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Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 15th February 2012 at Monkton Village Hall at 7.00pm

1. PRESENT & APOLOGIES:

Present: Chairman - Mr R. Harrison. Vice-Chairman - Mr R Williams. Councillors; Mrs U. Norman, Mr C. Norman, Mrs L Cheeseman, Mr C. Foot, Mrs S. McSeveny, Mrs Y Doble

Dorset County Council: n/a

West Dorset District Council: n/a

Clerk to the Parish Council: Andrew Harrison

Public: no members of the public

Apologies: Mr S. Slade, Mr A. Miller, Mrs M. Miller, Mr D. Crowhurst, Mr A Walters, Mr D. Read

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

3.1. There were no agenda items requiring a declaration.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 16th November 2011 - the Minutes were accepted by the Council and signed as being correct by the Chairman once the following alterations had been noted:

4.1. Item 7.3 - Cllr Williams pointed out the planning application dealt with under this item had been withdrawn from the planning register, rather than being approved.

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1. All matters arising were dealt with in the agenda items below.

6. PLANNING, ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

6.1. Weymouth Relief Road – The Chairman outlined the County Council’s proposals for the Dorchester Road Improvement Scheme and showed Councillors copies of the plans. There was some discussion on this subject, particularly around the proposed works between Elwell Street and Stottingway Street.

Cllr Foot outlined the movements of agricultural vehicles in the area, noting that the reason most were using Dorchester Road was because the right-hand turn from Goulds Hill into Friar Waddon Road was too tight. The proposed works would make it difficult for two large vehicles to pass between Prospect Place and Elwell Street and would affect turning into and out of Stottingway Street. Cllr Foot concluded that in his opinion, a smaller amount of money spent on the junction of Goulds Hill and Friar Waddon Road would remove the vast majority of agricultural traffic from the upper section of Dorchester Road.

There was some further discussion of proposed changes. It was unanimously decided to write to the following at DCC stating WFPC’s concerns: Peter Finney (Cabinet member for highways), David Crowhurst (Councillor for WFPC area), Andy Cooke (Councillor for Upwey) and Emma Banwell (Project Manager).

The Chairman outlined an email sent by Mr Musial, a resident of lower Bincombe, to David Crowhurst expressing concern at the ongoing problem of drivers following their in-car GPS to lower Bincombe rather than looking at the road signs. He reminded Councillors that temporary signs in the

road were directing most drivers to the main road correctly; however some continued to persist straight ahead.

Cllr Cheeseman informed the Council that at the other end of Bincombe drivers were effecting U-turns by driving over the newly provided cycle path at Icen Lane, as both path and road were on the same level without curbing. The Clerk undertook to liaise with Mike Read on these two items.

Cllr U. Norman previously reported to the Clerk that some of the verges at Winterborne Monkton between the A354 and the railway bridge had been left in a poor state by WRR contractors. The Clerk confirmed he had asked Mike Read to investigate having these areas made good.

- 6.2. Icen Farm. The Chairman outlined the current situation regarding the unauthorised dwelling on the site. He told the Council that the Clerk had received an email from Kevin Perry (Planning Enforcement, WDDC) stating that WDDC were initiating prosecution proceedings at Weymouth Magistrates Court for non-compliance with the Enforcement Notice, with a hearing scheduled for 8th March.
- 6.3. New joint Local Plan for West Dorset and Weymouth & Portland. The Chairman informed the Council that the Clerk had attended one of the recent pre-consultation events at the Dorford Centre in Dorchester. The Clerk gave a brief report of the evening and some of the subjects that had been discussed at the table he sat at. The first draft of the joint local plan will be released for consultation in the summer.
- 6.4. Speed Limits – Cllr C. Norman informed the Council that Cllr Crowhurst had expressed support for WFPC’s requests for speed limits in the area. The Chairman added that he hoped Cllr Crowhurst would be able to attend the next meeting.
- 6.5. National Association of Local Councils – “A Guide to Neighbourhood Planning” and “Planning Explained” booklets – The Chairman outlined the contents of these documents, which were noted.
- 6.6. DEFRA – Coastal Access Report - 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/11/002102 - *Demolition of existing garage and the erection of a two story side extension (Full), 8 REDPOLL CLOSE, WEYMOUTH DT3 5SF*. New application. The applicant already has permission for a new extension; this application is to extend the front of the extension on the upper storey to bring it level with the front of the existing building, creating an extra bedroom upstairs and a carport downstairs. There were no objections.
- 7.2. DCC 1/D/11/002061 - Planning application for underground section of gas pipeline to link gas feed from application site to pressure regulating station adjacent Monkey Jump Roundabout, Rainbarrow Farm, Martinstown, Dorchester, Dorset, DT2 9JF. No objection from Monkton, currently undetermined.
- 7.3. 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*. No objection from WFPC conditional on temporary use, appropriate remediation and no inference of support for future use of the site. This application was approved.

- 7.4. WDDC 1/D/001574 – *Remove mobile home and erect essential agricultural worker's dwelling, DEWFLOCK FARM, WINTERBORNE MONKTON, DORCHESTER DT2 8NP.* No objection from WFPC, this application was approved.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

- 8.1. Dorset Police – Enquiry Office Review – The Chairman informed the Council that the Clerk had attended a meeting regarding this review. Proposals were still being drawn up.
- 8.2. Dorset Waste Partnership – The Chairman explained that recycling and waste services in Dorset will be brought under one banner over the next few years to boost recycling rates and make savings of up to £2m. The first local authority to move to the new system would be Christchurch later this year. West Dorset and Weymouth & Portland will move to the new system in the 2014-15 financial year.
- 8.3. DCC – Superfast broadband in Dorset – The Chairman outlined the contents of this document, which were noted.
- 8.4. Dorset Community Health Strategy. The Chairman outlined the contents of this document, which were noted.
- 8.5. Boundary Commission for England – Parliamentary Constituencies Review – The Chairman informed the Council that this document announced the second consultation of the review. He reminded Councillors that there were no proposed changes to the West Dorset or South Dorset constituencies, however 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.
- 8.6. The Queen's Diamond Jubilee – The Chairman reminded Councillors that this matter had been deferred from the previous meeting. There was some discussion regarding events to celebrate the Jubilee.
- 8.7. West Dorset Spring Clean - The Chairman outlined the contents of this document, which were noted.
- 8.8. Olympics update – The Chairman informed Councillors that the transport arrangements for the Games in Weymouth had now been published, and that construction work on the Park and Ride sites was due to begin soon.
- 8.9. South Western Ambulance Service - update – The Chairman outlined the contents of this document, which were noted.

9. INTEREST AND INFORMATION

- 9.1. Park and Ride – Cllr C. Norman informed the Council that he was still hearing rumours of a proposed Park and Ride site alongside the A354 near the football stadium roundabout. The Clerk undertook to ask Cllr Slade to investigate.
- 9.2. Cllr Foot asked if the February 2013 meeting could be held on the second Tuesday of the month, making it the 13th February 2013. This was found to be generally acceptable.

10. TREASURERS REPORT

- 10.1. Bank Account changes – The Clerk informed the Council that it was time to update the authorised signatories of the Council's bank account following Mrs Bartlett's retirement from the Council. The Chairman asked Cllr Williams if, as vice-chairman, he would be willing to replace Mrs Bartlett as a signatory. Cllr Williams replied in the affirmative.

- 10.2. Accounts 1st November to 31st January – these were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.
- 10.3. Precept for 2012-2013. The Clerk informed the Council that the 2012-13 precept request had been sent to West Dorset District Council as £2670.00.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 16th MAY 2012

12. DATES OF FOLLOWING MEETINGS: 15th August 2012, 21st November 2012, 13th February 2013

The meeting closed at 2035 (8:35pm)