

The WINFRITH NEWBURGH & EAST KNIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held: 7 pm Monday 13th June 2022

Winfrith Newburgh Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr Brenda Mustoe (Chair), Cllr John Yonwin (Vice Chair), Cllr Mark Morley, Cllr Adrian Lowes, Cllr Charles Smith and Cllr Laura Miller (Beddow).

Parishioners: John Mustoe, Pat Yonwin and Gill Somner.

Cllr JY firstly wanted to thank Cllr BM for her hard work in making the Jubilee such a great success. Cllr BM made the point that it was a team effort, but Cllr JY said it was due to her leadership and that she was a star.

1 APOLOGIES:

505. Cllr Andy Muir

2. PARISHIONERS OPEN FORUM:

506. Pat Yonwin wanted to thank the Parish Council for her nomination for a Thank you from The Community Volunteer. Pat was also a bit embarrassed to receive this as an individual as it was also a team effort.

3. MINUTES – 09th May 2022:

507. Accepted as a true and accurate record.

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

508. None declared

5. MATTERS ARISING:

509. None declared

6. DORSET COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

510. Cllr PW has published his report. Cllr LM mentioned usual round up, focussing on Culture and communities. Worth mentioning The Weymouth pop up museum a great job done by colleagues opposite Tesco's in town.

511. Number 105 on the main road - after multiple concerns raised by parishioners locally, the following agencies have been notified and are taking action.

- I. The police – Wildlife crime with regard to the trees and hedges

- II. Planning – with regard to an enforcement notice on the new fence as the height of it would be in breach of planning if they had applied, which they have not.
- III. Building control – with regard to filling in a pond that has been reported by a parishioner as half belonging to the Weld estate and that they believe is a required soak away against flooding for the road and the adjoining fields

John Mustoe asked will they get permission with a retrospective planning application Cllr LM said probably not as the same criteria would apply.

512. Face to face surgeries have restarted but there is a hybrid approach so Zoom maybe included sometimes.

Cllr BM asked why no feedback came from the council after dog waste bins not being emptied had been reported, in fact Cllr JY emptied them before the jubilee weekend because of the increased numbers of visitors. Cllr LM stated that the issues at the Purbeck depot were recognised and action is being taken.

7. TREE PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

513. None

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514. Application No: P/FUL/2022/02595 – No objections.

Location: Building B71 Dorset Innovation Park Winfrith Newburgh Dorset DT2 8WQ

Proposal: Installation of a new portacabin and ancillary works to provide replacement welfare facilities for staff and contractors at the site.

515. Application No: P/LBC/2022/03056 – No objections.

Location: Willows 50 East Knighton Lane East Knighton Dorchester DT2 8LQ

Proposal: Raise chimney stack to be 1.8m above ridge, using reclaimed brick

516. Application No: P/LBC/2022/02240 – No objections.

Location: Knoll Cottage Gatemore Road Winfrith Newburgh Dorset DT2 8LB

Proposal: Installation of heat pump in the garden

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518. Application number P/CLE/2022/02987 – No objections.

Location: Summer House Wynards Farm Winfrith Newburgh DT2 8DQ

Proposal: Use of The Summer House as dwelling house occupied as a sole residence plus associated garden and parking areas forming the curtilage

9. Traffic:

520. Speedwatch

Cllr BM nothing has changed on Speedwatch, Still waiting for the new toolkits on 20mph applications. Speedwatch have also been contacted about the speed of motorists on the A352 after the landlord at the Red lion said non injury accidents were a regular occurrence but the speeds were so excessive there will be fatalities. Cllr BM also mentioned the visibility issue coming out of Water Lane as the grass verges have not been cut.

10. THE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

521. Cllr JY reported

Play equipment:

ROSPA inspection report received. Cllr AM and JY have met and summarised the action points. Cllr JY has written to ROSPA reference to the carousel needing new bearings. These were replaced some 6 months ago and do not need replacing again, in the opinion of Cllr AM and JY. Much use of the equipment over the Jubilee weekend.

Repairs and maintenance policy:

Cllr JY would like this as an item for our July PC (with Cllr AM away for June PC), with the great momentum created by the Jubilee weekend activities and the excellent outline method of approaching the new play area equipment / offerings project by Cllr AL, it seems unwise that we spend monies and time on major maintenance works on the current equipment which will be replaced by new sooner rather than later.

Cllr CS mentioned that the upgrade and extension for older children would be another phase. Cllr AL said there will be a consultation on what is needed when but phases tend to be more of an inconvenience, Cllr MM also said a one hit approach tends to be cheaper. Cllr BM said this discussion will continue next month when Cllr AM returns.

Item 11 next month will be The Strategic plan as a separate agenda item.

11. Management of the recreation Ground.

522. Playing Field matters:

The planned Committee meeting scheduled for 18th May 2022 was called off (again) through lack of committee members being available. Cllr JY meet with Paul Nelson and the Vice Chair of the Wool & Winfrith Football Club to get a better understanding of their modus operandi. The Club is growing, and next season may mean more uses of the pitches. That, together with the momentum we are having with the new Lease, leads us to needing a stronger, more clearly defined relationship with the Sports Committee. That Committee will be asked to have in place (after passing through the Parish Council), an agreed Constitution and methods of working before the start of the next football season (late this Summer). With a new lease, we must have a better working Sports Committee.

Cllr CS asked if they paid to play? Cllr JY said they pay £500 per year to play but the model is wrong as the income does not meet the outgoings.

12 . PLAYING FIELD LEASE:

523. Cllr JY reported on now making progress with our dialogue with the Weld Estate and the new lease of the Recreation Ground. The matter of the pavilion (provision and ownership) is needing consideration. Points to note;

- IV. There is a strong intent from The Weld estate that it should be called a sports field and not a recreation ground even though this name has been well documented in the past.
- V. A pavilion needs to be there by 2026, but there is already one there. The Parish Council may have to take on care and upkeep through The Sports Committee.
- VI. Permission needs to be given to The Sports committee to be able charge 3rd parties so their mandate and constitution needs to be more structured. Cllr CS said it's poor currently and not really working. Cllr BM said this needs to be sorted before the lease goes to the solicitors.

13. Platinum Jubilee in 2022:

524. Cllr BM said keep this on for July as amounts raised will be finalised by then. The weekend was fun and brought the community together. Big Thank you to Andy Turney for the marque. Community Foods, Jurassic meats, Pat for sourcing all of the recycle containers used for the various things, The Red Lion for the bar, Thai foods and many more. So far identified but not all collected.

- Vintage vehicles and Joy Allan's father for Guess the Age & Guess the Sweets £42
- Etched glasses £220
- Raffles £637
- Barn Dance £600
- Crafts £122
- Garden club £120
- Thai takeaway £50
- Red Lion £100
- Community Foods £1,119.50
- School games £60
- Photos are £3 per copy so 50% will be donated

14. Response to Mr Bayfield letter:

525. Cllr BM spoke of the letter and its comments – The Barn is still in its original state so needs to be kept an eye on.

526. Points to note from a recent planning meeting.

Cllr David Walsh - portfolio holder set the scene. Sadly, this came across from the start as negative. His key message was don't contact officers as we are too busy and probably won't get back to you. He emphasised that planning officers inundated with queries will leave and recruitment is impossible.

Couple this with the poor quality of the slides meant it was not a good start and presented a poor image.

Mike Garrity – head of planning

Message was do a neighbourhood plan and it will mean you have more say in planning. A plan must identify where development can take place. A question later from a parish councillor pointed out that the officer check list for consideration of plans does not reference neighbourhood plans

Anna Lee – enforcement

- 450 applications received each month. 550 are dealt with which reflects the backlog which is slowly being cleared.
- Statutory time to make a decision is 8 weeks – DC currently taking average of 16 weeks
- In April 22 40% of non-major applications were decided on time. That's 33% - nationally it's 25%.
- 121 appeals between May 21-April 22. 40 (33%) allowed. Nationally 25% allowed. Reflects quality of original decision.
- Caseload target is 950 – currently 1550 – reflects backlog
- 2 vacancies in the team have been filled so this should help
- Reviews of pre-application advice and validation check list taking place

Head of Building Control

Building regulations in 2025 reflect energy conservation so should see better insulation, heat pumps, solar panels etc on new builds

Matthew Piles – Corporate Director – Economic Growth and Infrastructure

Spoke well, Described battle for funding to try and get infrastructure in place before major development. Gave the clear impression that bringing everything under a unitary authority had presented many more problems than anticipated. DC are doing more inhouse training through apprenticeships to try and overcome staffing issues. Have 20 at the moment across his remit.

Future

Plan is to offer training to Town and Parish Councils so that they have a better understanding of planning and so be able to pass comments that are relevant to decision making. There were questions which on the whole reflected frustration that TC and PC are not listened to

There was opportunity to use post it notes to say what is going well, what needs work etc.

Predominantly the message is listen to Town and Parish Councils and respond to us. Make the planning portal more user friendly.

15. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Daptc – 527

Cllr MM – nothing to report

Rights of way – 528.

Cllr CS felt that some of the planting was too close to the edge of the fields. Pete Bridle will take a look at this when its sensible to do so. The drove track near Claypits lane, the stile has fallen away but so has the fence so its redundant. Cllr CS to remove the fencing.

Cllr BM will give the gate codes to Richard Cox for him to access the recreation ground using the gates. Pete Bridle will re-align the gate which is tricky to open. Cllr MM said we need to look at Accessibility as part of the playground refurbishment. All agreed.

Gill asked about the housing development near the Red Lion Cllr BM said after speaking to the tenant at the Red Lion she didn't think it was on the Brewery's agenda until after the road layout and works had been completed. It looks to be shelved for the long term.

Community Engagement – 529.

Cllr MM - Road works details have been posted to the website and Facebook.

Flood Plan – 530.

Cllr BM - nothing to report.

Village Hall – 531.

Cllr JY - Juliet Muir has been elected as the new Secretary with Cllr JY acting Treasurer. Booking down slightly since COVID as certain things have not returned. Finances are still good because of the grant received. The committee maybe looking to increase storage but will report back on that at the next meeting.

Children's Playground – 532.

Cllr AL has produced and circulated a strategic plan with timelines. An estimate of a like for like playground is approximately £50K+. Cllr BM said numbers makes it more realistic about what can be done. This will also appear as a separate agenda item next month. |Cllr MM said can we also include a maintenance budget going forward. This will be discussed in more detail next month when all the Cllrs have had a chance to digest.

Management of the Recreation ground Cllr JY – 533.

Covered above.

Tree & hedgerow – 534.

Cllr AM Nothing to report

Village maintenance –535.

Cllr AM sent in the costings in advance as he was on holiday.

- The old Countryman notice board has been refurbished and installed at the church green with excellent support from Nic Johnson and Des Connor.
- Temporary repairs have been carried out at the South East side of the play-ground to support a rotten fence post.

We have discussed the requirement for an electrical supply for future playground repairs, particularly when replacing fence posts where it is necessary to remove the embedded concrete. There seems to be two options - a generator or an extension cable suitable to reach the pavilion. I would recommend that we purchase the cable as outlined by Mark in his email of 31/5 at a cost of £187.50 + VAT = £225. I am not sure if this estimate includes plugs and sockets. I believe an extension cable will be easier to use and store and will not require the same degree of maintenance and should be much less expensive. Please consider this proposal and hopefully agree the purchase – to be discussed at the next meeting.

Stake holder 536.

Cllr BM via Nic Johnson - nothing to report currently.

16. CLERK'S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT & GENERAL REPORT.

537. Clerk asked for the following payments to be approved – All Approved.

1. £105 ROSPA for the annual inspection
2. £40 GDPR/Data protection fee renewal
3. £65.91 A Muir for fence repairs and Notice Board renovations
4. £426.00 Annual Insurance
5. £267.43 DAPTC membership

To be discussed.

1. Church donation for 2022 – Cllrs discussed this and felt that a donation of £500 was appropriate – This was approved.
2. CPRE Countryside charity membership renewal £36 – This was not approved.

All monies received into the main account from the Jubilee weekend will be transferred to the savings account.

17. CORRESPONDENCE:

538. Nothing to report.

18. MATTERS OF INTEREST AND INFORMATION:

539. Cllr CS mentioned that mobile phone signals are so bad, it stops security codes etc getting through when you are trying to do something. With Analog going, the digital signals will become even more important. Cllr AL said parishioners have to fill in a form to support a new mast but the Council gave up as there was no appetite. They were also investigating renting out satellite communications.

540. Cllr JY said 40 people attended the Defibrillator training sessions.

541. Cllr BM to do a write up on the Jubilee weekend for the Parish News.

19. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

540. To be submitted to the Parish Clerk.

20. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting will be Monday 18th July 2022

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Meeting closed at 20.52pm