

WINFRITH NEWBURGH & EAST KNIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Monday 14th September 2020

Held in the Winfrith Village Hall & Via Zoom

Starting at 7pm

Councillors present

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

Clerk – Mandy Stephens

Dorset Cllr Laura Miller via Zoom

1 parishioner via Zoom

4 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

174. Cllr Andy Muir, Lucy Sisman and Mr MacLean

2. To co-opt Mark Morley onto the council

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

176. The Chairman welcomed Mr Morley to the Council.

3. Parishioners open forum

177. No issues were raised.

4. Minutes – 10th August 2020

178. The Chairman asked the Cllrs if they agreed the minutes. The full council agreed so the Chairman signed them off as a true record.

5. Declaration of interest

179. None

6. Matters arising

180. None.

7. Dorset Cllrs reports

181. Report from Cllr Laura Miller

Thank you for setting up Zoom which allows me to attend your meeting. We have been advised by our legal team not to attend public meetings for the foreseeable future. The recent monthly report from myself and Cllr Peter Wharf had a detailed report on the Climate, Ecological and Emergency Strategy which we hoped you found interesting. Also, a report on the financial impact Covid-19 has had which is considerable to us around 60 million pounds.

There has been an increase in demand for social care in adults and children.

We have had two rounds of funding totally 21 million from the Government to help support our budget pressures due to loss of income. As you know the Ironman competition will not be taking place. The Zoom invite has been sent to the clerk to circulate to the Cllrs for the wash up meeting with myself and Cllr Peter Wharf. It will be an informal meeting to receive feedback from the summer issues.

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

182. Nothing new to report at this meeting.

9. Tree planning

183. 21 High Street (T1) white poplar – to remove dominant limb over garden back to source.

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

10. Planning application

185. 6/2020/0383 Homeleigh, 10 High Street – roof repairs to gable end (south elevation) & extend roof slopes (east & west elevations).

186. 6/2020/0362 Endon Cottage, 3 Fields Barn – to erect porches on south west and south east elevations. Convert loft space to habitable accommodation and install rooflights.

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

11. Speed watch report

188. Speed watch and Traffic Survey August 2020

We have carried out 18 sessions at various times of the day including evening and weekends. In general speed was not an issue and as before drivers slow when they see us. Volume of traffic in an hour ranged from 154 to 521 but 10 out of 18 sessions recorded more than 300.

The recent traffic survey carried out by Highways over a 7-day period including the Bank Holiday weekend showed that the mean average speed ranged from 20.5mph to 23.1mph.

The weekday average volume of traffic was 1671 Northbound and 1787 Southbound. The seven-day average volume was 1895 Northbound and 1974 Southbound. It will not be a surprise to know that over the Bank Holiday weekend over 4000 cars passed through the village on the Saturday and over 5000 on the Sunday

12. Traffic through the village

189. Summary of meeting with Highways Road Safety 11/09/20

Present: Mike Potter Road Safety Team Leader Dorset Highways

Brenda Mustoe, Nic Johnson, Richard Barrett

Aim: to identify sites where work could be undertaken to improve road safety and discuss the outcome of the traffic survey carried out in August 2020 with a view to getting a 20mph limit

Listed points for Mike to refer to his team

1. 50 terminal signs as you exit onto the A352 faded
2. Pedestrian warning sign before the exit from the recreation ground
3. Better surface on the layby by the recreation ground
4. Ascertain ownership of the grass verge by the old Chapel
5. Investigate putting in footways where possible. More likely outcome to be clearing of roadside and virtual pavement. Referred to Steve Mepham
6. Re-surfacing which is due in 2021. Date to be out of season and white lining refreshed and added to after completion. We emphasised desire for quiet surface 20mph limit and traffic monitoring survey

The survey was carried out at one site over a period of 7 days. The second site failed to record. We are promised a replacement.

The mean average speed fell within the range for the current policy for a 20mph limit

Other aspects of the policy that we have met are carrying out regular speed watch sessions and surveying the community.

Mike stated that discussions were ongoing as to the need to consider concerns from localities with similar concerns collectively as this would be more cost efficient and fairer. It would inform a possible change in policy approach which would move things forward. He could not give a time frame but agreed it would probably be measured in years rather than months.

We suggested that we would contact DAPTC to identify other parishes with similar aims so that we can work together. We will ensure our County Councillors and the portfolio holder for Highways Ray Bryan are kept informed. In the meantime, we will purchase and erect 20 is plenty signage in appropriate positions in the village.

190. The full council present all agreed pushing for a quieter road surface was important, even if it means delaying it happening.

191. Cllr Barrett reported that the meeting held on the 24th August was attended by all local parish council's apart from East Holme. All of which have suffered with the volume of traffic. A plan was put forward which had been drawn up by a parishioner and a copy had been sent to the Lulworth Estate. The reply outlined several issues preventing its success. It is important to keep the local councils on board.

13. Defibrillator

192. Report from Pat Yonwin.

On behalf of the Group, I thank you for voting, at your last Parish Council Meeting, to join the Partnership.

Here is my latest report to you:

1. For its August Meeting, The PC received an outline plan for the project and a copy of the Constitution. These have been accepted by the PC.
2. Funding: We are currently holding some £6K - £7K and there is Gift Aid to

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be reclaimed on some. This is funding for 3 defibrillators.

3. Initially two will be purchased: (a) For the Village Hall and (b) For the Rainbow Garage. Letters from the Partnership to those two locations seeking the necessary permission have been sent.

4. The 3rd location: Shop or School (Letters have been sent asking for permissions from the site owners)

5. The 4th location: Near the Church: We have the promise of funding for this one (if permission is granted). The Church Committee wish for detailed plans / diagrams of how it will look and proposed siting / provision of power supply etc. This task has not been undertaken, yet. We will wait and assess the success of the other local defibrillator sitings before proceeding with this detailed work form this location)

6. The aim is to have the three in place by the end of this year of 2020 and we are on track to deliver to that timescale.

7. A further meeting of the Planning Group will be held on Thursday 17th September and an update to the PC will be prepared in time for its October PC meeting.

8. Please advise if there are any questions and comments to be fed into the Planning Group at its 17th September meeting.

9. An update to the residents will be made in the 1st October Parish News and via Notices placed in local Noticeboards.

10. We are well on the way and incredibly pleased with the enthusiasm and the funding's received to date (more to come?) ...The Take-away Cream Tea and Lockdown Show and Raffle raised £1275 (brilliant result)

11. Members of the Defibrillator Task Group are very keen to bring this project to a satisfactory conclusion.

191. Cllr Smith congratulated the group on the amount of money raised at the recent lock down show for their cream teas and raffle.

14. Up-date on the telephone box repairs

193. Nothing new to report at this meeting.

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

194. The parish council accept that the road had to be closed to do the repair work. But the feedback from locals and the village shop is that not enough information and time was given. There was confusion on the dates which was displayed on the roadside boards. The map which was attached to the letter was of poor quality.

195. Cllr Miller said that they did receive a letter with contact details on to find out more information if they needed it.

It was agreed that lessons have been learnt from this.

16. Emergency plan for the village

196. Work so far is sorting out the emergency numbers.

17. The children’s play area on the playing field and the pavilion.

197. The current lease with the Weld Estate for the playing field has 7 years left. To enable any funding to be sort for the repair / refurbishment of the pavilion and children’s play area the lease will have to be renewed for a longer term, if possible. It was agreed by the full council to write to the Weld Estate requesting this.

198. Cllr Miller asked to leave the meeting.

18. Clerks pay review

199. This review is normally done in May but due to Covid-19 it was delayed. The clerk is currently on pay scale SCP 20 £10.30phr. The next increase is SCP 21 £10.67 an increase of £9.99 per month.

200. The full council present agreed to the pay increase and to it being back dated to May. The clerk thanked the council.

19. The cost of a Zoom Licence

201. The full council agreed to continue for now to pay monthly for Zoom for our parish council meetings at a cost of £14.39 (vat included)

20. Committee Reports –

Daptc (Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils)

202. No report.

Rights of Way

203. No report.

Transport

204. No report.

Flood Plan

205. Cllr Mustoe reported that she has had a good response for volunteers to help with the clearance of the River Win. Concerns have also been raised about repair works to the riverbank by the bridge at Willowbourne Gardens. The clerk has written to the secretary of the Willowbourne Residents Association for clarification on the works.

Village hall

206. Cllr Smith thanked the village hall committee again for allowing the council to have their meeting again

Thanks also goes to Roger Stevenson for setting the Zoom call up

Playground / recreation

207. Cllr Muir reported via a report that the fencing around the children’s play area has been repaired. He also raised his concerns over the general condition of the playground equipment and that some equipment is reaching a point where replacements will be required and feel it is important to keep this topic on the agenda.

Tree & Hedgerow

208. No report.

Village maintenance

209. Cllr Muir reported that the signpost for the bridleway and village trail at the bottom of Colehill Drove has been repaired. Defect report raised with Rights of Way to repair the footbridge from Water Lane into the recreation ground. There are two new volunteers to assist with tidying up of the green spaces in the village. They have removed the weeds along the wall opposite the village shop and have started to tidy up the flower beds around the bicycle area, including some new planting.

Stake holder

210. Magnox has restarted again post Covid-19.

21. Clerk's monthly financial report & general report

211. The clerk issued the financial report.

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

212. Five cheques needed to be signed. They were for A Stephens wages (£368.05), Wessex ground services (£411.23), A Stephens Zoom (£14.39), R Knight (£499.98 for fence repair) and Weld Estate rent (£375.00)

213. Proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Morley.

22. Correspondence

214. None.

23. Matters of interest & Information

215. Cllr Barrett would like the council to be kept updated on both plots of land on Colehill Drove.

216. It was brought to the council's attention about the recent farm traffic through the village and the unsociable times this was happening. It was agreed by the full council to write to the surrounding farms requesting that they keep to the 15mph speed limit and consider the times they drive through the village.

24. Items for the next agenda

217. The parish council notice board outside the village shop
Parish council website

25. Date of next meeting

Monday 12th October 2020

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.30hrs.