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Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 8th May 2013 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, Mr C. Foot, Mrs S. McSeveny, Mr A Walters, Mr A. Miller
Dorset County Council: Mr A. Canning
West Dorset District Council: Mr S. Slade
Clerk to the Parish Council: Andrew Harrison
Apologies: Mr D. Read, Mrs M. Miller

2. ELECTIONS

- 2.1. Election of Chairman. Cllr R. Harrison was unanimously re-elected as Chairman. Proposed Cllr C. Norman, seconded Cllr Williams.
- 2.2. Election of Vice-Chairman. Cllr. R. Williams was unanimously re-elected as Vice-Chairman.
3. **LYNN CHEESEMAM** – The Chairman called for a moment's silence to mark the passing of Lynn Cheeseman, who had been a Councillor for Bincombe since 2007.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

- 4.1. Cllr Foot declared an interest in agenda item 9.1.
5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** of 13th February 2013 - the Minutes were accepted by the Council and signed as being correct by the Chairman.

6. MATTERS ARISING

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

7. COUNTY AND DISTRICT UPDATE

- 7.1. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Andy Canning to the meeting. Cllr Canning introduced himself as the newly elected Councillor for the Linden Lea division. He apologised in advance for having to leave early to attend another Council's meeting.
- 7.2. Cllr Slade noted that there was lots of upheaval at the District Council currently as new ways of working in conjunction with Weymouth & Portland Borough Council were finalised, however he was hopeful that everything would be working well by the end of the programme.

8. PLANNING, ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

- 8.1. West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland Local Plan. The Chairman outlined the current status of the local plan procedure with regard to the proposed site at Came View. He noted that the drop-in session arranged by West Dorset District Council in Dorchester was well attended, with local press coverage and a petition organised by local residents outside. He continued that the issue has also attracted the attention of the national press, with the Clerk being interviewed by a journalist from the Mail on Sunday, and a diary piece in the Daily Mail. In total West Dorset District Council received 1383 objections to the Came View proposals including from bodies such as the National Trust, Dorchester Town Council, English Heritage, Natural England, Dorset AONB Partnership, Dorchester Civic

Society, the CPRE and the Garden History Society. Also received was a petition with 609 signatures and a joint letter from 44 residents of Winterborne Came. 221 expressions of support were received – the vast majority from elsewhere in west Dorset. The Chairman added that it was worth noting that only 1% of these 221 comments came from Dorchester residents.

The Chairman continued that the Clerk had had a telephone conversation the day before with Linda Poulsen, a resident of Dorchester. She and her husband worked for many years at Dorset County Museum and were extremely concerned about the proposal, especially the possibility that Barton Farm (the Sherborne site) could be removed from the list of local plan sites before the public inquiry. She urged all concerned persons to write directly to Oliver Letwin, informing him of their opposition to this scheme and their insistence that Barton Farm is retained in the local plan for the inspector to consider. Mr Letwin apparently stated that he had only received twelve letters about the matter. She added that Robert Gould – the WDDC leader – was a councillor in the Sherborne area and was apparently pushing very hard to get this development shifted to Dorchester.

Cllr Walters quoted from an email sent by a resident of Winterborne Came to Mr. Letwin regarding the decision-making process of West Dorset District Council. He continued that this part of the County had already seen more than its fair share of development. He stated that he believed the proposals to be born from a group of District Councillors acting to the disadvantage of Dorchester.

Cllr Canning explained that this was also a key issue at West Stafford. He explained that the decision-making Executive Committee of WDDC consisted of seven people, all appointed by the Leader of the Council. He stated that Barton Farm was being ruled out when there were very few grounds to do so. The Came View site had problems with flooding, transport links, school places etc, none of which were being addressed.

Cllr C. Norman added that the extra nitrate loading on Poole Harbour had also not been addressed.

Cllr U. Norman stated that sewerage had also not been considered. Cllr Walters added that he had made the point to Hilary Jordan (Strategic Planning Manager, WDDC) that Came View was on the wrong side of a hill between it and the sewage works and was informed that this was “an engineering problem”.

Cllr Walters continued that the whole process involved in making this decision seemed to be appallingly undemocratic. Cllr C. Norman stated that if the matter was sent to Full Council then surely it could be voted down. Cllr Canning explained that the Conservative group vote en masse, making this very difficult to achieve. He continued that the overall figure of 9000 new dwellings set out was too high, and that WDDC had no legal requirement to plan for twenty years hence, only fifteen. If the proposal was passed it would of course go to the Local Plan Inspector. He concluded by saying that even if WDDC would not listen, there were many objections which the Inspector would listen to.

Cllr C. Norman asked Cllr Canning on his position regarding the proposed land allocation at Littlemoor. Cllr Canning replied that the objections against that site were weaker. Cllr C. Norman reminded the Council that it was important to protect productive agricultural land.

Cllr Walters stated that as things stood, over 2000 homes were currently being proposed to be built in the Winterborne Farringdon parishes over the next twenty years.

Cllr Canning left the meeting at 1930 (7:30pm)

The Chairman proposed that contact be made with the Thomas Hardy and William Barnes literary societies due their connections with this area of land, and also that all Conservative District Councillors be made aware of the objections of local residents and WFPC.

- 8.2. Application to upgrade Bridleway 1 to a byway open to all traffic (DMMO T413) – Bincombe. The Chairman set out the current position. He explained that the application, which the Parish Council had objected to at the start of the year, was ongoing and would be considered by the DCC Rights of Way Committee on 6th June. He added that he was awaiting a report from Phil Hobson, the officer dealing with the case, which was expected on 23rd May. He noted that the applicant was appealing on another case and had asked if similar grounds for appeal might apply in this case, the response from DCC being “the grounds for his appeal are particular to that application, and are therefore not likely to be used as grounds of appeal if DMMO T413 is refused.” Cllr Foot undertook to attend the Rights of Way Committee meeting.
- 8.3. DCC - Traffic Regulation Orders. The Chairman set out a letter received from County Councillor Peter Finney. He explained that DCC was moving to a new system of recording and maintaining Traffic Regulation Orders. This would result in a new map-based system, accessible to Parishes and the public, showing the detail of all TROs down to the locations of road signs and markings. Many existing TROs will be consolidated into areas through 2013-14 and the legal work involved in this means that DCC will not be considering any new TROs, including speed limits, parking restrictions, permit schemes and disabled bays during 2013-14.
- 8.4. DCC – Temporary Traffic Order, Herringston Road, 12-20th August. The Chairman explained this temporary traffic order to allow DCC or their contractors to carry out drainage and resurfacing works at Herringston, the closure to take place on the above dates between 0900 and 1630.
- 8.5. Request for litter bin, Bincombe. The Chairman explained that Clerk had been approached by residents at lower Bincombe who are concerned at the amount of litter collecting at the roadside. This seemed to be primarily due to rubbish being emptied from cars. They are happy to periodically pick the litter but would welcome somewhere to put it, and suggested a public litter bin just to the east of the Bincombe bridge near to the Jubilee Trail path. The Clerk passed the details to Cllr Slade who undertook to investigate the possibility of WDDC siting a bin there.
- 8.6. ROSPA – Road Safety Guide for Councillors. The Chairman outlined the contents of this document, which were noted.
(The guide can be downloaded from <http://www.rospace.com/roadsafety/info/electedmembersguide.pdf>)

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

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

- 9.1. WDDC 1/D/13/000009 - *Change of use of existing buildings and storage of materials in adjacent fenced compound (Full), WEST FARM, LOWER BINCOMBE, WEYMOUTH DT3 5PS.* This application remained undetermined.
- 9.2. WDDC 1/D/12/001395 – *Proposed single storey extensions, and detached garage and store (Full), GREENACRES, WINTERBORNE MONKTON, DORCHESTER DT2 8NP.* This application was approved.
- 9.3. WDDC 1/D/12/001409 – *Retain roundabout sponsorship signs, Bincombe Bumps and Jurassic Roundabouts, BINCOMBE.* This application was approved.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

- 10.1. Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Traveller Needs Assessment – The Chairman outlined the contents of this document, which were noted. He added that this survey was to inform a consultation being conducted jointly by DCC along with all the districts and boroughs including Poole and Bournemouth.
- 10.2. Think Local Act Personal. The Chairman outlined the contents of document, which were noted.

- 10.3. Today's Youths – Tomorrow's Leaders. The Chairman explained that this booklet was produced by Dorchester Youth Council in conjunction with DAPTC. It sets out advice and guidance to help Parishes involve young people more effectively in their work as well as a young person's guide to getting involved with their local Parish/Town council.

11. INTEREST AND INFORMATION

- 11.1. Cllr C Norman asked the Council to note that a road traffic collision had occurred on the A354 at Monkton the day before the meeting. The A354 was blocked and traffic was diverted through Martinstown and Upwey.

12. TREASURERS REPORT

- 12.1. Accounts 1st February – 30th April – these were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.
- 12.2. Annual Accounts 2012-13. These were accepted by the Council unanimously. Proposed Cllr Foot, seconded Cllr McSeveny.
- 12.3. Annual Return 2012-13. This was accepted by the Council unanimously. Proposed Cllr Walters, seconded Cllr McSeveny.
- 12.4. Payments

12.4.1. Aon Insurance - £312.77 (a reduction on last year's premium) – agreed unanimously.

13. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

- 13.1. No members of the public were present.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 20th November 2013

The meeting closed at 2015 (8:15pm)