landowner of the piece of land adjacent to the proposed Blueberry Farm attended the meeting to address the Cllrs of his intentions.

He brought the piece of land for his family to spend time on. He has no intentions of turning it into a camp site. The track was laid to make it easier to access to the top of the field especially in the winter months. The static caravan has no electric or water in, but he will remove it if he must. Going forward he is awaiting the planning officer to visit and then a planning application will be made for a container for his machinery to be stored in.

15. Parish Council Audit

109. The full council agreed to the completed Audit.

110. The Chairman and clerk signed the papers.

16. Bonfires

Advice from Dorset Council website.

111. If neighbours are lighting bonfires which are causing you a nuisance, in the first instance, approach your neighbours and politely tell them how the bonfire is affecting you. Often people are unaware of how smoke is blowing and the effect it is having on you. If they continue you can report it on-line at www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk.

Once reported a letter will be sent to the person having the bonfire. At the same time, they will write to the person who complained sending a record sheet to log how many times future bonfires affect them.

17. Emergency plan for the village

112. Cllr Mustoe asked the Cllrs if they were happy for her to go ahead and draw up a draft copy.

113. The full council agreed.

18. Committee Reports –

Daptc (Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils)

114. No report.

Rights of Way

115 There is a lot of excessive growth around. Cllrs Smith will report back at the next meeting.

Transport

116. The Breezer N0. 30 bus service Weymouth – Wool – Wareham – Swanage will resume on the 19th July.

Flood Plan

117. No report.

Village hall

118. May thanks to the village hall committee for all their efforts in getting the hall ready for the parish council meeting.

Playground / recreation

119. Sadly, the fencing around this area has been vandalised AGAIN. This is an on-going cost to the Council. This latest instance has been reported to the Police. If you see anything happening in this or the Pavilion area please let the clerk know, or report to 101.

The picnic bench was also vandalised. This has been taken away until the Cllrs decided if it is worth repairing.

120. Cllr Muir will source some costings to get the fence repaired.

Tree & Hedgerow

121. No report.

Village maintenance

122. The Chairman would like to see someone from outside the council set up a group of volunteers to deal with the pockets of grass and untidy areas that are not dealt with by our maintenance contractors. The clerk will find the map that highlights the areas that highways cut, and which are down to the council.

Stake holder

123. The site is slowly opening again.

19. Clerk's monthly financial report & general report

124. The clerk issued the financial report.

77. Proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Mustoe.

125. Eight cheques needed to be signed. They were for A Stephens wages (£318.10), Wessex ground services (£411.23), Play safe, Rospa report (£103.20), Information Commissioner ICO (£40.00) Daptc renewal (£268.59), St Christopher's Church (£600.00), Winfrith Sports Committee (£250,00) and Mr Hogg for the Audit (£100.00)

126. Proposed by Cllr Barrett and seconded by Cllr Mustoe.

20. Correspondence

127. Nothing new to report

21. Matters of interest & Information

128. Amanda Williams has sadly resigned from the parish council after 10 years of service to the village. She will be hugely missed. The Cllrs and I wish her all the very best for the future.

22. Items for the next agenda

129. None

23. Date of next meeting

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The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.50.

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