

# **WINFRITH NEWBURGH & EAST KNIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

Held in the Winfrith Village Hall & Via Zoom

Starting at 7pm

### **Councillors present**

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

Clerk – Mandy Stephens

Dorset Cllr Laura Miller via Zoom

2 parishioners via Zoom

2 parishioners present (all socially distancing, hand sanitizer was available).

Track and trace were recorded by all present)

Everyone present in the hall wore a face mask / covering.

### **1. Apologies**

218. Cllr Andy Muir

### **2. Parishioners open forum**

219. The issue of the fast-moving traffic on the A352 by the Red Lion Pub and Gatemore Road was raised by new parishioners to the area. Cllr Mustoe gave a brief history of what the council have already done regarding this matter. The request for a permanent camera to be sited on this road could be made, but unlikely that this permission would be given. In the meantime, it was suggested that they, as well as the council keep requesting the mobile speed unit to come out. This will only deter the traffic whilst they are present, but it does gather evidence. Cllr Mustoe also suggested that she will contact Highways to find out if a 24/7 monitor could be placed on the A352.

### **3. Minutes – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

220. 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**

221. None

### **5. Matters arising**

222. Farm traffic letters / email

The clerk received replies from Mr Nic Cobb, Mr Andy Turney and Mr Mike Watkins. The council asked the clerk to summarise their responses and this will be in the parish magazine and the notice board.

## **6. Dorset Cllrs reports**

223. Report from Cllr Laura Miller

The November monthly report from Peter & I will be sent out in November. To sum up briefly.

We have prepared a Climate Change Plan that consists of 187 actions to take place over the next 25 – 30 years. Approximately 100 require additional funding at a cost of around £127 million pounds. This of course is up for some debate due to the current situation. Some of the actions are quick fixes. A link to the full report will be in our report.

Budget – we have taken a huge hit due to COVID-19 with a shortfall of £60 million pounds. We are working to close the gap and estimate that it will be in the region of £20 million. We are not the worst-off council, but it is a concern, and we are working on it. We are looking at our Estate and use of its assets. We are looking to sell pieces of land that the council cannot use but others can.

I sent a letter to Matt Hancock about concerns over the Track & Trace. The letter will be in the report.

We are doing a huge recruitment campaign to become a carer.

We have just voted on our grant for People, Cultural and Sporting Community Organisations from our Leisure Development Fund, more details in the report. Also, in place is Financial support for those who will have to self-isolate during the winter. We are also continuing with our community shield scheme, which in the first wave of lockdown worked well and we won a National Recognition award for our community work during this time.

We recently had an Ofsted inspection for Children's Services, which was incredibly positive.

Bins – the lorries are still having technical problems and roads being blocked.

Please use the form to report missed bins.

Recently plans have been approved for a multi storey car park at Dorset County Hospital in Dorchester.

Brexit – the legislation for lorry parks came in to force on the 24<sup>th</sup> September.

We are one of the 29 local authorities affected primarily because we are coastal. It has temporary planning permission for use of land for border processing and vehicles. It is possible we may see proposals / planning come through relating to Portland Port.

Cllr Miller left the Zoom call.

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

224. Nothing new to report at this meeting.

## **8. Tree planning**

225. TWA/2020/096 Cleve House Water Lane – to fell an ash tree. This application had been brought forward to enable the work to be carried out due to the severity of it.

226. TWA/2020/104 8 Winbrook Fold- to fell a Leylandii

227. The council raised no objection to this application. The clerk will inform the tree officer.

### **9. Planning application**

228. 6/2020/0403 Tranquillity Cottage – repairs to roof and re thatch roof with water reed on front elevation.

229. The council raised no objections to these applications. The clerk will inform Purbeck District Council.

### **10. Speed watch report**

230. The group did not operate whilst Water Lane was closed. They are due to start back on the 13<sup>th</sup> October. Cllr Mustoe has been trying since March to get 6 new recruits signed off. Hopefully, this will happen soon. They also hope to get a code from the police to enable them to include Gatemore Road in the speed watch. True Cam comes out and visits the speed watch group. They also do speed checks and can issue fines and points. One is booked for Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October by the Church. Cllr Mustoe has been in touch with other councils who are encouraged by the police to do these watches but feel frustrated that nothing comes of them being done. There is now a WhatsApp group for these councils to keep in touch.

### **11. Traffic through the village**

231. Cllr Barrett reported that at the August meeting with local parish councils a plan was put to them about re-directing the traffic and upgrading the farm track from Burngate to Dagers Gate. This report was sent out to all the councils that attended and to the DCC Cllrs Laura Miller and Peter Wharfe and the Estate. As yet no response from the Estate. East Lulworth expressed concerns over the cost. West Lulworth supported some aspects, but again felt the cost was too high. They did not support the park & ride as it would cause more traffic going through the village. Another meeting is being arranged for the 13<sup>th</sup> November to discuss further and to discuss another plan that has been put forward called the Pocknall Plan. This is to build a new road from opposite the layby (East Burton Kennels) down to join the Lulworth Road by Marley Wood. Cllr Morley had strong objections to this stating that evidence shows that when you build a new road you not only increase the traffic flow on that road, you also increase the traffic on all the roads that were supposed to be relieved. A new road would be the worst solution in my opinion. It was agreed that many aspects need to be discussed. Cllr Smith said that it is good to have 2 reports to work from. The next step is try and get an agreement from all the councils on how to take this forward. It would be good to get the Estate to attend a meeting.

### **12. To agree to costs for the 20 is plenty signage through the village**

232. Cllrs Mustoe and Johnson have walked through the village to identify where and how many signs will be needed. It was agreed approx. 9 signs would be needed at a cost of £62.40 (vat included).

Cllr Mustoe asked the Cllrs if they would agree to spend of up to £800 (to

include signs and brackets)

233. The full council present agreed to this spend.

### **13. Defibrillator**

234. The money from the Winfrith Defibrillator Group has been paid into the council's account. The clerk will now order the two defibrillators.

### **14. Up-date on the telephone box repairs**

235. The box has now been painted and the door has been replaced. This can now come off the agenda.

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

236. No further comments to be made. This can now come off the agenda.

### **16. Emergency plan for the village**

237. Cllr Mustoe reported that the next stage is to divide the parish into 7 sections. She asked the Cllrs and clerk if they would take on a section each. All present agreed to do this. More information will follow.

### **17. The children's play area on the playing field and the pavilion.**

238. Play area – the request for an extension to the playing field lease is still being worked on by the Estate.

Pavilion – the request to place two temporary porta cabins (for changing rooms) on the playing field is still being discussed with the Estate.

### **18. Repair to the parish council notice board**

239. The clerk reported that the backing on the notice board outside the village shop needs replacing. It was then decided by the Cllrs to see how much a new free-standing notice board would cost. The clerk will get some prices for the next meeting.

### **19. Parish Council having their own website**

240. The clerk requested this but has since decided that now there is a new Village Website it would be sensible to use this.

### **20. Proposed Solar Farm at North Fossil Farm**

241. Cllrs Smith & Johnson attended a site meeting with Mr Hugo House at North Fossil Farm. They reported that the site was large and will be seen in some areas. The clerk asked the Cllrs if they would like Mr House to attend a council meeting, but due to the current Covid restrictions it was agreed to leave it for now.

### **21. Committee Reports –**

Daptc (Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils)

242. Cllr Barrett will attend the AGM on the 14<sup>th</sup> November via Zoom

Rights of Way

243. No report.

Transport

244. No report.

### Flood Plan

245. Amanda Broom from Dorset Wildlife Trust attended a recent site visit at Willowbourne Gardens to discuss the repair work on the retaining wall. The problem is water, dirt and grit are flooding down from Wynards Farm and hitting this retaining wall. Further investigation will be needed up at Wynards Farm.

### Village hall

246. No report

### Playground / recreation

247. Covered under item No 17

### Tree & Hedgerow

248. No report.

### Village maintenance

249. No report.

### Stake holder

250. No report.

## **22. Clerk's monthly financial report & general report**

251. The clerk issued the financial report.

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

253. Seven cheques needed to be signed. They were for A Stephens wages (£328.09), Wessex ground services (£411.23), A Stephens Zoom (£14.39), JRB dog bags £118.92 , Wessex ground services for cutting back the hedgerow back on Water Lane (£417.31), Village hall rent (£50.00)

London hearts for the defibrillators (£3,006.00). this money was paid into the parish council account from the Defibrillator committee.

254. Proposed by Cllr Morley and seconded by Cllr Barrett.

## **23. Correspondence**

255. None.

## **24. Matters of interest & Information**

256. The clerk was asked to check on the planning applications for the two plots of land on Cole hill.

## **25. Items for the next agenda**

257. New parish council notice board

## **26. Date of next meeting**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.30hrs.

