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

1. PRESENT & APOLOGIES:

Present: Chairman - Mr R. Harrison. Vice-Chairman - Mr R Williams. Councillors; Mr C. Norman, Mr A Walters, Mrs L Cheeseman, Mr C. Foot, Mr D. Read, Mr A. Miller, Mrs S. McSeveny, Mrs Y Doble
Dorset County Council: n/a

West Dorset District Council: n/a

Clerk to the Parish Council: Andrew Harrison

Apoloiges: Mr S. Slade, Mrs M. Miller, Mrs U. Norman, Mr M. Talbot, Mr D. Crowhurst

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

3.1. Cllr Foot – items 6.2 and 7.1

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 17th August 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 and the status of the Bincombe two-way traffic trial period. He informed the Council that at the request of the Parish Council, Dorset County Council had conducted two automated traffic surveys in July and September at two points in Bincombe.

The results showed that the traffic volume at Lower Bincombe has risen since July, corresponding with a fall at Icen Lane. The Chairman explained that this would indicate primarily local traffic, as did the average speeds which had not changed a great deal. This was indicative of the same drivers using the route regularly. Overall the volume remained low and in normal and even peak traffic conditions did not indicate rat running.

The Chairman then reminded the Council of its previous decision to poll the registered electors resident in Bincombe as to the traffic system they wished to see, giving them a choice of (a) a return to the pre-2009 one-way traffic flow or (b) permanently adopting the current two-way flow. This poll was conducted at the start of November. Ballot papers were posted to each household and collected later by the Clerk. The overwhelming majority (29-3) voted to retain the current two-way traffic flow.

Cllr Cheeseman noted that the speed of vehicles in Icen Lane was still an issue.

The Chairman continued that Mike Read (Project Engineer, DCC) had received some further reports of drivers missing the junction onto the A354. He proposed further signage, however this would require a traffic order so may take some time.

Cllr Foot noted that a vehicle had recently attempted to approach the A354 at Bincombe Junction via the “off” slip road, suggesting no entry signs were not apparent. He continued that the old “de-trunked” A354 was not really wide enough for pedestrians and cyclists when agricultural vehicles,

milk tankers etc were trying to use it.

Cllr C. Norman additionally noted that as well as at Bincombe there was still landscaping work to be done at Winterborne Monkton.

- 6.2. Icen Farm. The Chairman outlined the current situation and detailed the latest correspondence. This related to a planning application ref 1/D/11/001255 (*Alteration to unauthorised building to form 2 office units, ICEN FARM, BINCOMBE*). He summed up the planning history of the building, constructed as a terrace of three houses. It was the subject of an extant enforcement notice requiring its demolition, which had been upheld at appeal.

The Chairman continued that at the last planning application for this building the Planning Officer reported “To allow any form of justification for the existing structure in relation in Policy SS4 would in effect give a green light for the erection of unauthorised structures in the AONB with the hope value that they could be made lawful under this policy.”

There was some discussion of the application. Cllr Foot believed that the previous application attempted to reach an amicable solution. Cllr Williams asked whether the building would have been given planning permission as it stood. He also observed that if WFPC was to support planning law then it should be in favour of the enforcement being upheld.

The Chairman requested a show of hands for those in favour (0) and those against (8) the application. There was one abstention.

- 6.3. New joint Local Plan for West Dorset and Weymouth & Portland. The Chairman explained that West Dorset District Council and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council had decided the best way forward for the preparation of local planning policy would through the production of a new joint Local Plan. This plan will set the strategic context for development across both areas, and will deal with a range of policies and sites in detail. When adopted, the joint Local Plan will replace the two Councils existing adopted Local Plans.

Cllr Foot briefly described one of the consultation sessions he had attended. The Chairman read out the dates of following consultation sessions, one of which the Clerk undertook to attend. The output from this consultation will be fed into the drawing up of a draft plan to be released in the summer, the subject of a separate consultation.

- 6.4. Speed Limits – Cllr C. Norman observed that it was now sometimes difficult to turn right out of east Winterborne Monkton onto the A354. The Clerk undertook to request an update on speed limits from Cllr Crowhurst for the next meeting.
- 6.5. 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.

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/001614 – *Change of use from agricultural land to temporary park & ride site to be used in connection with 2012 Olympic Games, together with associated temporary structures & works including temporary buildings (Full), LAND TO NORTH OF LITTLEMOOR ROAD, WEYMOUTH* – This is a temporary site, to be used for park and ride operations over the period of the main Olympics. It will not be used for the Paralympics. The remediation works will begin after the main Games have closed and is expected to be complete by the end of August. The Chairman said that WFPC had

responded, stating no objection for this specific usage given the Games' infrastructure requirements and the very temporary nature of the site but that this did not imply any sort of implicit approval for any future development on the north side of Littlemoor Road.

Cllr C. Norman noted another temporary Park & Ride application at Monkeys Jump – while WFPC had not been consulted on this he said that Monkton had no objection.

- 7.2. WDDC 1/D/001574 – Remove mobile home and erect essential agricultural worker's dwelling, DEWFLOCK FARM, WINTERBORNE MONKTON, DORCHESTER DT2 8NP. There was some discussion around this application. The Chairman requested a show of hands for those in favour (8) and those against (0) the application. There was one abstention.
- 7.3. WDDC 1/D/11/001085 - Install Photovoltaic Array (Full), HERRINGSTON DAIRY, WINTERBORNE HERRINGSTON, DORCHESTER, DT2 9PU. No objection from WFPC, approved.
- 7.4. 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. 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 date for a consultation event on the staffing of Police Enquiry Offices. The Clerk undertook to attend.
- 8.2. Localism Bill. Following on from the last meeting, the Clerk had produced a précis of the Bill as requested. The Chairman outlined the contents of the document and there was some discussion as to its content.
- 8.3. Boundary Commission for England – Parliamentary Constituencies Review – The Chairman outlined the contents of this document, which were noted. There were no proposed changes to the West Dorset or South Dorset constituencies. There were some boundary changes for the constituencies in the Poole/Bournemouth/Christchurch conurbation and a proposal to merge Shaftesbury into a new Warminster and Shaftesbury constituency.
- 8.4. DCC 2011-2014 Budget and Corporate Plan – The Chairman outlined the contents of this document, which were noted. He informed the Council that the full document was available from the DorsetForYou website.
- 8.5. Health Local Involvement Networks. The Chairman outlined the contents of this document, which were noted.
- 8.6. The Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The Chairman outlined the contents of this document, which were noted. It was agreed to defer this matter to the next meeting.
- 8.7. Dorset Data Book – The Chairman explained that the 2011 Dorset Databook is the key statistical publication for Dorset County Council. Due to its large size it is only published online but it contains a wealth of facts, figures and maps. It is available on the Dorset for You website.
- 8.8. Olympics update – The Chairman explained that there would be two public information sessions on the 24th and 25th November. Members of the public would be able to attend and meet representatives from various London 2012 organisations and local authorities, ask questions and get information on a range of topics all related to the London 2012 Sailing events coming to Dorset, Weymouth and Portland in the summer of 2012. A general presentation would be held at each location at 1.00pm and again at 6pm covering all aspects of local preparations for the London 2012 Games.

- 8.9. Refuse collection – The Clerk provided some information about refuse collection over Christmas and the new year.

9. INTEREST AND INFORMATION

- 9.1. Herringston Corner – Cllr Williams informed the Council that the long standing problem of flooding on the bend at Herringston was finally to be resolved by the running of a pipe under the road. The work would be carried out in 2012.

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.
- 10.2. Accounts 1st August to 31st October – these were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

The Clerk left the meeting.

- 10.3. Clerk Wages. The Chairman explained to the Council that the Clerk's salary had not been matched against the national local government payscale since 2004. In order to bring it back in line with the current 2009 payscale it would be necessary to raise the Clerk's wages by £205 to £1994. Proposed Cllr Williams, seconded Cllr C. Norman, carried unanimously.

The Clerk rejoined the meeting.

- 10.4. Precept for 2012-2013. The Chairman explained the basis on which the Clerk had prepared the Precept calculation for the coming financial year. Proposed Cllr Foot, seconded Cllr Cheeseman, carried unanimously.

10.5. Payments

- 10.5.1. BDO Stoy Hayward – the Chairman reminded the Council of the requirement for an annual audit of the Council's accounts and financial procedures. This had once again been carried out by BDO Stoy Hayward who hold the agency agreement for this work from the Audit Commission for the south of England. Proposed Cllr C. Norman, seconded Cllr A. Miller.

- 10.5.2. Mrs Butcher – internal audit – the Chairman explained that Mrs Butcher had once again assisted the Clerk with an internal financial audit prior to the submission of the main audit to BDO Stoy Hayward. For this she had in the past received £20.00. Proposed Cllr Williams, seconded Cllr Doble.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 15th FEBRUARY 2012

12. DATES OF FOLLOWING MEETINGS: 23rd May 2012, 15th August 2012, 21st November 2012

The meeting closed at 2026 (8:26pm)