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Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 17th August 2011 at Monkton Village Hall at 7.00pm

1. PRESENT & APOLOGIES:

Present: Chairman - Mr R. Harrison. Vice-Chairman - Mr R Williams. Councillors; Mrs M. Miller, Mrs U. Norman, Mr C. Norman, Mrs S. Bartlett, Mr A Walters, Mrs L Cheeseman, Mr M. Talbot, Mr C. Foot, Mr D. Read

Dorset County Council: Mr D. Crowhurst

West Dorset District Council: Mr S. Slade

Clerk to the Parish Council: Andrew Harrison

Apologies: Mr A. Miller, Mrs S. McSeveny, Mrs Y Doble

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

3.1. Cllr Williams – item 7.1

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 18th May 2011 - the Minutes were accepted by the Council and signed as being correct by the Chairman.

5. MATTERS ARISING

6. PLANNING, ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

6.1. Weymouth Relief Road – The Chairman outlined the current situation. He informed the Council that Bincombe Junction opened on Friday 5th August. He continued that an unwelcome side-effect of the opening and the removal of all the road closure signs along Dorchester Road was that a significant number of vehicles, many of them having come into Weymouth via ferry, ignored the new A354, continued straight up Dorchester Road and overshot the “on” slip road, continuing straight on into Lower Bincombe. At this point they mostly realised their mistake and turned around, some persevered and turned elsewhere in the village, and some presumably did a full circuit, re-emerging at Bincombe Bumps roundabout.

The Chairman noted that this caused a significant amount of traffic and an amount of distress to the residents of Lower Bincombe over the weekend. The Clerk contacted Mike Read (Dorset County Council) on Saturday 6th August and he undertook to put some temporary signs in place which appeared on Monday 8th. On Tuesday 9th this was complemented with a yellow “Ignore Sat Nav – all routes turn right” sign. These have been placed in the carriageway and seem to have stopped the inadvertent flow of traffic into Bincombe. Mr Read also informed the Clerk that DCC were in discussion with Condor Ferries to try and get them to make their passengers more aware of the new A354. Discussions were also taking place on possible rewordings of the signs that had been situated around the junction.

The Chairman continued that the “on” junction at Bincombe had received some attention in the local press and on Radio Solent as the two main local bus operators, First and Southwest, had made a decision not to use the junction pending some further improvement work.

The Chairman added that Icen Lane remained open to two-way traffic for a three month trial period,

after which a poll of the registered electors in Bincombe would be conducted to decide whether or not to continue with this arrangement.

- 6.2. Travellers at Whitcombe – The Chairman outlined the current situation. An eviction order had been secured by DCC and the travellers would be gone from the site in the near future. The site would then be secured by DCC to prevent further use of it in this manner.
- 6.3. Icen Farm. The Chairman outlined the current situation and detailed the latest correspondence. The replacement dwelling planning application (ref 1/D/11/000440), to which WFPC had objected, was refused by WDDC. There was no update on the status of the unauthorised building at the rear of the site.
- 6.4. Highway Works, A354 at Winterborne Monkton. The Chairman noted that the improvements at Winterborne Monkton were now complete, including a complete resurface, new road markings, new signage and new pedestrian refuges. He informed the Council that the remaining stretches of the A354 would be resurfaced in September.
- 6.5. Speed Limits – The Chairman read out an email received from Dorchester Town Council, asking for the Parish Council's opinion on the extension of the 30mph speed limit in Herringston Road all the way to the Dorchester town boundary. He informed the Council that the Clerk had replied with details of the speed limits sought elsewhere by WFPC and would ask the Council's opinion regarding Herringston Road. It was decided to be supportive of this proposal.
- 6.6. Dorchester Park and Ride – The Chairman informed the Council that nothing further had been heard with regard to a new park and ride site for Dorchester. It was noted that the Weymouth park and ride was now serving residents to the south. Cllr C. Norman observed that, in these circumstances, a smaller site to the north/east would likely satisfy demand. Cllr Read observed that the Cokers Frome showground could be a suitable location.

Cllr Foot drew the Council's attention to the temporary park and ride sites for the 2012 Olympic Games.
- 6.7. DCC – Minerals and Waste: Consultation on Revised Draft Minerals Core Strategy. The Chairman outlined the contents of this document, which were noted. "The Minerals Core Strategy will, once adopted, set out the vision, objectives and proposed policies for extracting minerals, balancing the need to meet national, regional and local requirements with important social, environmental and economic considerations."
- 6.8. Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Renewable Energy Strategy. 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. WDDC 1/D/11/001085 - *Install Photovoltaic Array (Full), HERRINGSTON DAIRY, WINTERBORNE HERRINGSTON, DORCHESTER, DT2 9PU*. New application, there were no objections.
- 7.2. WDDC 1/D/11/001150 - *Installation of one 1.2 metre dish and one 0.6 metre dish antenna on the existing tower with associated feeder cables for Hendy Group (Full), ARQIVA TRANSMITTING STATION, BINCOMBE DOWN, BINCOMBE*. New application, there were no objections.

- 7.3. WDDC 1/D/11/000588 – Retain garage & store (full), WHITCOMBE BARN FARM, WHITCOMBE DOWN ROAD, WHITCOMBE, DORCHESTER, DT2 8NL. No objection from WFPC, approved.
- 7.4. WDDC 1/D/11/000587 – Retain siting of office/cabin in farmyard (full), WHITCOMBE BARN FARM, WHITCOMBE DOWN ROAD, WHITCOMBE, DORCHESTER, DT2 8NL. No objection from WFPC, approved.
- 7.5. DCC 1/D/11/000641 – Construct concrete in-ground slurry storage compound (Waste County Matter), MANOR FARM, WINTERBORNE MONKTON, DORCHESTER DT2 9PT. No objection from WFPC, approved.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

- 8.1. Dorset Police – Enquiry Office Review – The Chairman read to the Council a letter received from Chief Superintendent Colin Searle, Dorset Police, announcing a forthcoming review of front desk facilities at police stations. It was decided to respond thanking Ch. Supt. Searle for his letter and noting the importance of maintaining enquiry offices at police stations.
- 8.2. Localism Bill. The Chairman outlined the contents of this document, which were noted. “The Bill aims to shift power from central government back into the hands of individuals, communities and councils.” The Clerk was asked to circulate a précis of the Bill in advance of the next meeting.
- 8.3. Dorset County Council – Highways reorganisation – The Chairman outlined the contents of this document, which were noted. The three separate organisations within the County Council responsible for different elements of highways would be merged into a single department.
- 8.4. Dorset County Council – Public Liability Insurance for community groups – The Chairman outlined the contents of this document, which were noted.
- 8.5. Lord Lieutenant – The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee. The Chairman outlined the contents of this document, which were noted.
- 8.6. Dorset County Council – Recruitment of volunteer Countryside Rangers. The Chairman outlined the contents of this document, which were noted.

9. INTEREST AND INFORMATION

- 9.1. Sport Relief. The Clerk read out an email received from Sport Relief concerning a search for organisations to host Sport Relief Mile events in 2012.
- 9.2. Cllr Walters informed the Council that waste contractors were continuing to litter the A352 as their loads were not secured. He would endeavour to take some photographs which might aid in identifying the contractor.

10. TREASURERS REPORT

- 10.1. HMRC – new guidance re employment – The Clerk informed the Council that on the advice of DAPTC he continued to await further clarification and would keep the Council informed as to future developments.

10.2. Accounts 1st May to 31st July – these were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Proposed Cllr Foot, seconded Cllr Cheeseman, carried unanimously.

10.3. Payment – DAPTC, £169.79. Proposed Cllr M. Miller, seconded Cllr C. Norman, carried unanimously.

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 16th NOVEMBER 2011**

12. **DATES OF FOLLOWING MEETINGS: 15th February 2012, 23rd May 2012**

The meeting closed at 2025 (8:25pm)

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