

## Iwerne Courtney & Stepleton Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Venue: Shroton Village Hall

Present: Cllr Sullivan, Cllr Hewitt, Cllr Gredley, Cllr Christmas, Cllr Barrett

In attendance: Cllr Somper

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Council Action
a. Apologies	Cllr Gibson Fleming,	
b. Minutes of Previous Meeting	The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2022 having been previously circulated, were agreed and duly signed by the presiding Chairman, proposed by Cllr Gredley and seconded by Cllr Hewitt.	
c. Chairman's announcements	a. Cllr Sullivan updated members on the resignation of Simon Parker as Parish Clerk, after a brief tenure. A new candidate has been identified and discussions had been held outside the formal meeting. A discussion was had regarding having Council meetings bi-monthly instead of monthly.	Council to consider bi-monthly meetings at the December 21 <sup>st</sup> meeting.
d. Declaration of Interests	No relevant interests declared	
e. Matters Arising	a. Cllr Gredley updated members on the succesful Weldmare Hospice visit to a coffee morning. b. Cllr Gredley updated members on the Rectory drains issues. Rico at DC has reported that he had inspected the drains and could not see any issues. He has spoken with the jetter gang who had attended the site recently and was assured that the system had been cleaned out and was running. No further action would be possible based on current evidence. c. An update on the new Parish website would be taken under item 8c.	
<b>6. Democratic Period:</b> a. Dorset Councillor Somper b. Public & Parish Council	<b>Ward Councillor: Cllr Somper</b> had sent in the Ward report. In particular statistics on the DC budget were reported, stressing the severe pressure on budgets, especially in the area of adult services, although savings were being made in other areas.	

	<b>Members of the public:</b> The parishioner Mr Richards who was applying for planning permission (item 10a) introduced himself and the rationale for his application	
7. Correspondence	<p><b>Emails received by the Clerk for statutory matters and council business are sent onto the Council by the Clerk and itemised for discussion at the next council meeting.</b></p> <p>a. Clerk's email round up sent for w/e 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022 acknowledged by council members at this meeting.</p> <p>b. An email from a parishioner in regard to a DC initiative on a 20mph speed limit application process would be taken under item 9.</p>	
8. Parish Council Representatives	<p><b>Parish Council Representatives –</b> Councillors to advise on areas of representation as appropriate or discuss matters pertinent to representative role:</p> <p>a. <b>Play Area Report</b> Cllr Hewett advised that wildflower area had been cut by the Ranger.</p> <p>b. <b>Parish Footpaths and Bridleways</b> Cllr Hewitt awaiting new 'Waymarkers' from DC Ranger Services to replace originals</p> <p>c. <b>Parish Council Website Development</b> In light of Clerk's resignation, Cllr Sullivan requested support for Councillor Barrett in order to progress the Aubergine project. Cllr Christmas volunteered to assist. Councillors suggested asking Cllr Gibson Fleming given his expertise.</p> <p>d. <b>Dorset Council Highways</b> Cllr Gredley asked Cllr Somper if there was an issue over shortage of staff given that Rico seemed to have additional areas of responsibility. Cllr. Somper responded that Rico may be busy training ne Highways officers.</p> <p>e. <b>The Glebe matters &amp; Glebe trees (inc. Parish Trees)</b> No items raised other than Cllr Sullivan confirmed the monthly inspection of the Glebe trees would be carried out the following day.</p> <p>f. <b>A350/C13 Community Action Group (CAG)</b> No items raised</p> <p>g. <b>DAPTC</b> Nothing to report that is not in the weekly mail.</p>	Cllr Sullivan to send email to Cllr Gibson Fleming
9 . Parish Council Projects	<p><b>Village Projects</b></p> <p><b>Village Traffic Calming Project –</b> The Council acknowledged the Dorset Council announcement " New 20mph application launched for towns and parishes". There appears to be nothing new in this initiative as the hurdles are still present . In order to apply for this limit the Council would have to provide evidence for its requirement on three levels - community support, collision data, and speedwatch data. When this has been addressed</p>	

	<p>previously (ref.May 2019 minutes) there was lukewarm response to setting up a community Speed Watch scheme and signage. The Council resolved to further address this matter at the January meeting and to contact the Community Highways Officer for guidance.</p>	
<b>9. Finance Matters</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Council approved payment to Jim Bird for Annual Hostinger website amount £115.06</li> <li>b. Council approved cheque for £140 payable to Nicholas Smith, allotments fee.</li> <li>c. Cllr. Sullivan reported that the papers for the half yearly internal audit had been submitted.</li> <li>d. The first draft of the 2023 /24 Precept papers were presented and discussed. Comments were taken and second draft will be presented at the December meeting</li> <li>e. Cllr. Sullivan proposed that online banking should be introduced.</li> </ul>	<p>Cheque for £115.06</p> <p>Cheque for £140</p> <p>Cllr. Sullivan to update and revise Precept proposal</p> <p>Online banking to be recommended at the December meeting, once a new Clerk is appointed, together with change of business address with Lloyds bank.</p>
<b>10. Planning Matters</b>	<p>a. <b>P/HOU/2022/06573 Location: 3 Newfield New Field Lane Shroton Blandford Forum DT11 8PZ</b> Proposal: Partial demolition of an existing garden store and the construction of a two-storey rear and side extension to the existing property.</p> <p>The council considered that there was no objection to the proposal. However, the fact that the neighbouring houses either side were social housing (Sovereign Housing Association) then DC planning should be made aware by posting comments on the planning portal. In particular a concern was raised by the proposed removal on a brickwork garden store that abuts the common boundary with the neighbouring property.</p>	<p>Cllr to post comments on to DC Planning portal</p>
<b>11. Other Matters for next meeting</b>	<p>a. Cllr Sullivan proposed that the next meeting , being so close to Christmas, should be for Planning and Finance matters only (in particular the Precept), unless other critical issues arose. Councillors requested that winter meetings should be held in the Church warm space. Cllr Sullivan advised that he would be on holiday in January and would be unable to attend that January meeting.</p>	<p>Cllr Sullivan to accept the invitation from the Church and to advise John Simmonds</p>

The presiding Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:10 pm

The date of the next Parish Council meeting is 21st December 2022

**Presiding Chairman .....**  
**Iwerne Courtney & Stepleton Parish Council**

**Date.....**

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