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*Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 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 Y Doble, Mrs M. Miller, Mr C. Foot, Mrs S. McSeveny

Dorset County Council: none

West Dorset District Council: none

**Clerk to the Parish Council:** Andrew Harrison

**Public:** one member of the public

**Apologies:** Mrs L Cheeseman, Mr A. Miller, Mr D. Read, Mr D. Crowhurst, Mr S. Slade, Mr A Walters

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

2.1. No interests were declared.

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** of 15<sup>th</sup> August 2012 - the Minutes were accepted by the Council and signed as being correct by the Chairman.

**4. MATTERS ARISING**

4.1. The Clerk informed the Council that Cllr Crowhurst had emailed him regarding a question raised at the August meeting, as to whether the Police were involved in decisions relating to the conversion of bridleways into byways open to all traffic (BOATs) – they were not.

4.2. All other 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 outlined the current status of the local plan procedure. He informed Councillors that West Dorset District Council anticipated production of a “submission draft” in the early part of 2013, followed by a public inquiry to take place later in the year.

Cllr C. Norman indicated that WDDC had held a number of meetings in November to discuss responses to the local plan.

5.2. Weymouth Relief Road.

5.2.1. Redesign of Bincombe Junction. The Chairman informed the Council that DCC would soon begin work to alter Bincombe junction. This work would create a build-out which, with new white lines, would direct traffic towards the slip road. Traffic to Bincombe would have to make a left turn after driving past the build-out. The Chairman explained that this was intended to stop the problem of vehicles overshooting the right-turn for the A354 and was the result of several months of discussion between residents at lower Bincombe, the Clerk and Mike Read and Emma Baker at DCC.

5.2.2. Dorchester Road Improvement Plan. The Chairman informed the Council that work on the Dorchester Road Improvement Plan had begun with the widening of the pavement between Elwell Street and Prospect Place.

5.2.3. Old A354 – Ridgeway cycleway and drainage works. The Chairman informed the Council that

DCC were working to replace the chalk strip on the old A354 with a paved surface. He explained that it was originally intended for the chalk strip to become grassed over to help delineate the agricultural road from the cyclepath but this had not happened - the chalk strip had instead become a hazard to cyclists. He said that work on the verge drainage would also be carried out. Cllr McSeveny noted that, once complete, the correct cycle signage should be erected.

- 5.3. Speed Limits – The Chairman detailed a conversation the Clerk had had with Andrew Brown of DCC regarding the speed limits requested by WFPCC when they met at a site meeting to discuss the Bincombe works detailed above. He explained that the Clerk had reminded Mr Brown of the Parish Council's requirements with regard to speed limits. Mr Brown took this on board but explained to the Clerk that he only has a budget of £10000, enough to implement only one new speed limit this year.
- 5.4. DCC – Filling of grit bins / supply of dumpy bags of salt. The Chairman outlined the contents of this document, which were noted. This stated that grit bins were being filled around the county in preparation for winter, and that 1 tonne dumpy bags of salt were available for purchase from DCC for £55 + VAT.
- 5.5. DCC – Community farmers snow plough scheme. The Chairman outlined the contents of this document. There was some discussion around this subject.

## 6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

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

- 6.1. WDDC 1/D/12/001395 – *Proposed single storey extensions, and detached garage and store (Full), GREENACRES, WINTERBORNE MONKTON, DORCHESTER DT2 8NP.* New application. No objection.
- 6.2. WDDC 1/D/12/001409 – *Retain roundabout sponsorship signs, Bincombe Bumps and Jurassic Roundabouts, BINCOMBE.* New application. The Chairman noted that this application appeared to be retrospective as many roundabouts had already been fitted with them. He explained that according to DCC the income from the sponsorship (which appears on the signs) pays for maintenance and grounds keeping of the roundabout. No objections.
- 6.3. 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 WDDC Public Health had also raised concerns over noise.
- 6.4. 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.* This application was refused. The Chairman outlined the points made in the notice of refusal.

## 7. OTHER BUSINESS

- 7.1. Registration of Interests – The Chairman explained that following the adoption of the new code, all the new registration forms had been returned to the Clerk who had in turn forwarded them to WDDC.
- 7.2. Police and Crime Commissioner Elections. The Chairman explained that elections for the Police and Crime Commissioner would take place on the 15<sup>th</sup> November. He added that the existing system of Police Authorities would be replaced with the elected Commissioner who is then scrutinised by a Police and Crime panel.
- 7.3. Christmas waste collection dates. The Chairman outlined the contents of document, which were noted.
- 7.4. Public Transport changes. The Chairman outlined a number of changes being made to bus service

serving the area. He explained that early morning and evening 31 services would now bypass Upwey and run direct from Dorchester to Littlemoor then into Weymouth via Preston Road and Preston Beach Road. This meant that Upwey would have no evening bus service. Services would also finish much earlier, with the last service leaving Bridport at 2006 and Weymouth at 2055.

- 7.5. South West Ambulance Service – update. The Chairman outlined the contents of this document, which were noted.

## **8. INTEREST AND INFORMATION**

- 8.1. Cllr C. Norman suggested the inclusion of a regular agenda item at each meeting for WFPC's County and District representatives to update the meeting on recent developments. This was generally thought to be a good idea and the Chairman asked the Clerk to include it in future agendas.
- 8.2. The issue of rubbish behind Maiden Castle Farm adjacent to the A35 was raised, as well as use of that land by homeless persons. The Clerk undertook to speak to the Highways Agency on the matter.
- 8.3. Cllr U. Norman stated that the verge at Monkton between the A354 and the railway bridge had still not been reinstated after being damaged by contractors vehicles. The Clerk undertook to raise the matter again.

## **9. TREASURERS REPORT**

- 9.1. Accounts 1<sup>st</sup> August – 31<sup>st</sup> October – these were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.
- 9.2. New scale of audit fees. The Chairman explained that due to a contract renegotiation between the Audit Commission and the private auditors they use to service organisations such as WFPC, a large saving had been achieved meaning that WFPC and other similar Parishes would not have to pay a fee for their external audit in the future, up to 2017.
- 9.3. Precept 2013-2014. The Chairman explained the Precept calculation, which had been circulated to Councillors. Proposed Cllr McSeveny, seconded Cllr M. Miller. Carried unanimously.
- 9.4. Payments
- 9.4.1. External Audit. The Chairman informed the Council of an invoice from BDO Stoy Hayward of £60 for audit services for 2012-2013. Proposed Cllr C. Norman, seconded Cllr McSeveny, carried unanimously.

## **10. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

- 10.1. Mr. O'Neill from Bincombe noted that the Highways capital plan had programmed the resurfacing of Icen Lane for December. He asked if this was still set to go ahead as the road continued to deteriorate. The Clerk replied that this was the case to the best of his knowledge.

Mr O'Neill also asked whether the road between the Bincombe Bumps roundabout and Icen Lane had been named. It had not been to the knowledge of those present at the meeting. It was also noted that the proliferation of weeds around this area were not attractive. Cllr C. Norman stated that DCC were aware that there was a problem with roadside weeds in a number of locations.

Mr O'Neill also informed the Council that he had had to stop fly-tippers attempting to dump rubbish in the same area on a number of occasions.

## **11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 13<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

*The meeting closed at 2020 (8:20pm)*