

The WINFRITH NEWBURGH & EAST KNIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held: 7 pm Monday 09th January 2023
Winfrith Newburgh Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr Brenda Mustoe (Chair), Cllr John Yonwin Cllr Mark Morley, Cllr Andy Muir, Cllr C Smith, Cllr Laura Beddow and I Atkins Clerk.

Parishioners: John Mustoe, Morris Guy, Linda Handy, Penny and David Harrop, Mathew and Jenny Woods, Jim and Pat Pettitt, Andy Turney and Eddie Morrison.

1 APOLOGIES:

693. None

2. PARISHIONERS OPEN FORUM:

694. Morris Guy said with regard to Mr Sealey's Solar panels - should they contribute to the village? Cllr BM - when this happens, they will ask us for grant applications.

3. MINUTES – 12th December 2022

695. Accepted as a true and accurate record.

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

696. None declared

5. MATTERS ARISING:

697. None declared

6. DORSET COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

698. Cllr LB Budget is the main focus at the moment. Inflation and fuel prices rise. Managed to save £76mill since becoming a **Unitary Authority**. Government has allowed councils to raise Council Tax by up to 5% but it's unlikely to be that high. There are meetings to discuss the budget with the public. Communities is part of Cllr LB role and 16th Jan is the next social media event. No front-line services are being cut. Customer services is being revamped so logging in is only once. The council should have an app, so that is being worked on. Trying to encourage residents to claim the benefits they are entitled to. Comms team have won an award for

Summer promotions. Also promoting for new foster carers. The Volunteer centre for Dorset, managed to deliver 400 hampers for Ukrainian guests. Cllr MM said the report is now on our website. Andy Turney said where has the £76m gone? Cllr LB - it has been saved on councillors and buildings. Cllr LB - means no cuts in services for next year. They have closed a £29m funding gap this year and have reduced what they would have had to find. John Mustoe said that Dorset has the 3rd highest Council tax in the country. Cllr LB said they are working to go down that list. Negative revenue support grant which means local councils have to find funding rather than central government. The £76m does include some capital receipts and more on the way. John Mustoe - so not all £76m is savings. Some buildings leased out so gives a revenue stream. Matthew Woods mentioned social care – what funding is available to get people out of hospital and what education is planned to stop people going to hospital unless necessary. Cllr LB said that £6m has come from Dorset Council to work on social care which is longer term. NHS is also going to stump up some money. Matthew Woods – education is important.

7. TREE PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

699. None

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Application: P/FUL/2022/07541

Location: Fossil Barn the Drove Winfrith Newburgh Dorchester DT2 8DB

Proposal: Erect a single low-energy passivhaus dwelling with an annex designed to be zero-carbon in running and construction. This is in lieu of the conversion of the barn into 2 dwellings and involves the partial removal of part of the existing barn and retention of the remainder.

Comments and questions. No objections. Cllr BM lots on the planning portal if people wish to have a look. Cllr JY no notices up as yet. We should actively support this. Clerk to write and support.

9. Traffic:

701. Cllr BM now been able to apply for a 20mph speed limit for the village. Criteria have been fulfilled. This will go in on 10th January. Dorset council has now moved forward and supportive with this. Cllr LB criteria to even been able to apply as Winfrith has been doing it. **Dorset Council recognised** there needs to be a process that communities can follow which creates a case by case application. Cllr JY said well done to Brenda on all her hard work. Matthew Woods asked how is this enforced? Speedwatch highlights and promotes speed limit. This helps with habit change. Cllr LB left to go to another meeting.

10. Formation of the Playing Field Association

702. Cllr JY Committee just about to be formed. JP Secretary and JY chair until the baton can be passed. 2 docs Constitution and Terms of Reference circulated for comment. Cllrs no comments. Clerk to attach these to the minutes. There will also be several Friends of the Association. Full report next month after next weeks meeting.

11. Community Space

703. Cllr BM – what we are hoping to do with the area – plan on the wall in village hall. Playground increasingly costly. The Lulworth Estate board meeting will review our ideas before the end of this month. They are keen to promote sport.

12. PLAYING FIELD LEASE:

704. Cllr JY remains in **consultation** with Lulworth estate. The estate confirmed that they will chase their solicitors.

13. Emergency Plan

705. Cllr BM has received a plan from Cllr MM as he has formatted it for the website. Meeting 10th January to review.

14. Next Annual meeting

706. Proposed that this should form part of the April meeting as it needs an agenda and full reports of year's achievements. In addition there will be an informal drop in session for parishioners to talk to councillors about ongoing projects. Saturday 22nd April afternoon booked – refreshments will be offered – budget to be confirmed

15. Code of Conduct update

707. Cllr BM currently we use 2021 version – new one issued 2022. New version adopted and will go on website

16. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Daptc – 708. Cllr MM. Nothing to report. Will attend a course on engaging with the community – cost approved

Rights of way – 709. Cllr CS Extension of Claypits Lane very muddy. Track between Thornicks and Pound – voted against cutting. Work with Rangers to investigate hard surface. Voted against the extra costs.

Community Engagement – 710. Cllr MM. Refreshing the website. 3 new pages. The fund raising is on there. Recreation page will change that to the playing field association. Emergency plan

page also on there. Wool PC has a physical news letter, online uses less physical print. On the next agenda to consider for us. Cllr MM will go to the meeting on Playing Field Association and publish.

Flood Plan – 711. Cllr BM uses Facebook and emails to highlight warnings. 15 Flood alerts in Dorset now. If surface water is a problem, it should be reported online. More it's reported more likely to be active on it. Gullies have been dug out. River running well.

Village Hall – 712. Cllr JY – No issues. Bookings increasing. 30th January 2023 next committee meeting. Warm spaces initiative running well. Community foods, Councils and hall have all put money in. £1,100 grant application has gone in today to fund this up to the end of April. Need to be more dynamic about promoting these and giving them a theme. i.e. How to use your mobile phone. Thanks to Pat Yonwin for putting in the grant application. The Quiz on 13th January is also for Warm spaces.

Community space – 713. Cllr AM playground has one item to be repaired before next inspection. Slide panel – it is not structural and not expensive.

Tree & hedgerow – 714. – Cllr BM Path between Cheriton house and the shop has been cleared. Cllr JY thanked Brenda for her hard work on chasing the new parking space.

Village maintenance –715. Cllr AM Retaining wall – will be repaired and completed in the next etan days. High fencing on Recreation Ground needs repair - 3 quotes needed. 2 Cllrs need to be present Cllr AM dealing

Stake holder 716. Cllr BM – new report just issued. The decommissioning is more complex than originally thought. Completion deadline moved from 2025 from 2036 to 2040. Cllr CS does that mean free access to Arish Mell beach. Eddie Morrison– still haven't decided what will happen to the pipeline.

17. CLERK'S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT & GENERAL REPORT.

716. Payments for approval

1. Dorset Council annual maintenance fee £3,538.80
2. Village Hall £17.50
3. Aubergine domain fee for 12 months £120
4. Microsoft Annual registration £59.99 Direct debit £59.99

Proposer Cllr JY and 2nd Cllr AM.

717. Current balances

Current Account £9,486.95

Savings Account £10,354.06

718. Precept has been submitted.

Cllr BM said any more to be transferred to the savings account. Consensus would be to move any decision to next month. Might be prudent to wait until end of financial year when we know what the solicitors bill is going to be.

18. CORRESPONDENCE:

719. Nothing to report.

17. MATTERS OF INTEREST AND INFORMATION:

720. Cllr BM Clerk needs formal approval to advertise the requirement for a new councillor. Formal approval received.

19. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

721. Dealt with. BM will not be at the next meeting.

19. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting will be Monday 13th February 2023.

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Meeting closed at 20.33