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*Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2012 at St. Simon & St. Jude's Church,  
Winterborne Monkton at 7.00pm*

**REMINDER – That the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm.  
Meeting will be held at St. Simon & St. Jude's Church at W. Monkton  
so please remember to bring a torch to find your way to the church**

**1. PRESENT & APOLOGIES:**

**Present:** Chairman - Mr R. Harrison. Vice-Chairman - Mr R Williams. Councillors; Mrs U. Norman, Mr C. Norman, Mrs Y Doble, Mr A Walters, Mr D. Read  
Dorset County Council: Mr D. Crowhurst  
West Dorset District Council: Mr S. Slade  
**Clerk to the Parish Council:** Andrew Harrison  
**Public:** one member of the public  
**Apologies:** Mrs M. Miller, Mrs L Cheeseman, Mr C. Foot, Mrs S. McSeveny, Mr A. Miller

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS**

2.1. No interests were declared.

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** of 16<sup>th</sup> May 2012 - the Minutes were accepted by the Council and signed as being correct by the Chairman.

**4. MATTERS ARISING**

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

**5. PLANNING, ROADS AND FOOTPATHS**

5.1. West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland Local Plan. The Chairman reminded Councillors of the outcome of their discussions in July which had informed the Council's corporate response to the draft plan at the end of that month. He outlined briefly the draft policies to which the Council had responded:

- LITT1 – an urban expansion of Weymouth to the north of Littlemoor Road. The Council objected on the grounds of encroachment into the AONB, harm to the rural character of Bincombe and Icen Lane in particular, harm to the business of Marsh Dairy and the loss of fields.
- LITT2 – re-zoning of Icen Farm and Weyside Farm to be designated as an employment site. The Council objected on the basis that the policy seems to encourage the illegal use of land for commercial purposes in the hope of future approval.
- ECON10 – a policy concerning the re-use of equestrian buildings. The Council objected to a specific clause in this policy which, if unaltered, could allow landowners or developers to very easily claim an equestrian site was unviable with the aim of redeveloping it.
- DOR10 – a policy proposing the location of a park-and-ride and trunk route service area to the south of the Stadium Roundabout. The Council objected on the basis of need, traffic impact, effect on local residents, encroachment on Winterborne Monkton, damage to sightlines from Maiden Castle and the comments of the local plan inspector in 2005 regarding a very similar policy.

He continued that the Council's responses were informed by both the ongoing position of the Council with regard to these matters and local residents. In the case of the equestrian policy we were aware of long-standing concerns from both Whitcombe and Broadmayne on the impact of a redundant

equestrian premises and what it might become. We also received numerous objections from residents of Maiden Castle Farm and Monkton to the park and ride site before the consultation opened.

He continued that at Littlemoor the Council needed to gauge opinion on the proposed changes to this area. He explained that a letter to all households in Bincombe parish, some 240 properties, was composed, setting out the proposals of policies LITT1 and LITT2. The letter encouraged residents to read the plan for themselves and respond directly if they wished, but also asked them to inform our views. To this end we created an online survey but also encouraged responses by email or post. The Clerk engaged the services of a mailing house called CFH Docmail who printed and posted the letters for 32p each + VAT (38p including) – less than the price of a second class stamp and a much lower cost than if we had done it ourselves. There was general agreement that this was a very cost-effective way of getting the letters out.

The Chairman concluded this item by informing the Council that the responses were being collated by WDDC and WPBC, further consultation to follow.

- 5.2. Weymouth Relief Road. The Chairman informed the Council of a requirement by DCC to permanently revoke the one-way order in Icen Lane, Bincombe. He explained that he had already asked if the temporary revocation could be retained but was told that this would be illegal. He reminded Councillors that two-way traffic in Icen Lane had been considered by the Council last year and that Bincombe residents were overwhelmingly in support of it. It was agreed that WFPC should support the DCC proposal to permanently revoke the one-way order.

The Chairman reminded Councillors of continued correspondence with DCC on the Dorchester Road Improvement Plan, some works of which had already begun. He informed the Council that WFPC's concerns had been restated.

The Chairman updated Councillors on the problems being experienced by residents of lower Bincombe who were experiencing large numbers of vehicles of all sizes overshooting the slip road to the A354 at the top of Dorchester Road and ending up in Bincombe. He noted that the residents were requesting a redesign of Bincombe Junction to try and route traffic appropriately. This was being taken forward by the Clerk in conjunction with the residents.

- 5.3. Speed Limits – The Chairman outlined a further letter received from Andrew Brown, Traffic Engineering Team Manager, Dorset County Council. He explained that Mr Brown had replied to the Council's letter stating its support for the requests for speed limits within the WFPC area. Mr Brown continued that DCC have only had the budget to implement one new speed limit in this financial year, but that WFPC's requests are under consideration for next year. He noted that he had fifteen requests to consider.

There was some discussion on this subject. Cllr Crowhurst noted that he had six requests in his division, however the legal and administrative costs (which outstrip the physical installation costs) made the creation of speed limits very expensive.

Mr Brown also informed the Council that the 40mph speed limit on the A354 from the Stadium Roundabout to Monkton was never made permanent as it did not meet DCC's criteria. The Clerk was asked to express the Council's disappointment and to enquire which of the criteria was not met.

- 5.4. DCC – Re-surfacing at Winterborne Monkton – The Chairman outlined a temporary traffic order by DCC to repair 200 metres of road at Monkton following damage by floods in July. Cllr C. Norman informed the Council that numerous cars had been damaged by the large potholes which were generally full of water. He also stated that despite contacting DCC to report the damage, Highways staff took over two weeks to come and put signs and cones out.

- 5.5. DCC – Minerals Core Strategy – The Chairman outlined the contents of these documents, which were

noted. He explained that the Minerals Core Strategy (MCS) is a plan setting out a vision, objectives and proposed policies for meeting Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole's mineral requirements. The MCS sets out a strategy for quarrying stone, sand and gravel, ball clay and other minerals within the county, taking into account the need to contribute to national, regional and local requirements in a sustainable manner. He continued that the MCS Pre-Submission Draft had now been published for comment on matters of legal compliance and 'soundness' before submission to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

Cllr Crowhurst reported that the gravel extraction site at Crossways would be closing, with a replacement likely to be situated near Bere Regis.

- 5.6. DCC – Temporary road closures for the Dorchester Show. The Chairman outlined the contents of these documents, which were noted.

## 6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Full details of planning applications and decisions can be viewed at:

<http://webapps.westdorset-dc.gov.uk>

- 6.1. **NEIGHBOURING PARISH CONSULTATION - WDDC 1/D/11/001108** - Proposed function room (full), DORCHESTER TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB, THE AVENUE STADIUM, WEYMOUTH AVENUE, DORCHESTER DT1 2RY. It was noted that when temporary tent-like buildings had been used on this site in the past it was possible to hear noise from people departing from functions up to two or three am. It was decided to respond, noting this and asking for consideration to residents living nearby.
- 6.2. **WDDC 1/D/11/002079** – Change of use of existing buildings to industrial storage for scaffold company use & storage of estate materials in adjacent fenced compound (Change of Use), WEST FARM, BINCOMBE, WEYMOUTH, DT3 5PS. Currently under consideration by West Dorset District Council.
- 6.3. **WDDC 1/D/12/000542** – Change of use from agricultural to equestrian (Full), ADJ. GARDENERS COTTAGE, 1 WHITCOMBE FARM COTTAGES, WHITCOMBE. Approved.
- 6.4. **WDDC 1/D/12/000517** - Demolition Demolish remains of existing shed and rebuild new storage shed (Full), DEWFLOCK FARM, WINTERBORNE MONKTON, DORCHESTER, DT2 8NP. Approved. There was one objection from a resident, subsequently withdrawn.

## 7. OTHER BUSINESS

- 7.0. **Late Item – Byways Open to All Traffic (BOATs)** – The Chairman informed the Council of a telephone conversation he had recently had with Phil Hobson of the Dorset County Council Rights of Way department. He explained that Mr Hobson had informed him of an application to modify the designation of the bridleway between Hardy's Monument and Gould's Hill to a BOAT. While not within the WFPC area there was some discussion around this subject due to the links between the use of BOATS and damage to the right of way and their role in rural crime.

Cllr Crowhurst informed the Council of a designation for rights of way known as a Restricted Byway which prohibits the use of vehicles, including horse-drawn ones. Cllr Williams replied that although the prohibition was in place, the requirement was still to retain the width for a horse and cart which would then be wide enough for a vehicle. The Chairman observed that if vehicles were prohibited then drivers using a Restricted Byway would be in breach of their motor insurance policy. He also raised the question as to whether most insurers actually covered drivers for the use of BOATs.

Cllr C. Norman asked Cllr Crowhurst if the Police were consulted on applications for BOATs. Cllr Crowhurst replied that he would look into this.

- 7.1. **New Code of Conduct**. The Chairman outlined the requirement for a new code of conduct following the coming into force of the Localism Act. He explained that as part of the act the standard code of

conduct, adopted by this Council in 2001, could no longer be used and Parishes were required to adopt their own code of conduct. In practice, this led to most Parishes adopting one of several model codes which have been drawn up by various bodies. He explained that in Dorset the advice from DAPTC was to use the model provided by the National Association of Local Councils as it has been aimed at smaller bodies.

He explained that the document consisted of the Code itself and a separate Appendix A defining pecuniary interests. He pointed out that there was another Appendix B defining non-pecuniary interests, however this was not compulsory and DAPTC advised against its adoption for now.

Cllr C. Norman proposed that the Council adopt the National Association of Local Councils model code with Appendix A only. This was seconded by Cllr Williams and carried unanimously.

7.2. New Registration of Interests forms – The Chairman explained that following the adoption of the new code, new registration forms had to be deposited with WDDC no later than 28 days following adoption – this would be Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September. He pointed out to Councillors the requirement to declare any change of interests in the future within 28 days of the change taking place, **and that to not do so would constitute a criminal offence under the Localism Act.**

7.3. London 2012 – The Chairman noted that the main Games had now come to an end, with the Paralympics due to begin on the 29<sup>th</sup> August, with sailing events taking place between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Cllr Read observed that a good job had been done by the organisers. Cllr C. Norman noted that the Monkey's Jump Park and Ride had worked very well through the main Games.

7.4. Date for November meeting – The Chairman informed the Council that he would be unable to attend the next meeting on its programmed date, that being 21<sup>st</sup> November. It was decided amongst those present to bring the meeting forward to 7<sup>th</sup> November.

## 8. INTEREST AND INFORMATION

8.1. No matters of interest or information were raised.

## 9. TREASURERS REPORT

9.1. Accounts 1<sup>st</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> July – these were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

9.2. Payments

9.2.1. Reimbursement of Clerk for Local Plan payment. The Chairman explained that, given the urgency of the local plan mailing, the Clerk had paid for the mailing on his personal credit card. £92.89. Proposed Cllr C. Norman, seconded Cllr Williams, unanimous

9.2.2. Internal Audit. The Chairman explained that, once again, Mrs Butcher had kindly audited the Parish's accounts prior to submission to BDO Stoy Hayward. For this she had in the past received £20.00. Proposed Cllr C. Norman, seconded Cllr Read, unanimous.

## 10. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 7<sup>th</sup> November 2012

12. DATES OF FOLLOWING MEETINGS: 13<sup>th</sup> February 2013, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2013

*The meeting closed at 2015 (8:15pm)*