

WINFRITH NEWBURGH & EAST KNIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Monday 08th March 2021

Via Zoom

Starting at 7pm

Draft copy

Present

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

Parishioners; Fiona Bowles, Christine and Malcolm Shakesby, Andy Turney, Stuart and Emily Leaky and Paul Nelson.

1. Apologies

405. None

2. Parishioners open forum

406. MS asked for Gibraltar Cottages to be added on as IA missed that off the agenda.

3. Minutes – 08th Feb 2021

407. 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

408. None

5. Matters arising

409. None

6. Dorset Cllrs reports

410. Update from Cllr LM. Cllr PW has shared his report, this includes updates on the Census, consultations, Park Home licenses, funding for cultural organisations, a new children's home in Weymouth, additional funding for Alcohol and Drugs, St Mary's school, working with adults and £90m to be spent on roads.

Cllr BM Not everyone has had the Census letter and Wednesday is the latest date to chase for it. Rubbish in Blacknoll lane is often not collected. Also asked if there would be an extension on responses to the local plan as it's very difficult/cumbersome to provide comments via the link. Cllr LM an extension had been requested and planning have said no. Blacknoll lane issue is ongoing because of a continuing refuse vehicle breakdown at the Purbeck depo.

There is a Visitor management meeting on 17th March. Initiatives include tow away zones, training for volunteer litter collectors, more patrols, body cams to be used, more bins and rubbish collections. More on the collective

responsibility of people to behave and be eco-friendly. A traffic light system to be used for the Beaches – red = busy etc. The message with Fines seems to work even if they are not collected upon.

MS Asked why the 5% increase in council tax? Should MPs be lobbied for distance restrictions on people travelling? Cllr LM said there were fortnightly meetings and local MPs were pro Lockdown restrictions lifting. The breakdown on the CTax increase had gone out and was necessary to fund Health care especially. COVID also caused overspend last year. Average Band D house would have an increase of £1.62 per week.

AT asked if there was any link between the rise and NHS wages, Cllr LM explained the two budgets are totally separate.

Cllr BM said there has been no acknowledgement on feedback for Mar 17th meeting and Cllr LM will chase that.

7. Tree planning

411. None

8. Planning application

412. Gibraltar Cottages.

MS Application 0694 was refused. 0616 New application for Agricultural storage for Watkins. This building is in the middle of nowhere with no proper access. The lane by the Countryman is not suitable for heavy machinery. There is also Historic hedgerow that would need to be broken through and Atomic energy were stopped previously and had to replant 7 species of hedgerow. There is concern that the building would be used for Timber processing and that's not agricultural use, it is Industrial.

SL The field in question is 42M from their house and 20M from MS and they have only found out about the application last minute as all the yellow notices did not go up in a timely manner.

MS checked 12th Feb, no notices, 18th Feb they appeared after chasing.

Cllr NJ Planning requires you put the notice up and send in a photo to evidence that.

Cllr JY Visited the site on the 18th and a large tree had been left on the hard standing and the access is very unsuitable for heavy machinery.

Cllr LM Confirmed that delays had been caused by Peter the planning officer being affected by COVID but someone else should have picked this up.

Cllr NJ will send a letter to planning detailing all the concerns.

SL also asked that if Watkins decides not to rent in future then it is returned to an open field. Cllr LM would prefer it didn't even get to that.

FB has been reviewing the planning register because of Fossil Farm and this one was not even obvious.

413. The solar farm and Fossil Farm

FB Even as a close neighbour she is in principle happy.

Cllr NJ It maybe an eyesore but it is low carbon.

Cllr CS The connection to the main road had been looked at to try and get it rerouted but that would cross various land owners. They had been consulted but this is the simplest solution. All agreed, No objections.

17. Playing field lease and Pavilion

This agenda item being moved allowed Paul to speak and leave. PN Football teams don't really need to be included in the lease extension process. 6 years means no legalities to be overcome.

Cllr NJ Wants longer as there are already 7 years remaining. Bit of a catch 22.

9. Speed watch report

415. Cllr BM we need to keep volunteers on board although there is no start date as yet.

10. Traffic through the village

416. Cllr CS and MM No one joined the Zoom meeting they arranged. Cllr CS has also written to David Pocknall and proposed a shorter route but longer would have less objections. They will try for another meeting with local parishes but didn't think there will be any traction.

Cllr NJ was a little disappointed that the Weld Estate just shut it down.

Cllr MM James Weld appeared to misinterpret it as a Parish Council meeting rather than a meeting to create a local agreement. JW seemed to think it was the type of visitors that were the issue not the numbers.

Cllr NJ Had hoped to keep it away from the Parish Council.

417. Cllr BM the road resurfacing is due to be between 1st Apr and 30th Sep and will require road closures.

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

418. Cllr NJ wanted the costs clarified. Cllr AM 7 locations and some are doubled sided. £626 but the double sides need to be added. Cllr NJ so that £59 inc VAT per sign (£49 net). All agreed, accepted.

12. 20MPH SPEED LIMIT THROUGH THE VILLAGE

419. Cllr BM has heard nothing and will chase Cllr LM on where it's at and who to communicate with.

13. Defibrillator

420. Cllr JY There are permissions for 3 more defibs but more fund raising may be needed.

14. Emergency plan for the village

421. Cllr BM said uptake could be about 20% for the more rural areas but more in the village centre. Asked that the Zone leaders send in their responses Zone leaders do need to identify a deputy. Ideas to be considered about a flowchart of how to cascade information to zone leaders and parishioners. Cllr MM Also mentioned the need for a formal GDPR document as Zone leaders need to sign up to this as they are holding personal information. Parish clerk to look for this policy as Cllr BM thinks there is already on in place. Cllr JY to ask at the village hall and church to gauge peoples opinions on communications if they decide not to return their contact details. Cllr CS has no mobile communications

in the centre of the village, Cllr MM suggested connecting to the internet for calls especially as BT will eventually close of analogue communications. This will make things interesting when the Internet goes down.

422. Cllr BM went onto the litter in the village in the summer and the road closures causing the village to be used as a toilet. Ideas to mitigate this would be to open the church and the village hall toilets and have volunteers out with black sacks to collect rubbish. Cllr MM suggested a donation box to contribute towards the costs.

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

423. Cllr MM had quotes to replace the uprights on the swing £181.28 for each upright as they are degrading. Cllr NJ at some point the playground will need some serious money spent on it so when the lease is sorted there will need to be some fund raising done. Cllr BM suggested the Solar farm maybe a source of funding and mentioned the gate near the high street is still not closing properly. Cllr NJ and AM will take another look. Cllr AM The defective ladder on the slide has now been replaced.

16. Repair to the parish council notice board

424. Cllr AM said the internals have been replaced and with the assistance of Garry Williams the board will be removed and repainted and the old one from The Countryman will be used in it's place temporarily. Cllr NJ questioned if the Countryman should be put back up later?

18. Update on the land at Colehill Drive

425. Clerk to speak to Julian Hill again to see if this was now resolved.

19. Committee Reports

Daptc (Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils)

426. Cllr MM the summary has gone in.

Rights of Way

427. Cllr CS All ok but the odd sign is down.

Transport

428. Nothing to report.

Flood Plan

429. Nothing to report.

Village hall

430. Nothing to report.

Playground / recreation

431. Dealt with above.

Tree & Hedgerow

432. Cllr AM mentioned the pathway across from the shop needed some work.

Village maintenance

433. All agreed to the renewal of the maintenance contract.

Stake holder

434. Cllr NJ said this had all gone very quiet.

20. Clerk's monthly financial report & general report

435. The clerk issued the financial report.

436. Three cheques needed to be signed. A Muir ladder repairs (£38.76), Wessex Ground Services (£411.23) School donation (£350) Cllr NJ agreed to sign the cheques.

437. The clerk to send in this years VAT reclaim as of March 2021.

21. Correspondence

438. Cllr NJ mentioned the school donation, a consensus was reached on a £350 donation towards the pool.

439. The clerk to arrange for the new Cllrs to go on the new Cllr course at a cost of £35 each,

440. Cllr NJ mentioned that Nationwide have threatened to close the bank account and is awaiting the letter to confirm this so the Clerk can take action. Cllr CS said Brian from the community Hall a/cs maybe able to help.

22. Matters of interest & Information

441. The spare laptop. Cllr MM said to bin it. Cllr NJ will clean it up. Cllr BM suggested giving it to the school.

442. Cllr MM said James Weld would be attending the meeting with the Police on 17th March, along with Cllr BM and NJ. Parish Clerk to find and resend the invite. Cllr CS stated we still need a long-term solution as the road is narrowed to 4 to 6 metres in places due to parking. Cllr BM said individuals should comment on the Dorset plan for the long-term solutions.

23. Items for the next agenda

443. No items to add or delete.

24. Date of next meeting

Monday 12th April 2021

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.42hrs.