

WINFRITH NEWBURGH & EAST KNIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Monday 10th August 2020

Held in the Winfrith Village Hall

Starting at 7pm

Councillors present

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

Clerk – Mandy Stephens

Parishioners present 9 (all socially distancing)

Everyone present in the hall wore a face mask.

Due to the Chairman being absent from the meeting the Vice-Chair Brenda Mustoe took the meeting.

1. Apologies

130. Cllr Nic Johnson, Mr & Mrs Yonwin and Mr MacLean.

2. Parishioners open forum

131. No issues were raised.

3. Minutes – 10th August 2020

132. The Vice-Chair asked the Cllrs if they agreed the above minutes.

133. The Cllrs present all agreed, so the Vice-Chair signed them off as a true record.

4. Declaration of interest

134. Cllr Mustoe declared an interest in Item No.8 tree planning TWA/2020/064, as it is her own planning application.

5. Matters arising

135. None.

6. Dorset Cllrs reports

136. Report from Dorset Councillor Laura Miller. Read out by the clerk.

I really want to talk with everyone on the traffic issue, but as you're meeting in person I've checked again with Jonathan Mair and the guidance to all Dorset Councillors (parish town and unitary) is not to meet in person unless absolutely unavoidable. As you have been meeting online so successfully for months, this is avoidable and so I really feel I need to adhere to the advice given by our Section 151 Officer. In any case I understand numbers are limited to 20 so many people will be excluded.

Please could you read out this email at tonight's meeting, as I do not want residents to think we are disinterested, given comments made at the last Parish

Council meeting when I was unable to attend as I was in urgent care for a torn Achilles. Please do feedback the comments to us, and as always, I will take forward any action that comes from them.

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

137. Nothing new to report at this meeting.

8. Tree planning

138. TWA/2020/064 Beech Gate, High Street – (T1) Acer to reduce lateral growth by up to 2m. (T2) Birch crown lift to 4m above ground level, crown reduce by up to 2m.

139. Cllr Mustoe left the room whilst this application was discussed.

140. TWA/2020/065 Sawpits, High Street – (T1) Ash to fell and replace with smaller tree species. (T2) Sycamore – reduce lateral growth - fell and replace with smaller tree species. (T3) Lime (within garden of Winfrith House) reduce lateral growth towards Sawpits by up to 2m. (T4) Lime (within garden of Winfrith House) – reduce lateral growth towards Sawpits by up to 2m. (G1) 2 x Sycamores to reduce lateral growth towards property by up to 2m.

141. TPO/2020/072 Sawpits, High Street – (T5) Sycamore to fell. (T6) Sycamore to fell. (T7) Ash to fell. (T8) Ash to fell.

142. The council raised no objections to these applications.

9. Planning application

143. 6/2020/0244 Mr Alan Beake – Jurassic Blueberry Stables, Colehill Drove – to erect a mixed-use building to provide 6 stables, a meeting room, WC facilities, and office and a tack room. To erect a barn and lay gravel to form a hardstanding area. Retrospective planning permission for a temporary siting (2 years) of a static caravan to be used for staff facilities and the formation of vehicular access including a gate.

144. The council objected to this application for the following reasons.

Scale of development

Inappropriate for land available. Only the area in red is owned by the applicant. If, as stated in the application, the land outlined in blue is leased then it can be withdrawn leaving inadequate acreage for the livery proposed. Even if all the land was available, we query its adequacy for grazing and exercising the number of horses proposed. However, at our meeting in July the owner of the land marked in blue said he would not be leasing the land out.

The application includes provision for staff facilities using a large mobile home that has been on site without permission for some years with evidence of use. We have been in conversation with the planning department over this for some time. It is stated this would be temporary until a more substantial building is erected plans for which are not included. The mobile home is suitable for staying in so we would expect clarity in the application that this will not happen.

All the buildings are within the land outlined in red making them

disproportionate to the acreage.

Impact on the character of the area

The land is in an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and on the edge of the Conservation Area. It is edged by a bridleway which is heavily used by walkers and a few horse riders. It would detract from rather than add to the area.

The grazing would be heavy and detrimental to the grassland

It lies on the edge of the village of Winfrith Newburgh and would feel like an extension of the built environment.

Overlooking and loss of privacy

Whilst the buildings do not overlook others, we feel they would spoil the natural environment enjoyed by walkers. There would be considerable noise generated during everyday use and when cars, lorries and trailers access the site. During recent months it has become even more apparent that people need somewhere safe and quiet to exercise and maintain physical and mental health. This path is used heavily by residents allowing them access to walks without the necessity to travel. It provides a safe route to join the two villages of East Chaldon and Winfrith Newburgh.

Traffic generation and safety

The entrance to the site is set back but close to the road access. Larger vehicles would need room to manoeuvre and turn causing issues on a narrow road to Chaldon which is heavily used by farm vehicles, residents, and visitors. We would suggest that erosion would be caused to verges which are already vulnerable.

The Chaldon Road floods during periods of heavy rain as does the land around it.

Whilst horse riders are entitled to use the road, we suggest it would not be safe in any significant numbers and certainly with the necessary supervision of disabled riders. There is no indication of where the riding would take place. We assume the horses would need regular exercise and road use to maintain their health and fitness.

When an application was made for the Blueberry Farm, we made mention of traffic concerns and Mr Beake responded that the track had been in use by farm vehicles it being owned by Wynards Farm. Wynards has not been a working farm for over 40 years.

The Parish Council wants the static caravan to be removed immediately.

145. 6/2020/0320 Longmead, High Street – replacement flue for woodburning stove.

146. The council raised no objection to this application. The clerk will inform Purbeck District Council.

10. Speed watch report

147. One-hour sessions have taken place, starting at the shop and then on to the

church. We were able to resume Speed watch from 13th July and carried out 10 sessions on a variety of days and times. The traffic count includes cars travelling in both directions.

Wed 11am	128, 110	238
Thur 3pm	133, 108	241
Sat 4pm	152, 125	277
School term ended		
Mon 9am	25, 25	50
Tues 10am	141, 139	280
Wed 4pm	167, 163	330
Fri 2pm	93, 118	211
Sat 10am	93, 126	219
Tues 11am	187, 160	347
Fri 11am	218, 166	384

1 recorded speeder at 36 mph

2 not recorded 37, 41 as insufficient data collected. Need reg, time and 2 from colour, make, model. Have placed badge picture sheet in box to assist with identification.

Most drivers are courteous, and some ask all about it and are supportive.

Some, but low percentage, speed up deliberately as they drive away but the majority slow down if they seemed to be going fast.

Perception is that traffic is travelling fast but reality is this is not the case.

Confirms in our mind that a lower limit is needed.

Have tried various times of day. Best seem to be around 10-11am and 4-5pm when people are going to the beach and returning.

Trying later times in August. Numbers appear to show roughly 5 cars a minute but in reality, there is bunching so can be considerably more at any one time.

Congested when stuck behind a larger vehicle.

Parked cars cause bunching and some slalom driving. Cause issues for pedestrians having to come out round them particularly when several in a row.

Concern about pollution levels when cars idling in queues and accelerating.

Would be interesting to get a pollution measure. Not just gases but particulates.

Cllr Mustoe will investigate how easy it would be to get a pollution check done within the village.

11. Traffic through the village

148. Please direct all comments and concerns on the current traffic issues to Dorset Council. More replies are coming in from the recent traffic survey sent out by the Parish Council. The long-term plan is to continue to work with Highways, although frustrating at times. There will be a road traffic survey (2 monitors placed on telegraph poles at either end of the village) taking place over the Bank Holiday weekend for a week 24/7. The structural patches on the High Street will be done this year with the

main surface of Micro asphalt being done next year sometime. The traffic subcommittee have done their own walk through the village, identifying certain areas. The cost for a “20 is plenty sign” is £55 plus vat and fittings. It was agreed to wait until September after the walk through the village has been done by the Parish Council and Highways, so that the Parish Council can be advised on the best place to put the signs.

149. Cllr Smith proposed that a subcommittee to address traffic volume be set up with two representatives from West Lulworth, East Lulworth, East Holme, Wool and Winfrith to discuss a way forward and would represent a united front. A date will be arranged, and the clerk will contact the relevant councils.

12. Defibrillator

150. Thank you to the defibrillator committee for providing the relevant finances to enable the council to make a decision. Currently the group has enough money to buy two defibrillators.

151. The full council present agreed after a discussion to take on the defibrillators as a council asset on the understanding that enough money is raised for the ongoing running costs.

13. Up-date on the telephone box repairs

152. Nothing new to report at this meeting.

14. Proposed Blueberry Farm & adjacent field.

153. It was agreed by the council that this item can now come off the agenda as it is now a planning item.

15. Comments on the proposed road closure of Water Lane for repair works to a retaining wall.

154. The council had no comments to make. The local farms have made their own comments to Highways.

16. How to identify residents and visitors access to the village during the road closures.

155. Cllr Smith raised concerns about how locals and visitors can identify themselves to access the village when the roadblocks are in place. He suggested to carry your driving licence, which has your address on. If you have holiday lets within the village then ask them to carry proof of their stay.

156. This can now come off the agenda.

17. Emergency plan for the village

157. Nothing new to report at this meeting.

18. Leaving gift for ex Cllr Amanda Williams

158. Retrospective agreement. This was agreed by the Cllrs via email to purchase a £50 gift voucher and flowers.

19. Committee Reports –

Daptc (Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils)

159. No report.

Rights of Way

160. No report.

Transport

161. No report.

Flood Plan

162. Cllr Mustoe checks the river regularly.

Village hall

163. The aim is to try and get the Village Hall back up and running as much as possible under the current rules with the usual activities. Thank you again to the Village Hall committee for getting the hall ready for our Parish Council meeting.

Playground / recreation

164. Cllr Mustoe thanked Cllrs Muir & Johnson for repairing the play equipment. Cllr Muir reported that the contractor who will be repairing the fence around the children's play area has been told that the fencing supplies will take much longer to come in. Cllr Muir will follow this up.

Tree & Hedgerow

165. Cllr Muir reported that on the 31st July that he tidied up a Lime tree to the entrance of the village and the hedge leading to the playing field.

Village maintenance

166. Wessex Ground Services (our maintenance contractor) asked if a representative could meet with them on Tuesday 11th August to discuss the weeds along the fence line on Water Lane. Cllr Muir said he was available.

Stake holder

167. Nothing new to report at the meeting.

20. Clerk's monthly financial report & general report

168. The clerk issued the financial report.

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

169. Three cheques needed to be signed. They were for A Stephens wages (£348.91, including ink and stamps), Wessex ground services (£411.23) and A Stephens (£59.99) Amanda Williams leaving present.

170. Proposed by Cllr Barrett and seconded by Cllr Muir.

21. Correspondence

171. A final decision to see if the Iron Man event will take place on the 20th September 2020 will be decided at a meeting sometime this week.

22. Matters of interest & Information

172. None.

23. Items for the next agenda

173. Children's play area and Pavilion.

24. Date of next meeting

Monday 12th October 2020

The Vice-chair closed the meeting at 20.40hrs.

