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Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 16th February 2011 at Monkton Village Hall at 7.00pm

1. PRESENT & APOLOGIES:

Present: Chairman - Mr R. Harrison. Councillors; Mr C. Norman, Mrs U. Norman, Mrs Y Doble, Mrs S. Bartlett, Mr A Walters, Mr C. Foot, Mrs S. McSeveny, Mr A. Miller, Mrs L Cheeseman
West Dorset District Council: Mr S. Slade

Clerk to the Parish Council: Andrew Harrison

Apologies: Mrs M. Miller, Mr D. Crowhurst, Mr R Williams, Mr D. Read

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2.1. No members of the public were present.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

3.1. There were no declarations.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 16th November 2010 - the Minutes were accepted by the Council and signed as being correct by the Chairman.

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1. The Clerk had again spoken to Carly Galloway (Technical Officer, WDDC) on the subject of the ditch at Winterborne Monkton. He passed her contact details to Cllr C. Norman to take the matter up with her directly.

6. PLANNING, ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

6.1. Weymouth Relief Road – The Chairman outlined the current situation. Using the Council's laptop he showed Councillors a number of photographs of the works in progress.

He explained that it was planned for the main carriageway to be opened in mid-March. As a result the Bincombe Bumps roundabout with a link to Bincombe would be opened a few days beforehand, at which point the temporary earth bridge across the new road would be removed, and Icen Lane severed.

He explained that repairs to the road surface at Bincombe had finally been completed, which required closure of the road for two days between 0900 and 1600. He noted that the work was of a variable standard, but would allow cars to use the road without grounding.

He informed the Council that 35,000 trees and shrubs had been planted along the route of the works, and 57,000 square metres of grassland had been seeded. He then gave a brief update on the Weymouth Transport Package.

Cllr Cheeseman informed the Council that she and others were concerned about the height of the infills on the Chapel Lane overbridge as they allowed horses to see the traffic passing

underneath, alarming them. The Clerk resolved to contact Mike Read regarding this.

- 6.2. A35 roundabout improvements – The Chairman informed the Council that this work was continuing to plan, according to an update from the Highways Agency. Unfortunately Cllr. Crowhurst was not present to give an update on the pedestrian crossing for the residents of Maiden Castle Farm.
- 6.3. Icen Farm. The Chairman outlined the current situation and detailed the latest correspondence. As of the date of the meeting, the Planning Enforcement notice issued to Mr Jones regarding the three houses had not been complied with. The Clerk had contacted Kevin Perry (Planning Enforcement, WDDC) to find out what the next steps in the enforcement process would be. Mr Perry informed the Clerk that WDDC's powers included prosecution, or having the work carried out directly. However he noted that a new planning application had been submitted for the building which could affect the action taken with relation to enforcement.

The Chairman also informed the Council of two further enforcement notices that had been issued, one for the unauthorised use of the upper barn for storage by a scaffolding firm, and one for the removal of a large pond.

- 6.4. A352 Dorchester - Broadmayne. Unfortunately Cllr. Crowhurst was not present to give an update on this matter.
- 6.5. WDDC – Dorchester Park and Ride – site selection consultation. The Chairman outlined the contents of this document. An initial investigation by Buro Happold, consultants, into twenty sites identified by West Dorset District Council, had been reduced to two: site J, to the south-east of the stadium roundabout between the A354 and the railway line, and site SR, located behind McDonalds at Monkeys Jump. He informed the Council that WDDC were consulting on the use of site SR, at Monkeys Jump.

There was some discussion about this subject. Cllr C. Norman reiterated the Council's long-standing objection to the siting of such a facility at site J. It was decided to support the current proposals on the basis of the preferred site being SR, but to make clear that site J could not be supported by the Council.

- 6.6. Travellers at Whitcombe. Cllr Walters informed the Council that the travellers were still in situ. He noted that they were not causing a problem, but a number of residents had been asking how long they would stay there. An update would be requested from Paula Clover and David Blackburn at DCC.
- 6.7. DCC – Part night street lighting. The Chairman outlined the contents of this document, which were noted. DCC intend to turn off some streetlights in residential areas from 0000 to 0530 GMT, and 0100 to 0630 BST (if still dark). Designated traffic routes, town centres and roads with speed bumps or high crime levels will remain lit all night. He noted that DCC did not apparently need to consult to make this change and aim to save around £150,000 per year in electricity costs.
- 6.8. DCLG – Localism Bill. The Chairman outlined the contents of this document, which were noted.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Full details of planning applications and decisions can be viewed at: <http://webapps.westdorset-dc.gov.uk>

- 7.1. **DCC 1/D/11/000118** – *Change of use of main group of buildings – Blocks A1-A6, Block B (main house), Block C (Bungalow), Blocks D1 & D2 (Woodside) – to composite use (classes D1, B1); replacement of storage building; parking, landscaping and associated work. Variation of condition 6 of 1/D/10/001347 to allow the date for the completion of the access, turning area and parking space to be altered to 01 October 2011, MONKTON PARK, WINTERBORNE MONKTON.* There was no objection to this application, however it was noted that signage/directions to the site could be improved.
- 7.2. **WDDC 1/D/11/000112** – *Conservation Pond, LAND OPPOSITE WHITCOMBE MONYMUSK RACING STABLES, WHITCOMBE DOWN ROAD, WHITCOMBE, DT2 8NY.* There was no objection to this application.
- 7.3. **WDDC 1/D/11/000037** – *Change of use of land for siting of solar photovoltaic panels (Full), LAND ADJ SOUTH RIDGE, PLAISTERS LANE, SUTTON POYNTZ.* No objection from WFPC, undetermined by WDDC.
- 7.4. **WDDC 1/D/10/001634** – *Wildlife pond (Full), SOUTH HERRINGSTON FARM, WINTERBORNE HERRINGSTON.* No objection from WFPC, approved by WDDC.
- 7.5. **DCC 1/D/10/001372** – *The construction and operation of an Anaerobic Digestion and Combined Heat and Power Plant and associated infrastructure including a new site access road at Rainbarrow Farm (Site 1) and underground service corridor linking to a new Combined Heat and Power engine in existing Engine House (Site 2) at Poundbury to supply Poundbury with renewable heat and power (County Matter), RAINBARROW FARM, MARTINSTOWN.* No objection from WFPC (part of the underground “service corridor” passes through the north of Winterborne Monkton parish), currently undetermined by DCC.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

- 8.1. **Local Elections** – The Clerk informed the Council that Elections would be held on Thursday 5th May. Notice of Election would formally be given on Monday 14th March and he would send nomination papers to all current Councillors upon receipt. Nominations must be returned to Stratton House by noon on Monday 4th April. The cost of the elections and the polling cards would be met once again by WDDC.
- 8.2. **2011 Census – Councillor Handbook**. The Chairman outlined the contents of this document, which were noted.
- 8.3. **DAPTC – Parish/Town Councillors visit to Dorset Direct**. The Chairman outlined the contents of this document, which were noted.
- 8.4. **Dorset Community Action update** – The Chairman outlined the contents of this document, which were noted.
- 8.5. **Dorset Adult Learning update** – The Chairman outlined the contents of this document, which were noted.

8.6. Royal British Legion – Poppy Party Weekend – The Chairman outlined details regarding volunteering during the Games.

8.7. Ancient Monuments + AONB – There were no matters to report.

9. **INTEREST AND INFORMATION**

9.1. There were no matters to report.

10. **TREASURERS REPORT**

10.1. DCLG - Redrafting of Accounts and Audit Regulations - The Clerk outlined the contents of this document, which were noted.

10.2. Precept 2011-12 – The Clerk informed the Council that the precept for 2011-12 had been confirmed by WDDC as £2430.00.

10.3. Accounts 1st November 2010 – 31st January 2011 – these were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 18th May 2011 - this will be the first-post election meeting and Councillors need to be present if possible to sign their declarations of acceptance of office.**

12. **DATES OF FOLLOWING MEETINGS: 17th August 2011, 16th November 2011.**

The meeting closed at 2012 (8:12pm)