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Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 19th February 2014 at Monkton Village Hall at 7.00pm

1. PRESENT & APOLOGIES:

Present: Chairman - Mr R. Harrison. Vice-Chairman - Mr R. Williams. Councillors; Mrs Y Doble, Mr C. Foot, Mrs S. McSevery, Mr C. Norman, Ms J Webster, Mrs M. Miller, Mr A. Miller.

Dorset County Council:

West Dorset District Council: Mr S. Slade

Clerk to the Parish Council: Andrew Harrison

Apoloiges: Mrs U. Norman, Mr A Walters, Mr D. Read, Mr A. Canning

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

2.1. Cllr Foot declared an interest in item 6.1

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 6th November 2013 - the Minutes were accepted by the Council and signed as being correct by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1. All matters arising are referred to in the subsequent minutes.

5. COUNTY AND DISTRICT UPDATE

5.1. Cllr Slade updated the Council on a number of issues:

5.1.1. A new Chief Executive for Weymouth & Portland Borough Council and West Dorset District Council was shortly to be announced.

5.1.2. Three other parishes had formed the South Winterborne Flooding Community Group, and had secured funding to get the river cleaned with the exception of the section alongside the A35 which remained the responsibility of the Highways Agency. It was to be an informal partnership.

5.1.3. There was some discussion regarding the insurance aspects of field surveys under the auspices of the Dorset Wildlife Trust

5.1.4. Cllr Slade provided a brief update on the Dorset Waste Partnership.

6. PLANNING, ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

6.1. West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland Local Plan. The Chairman outlined the current status of the local plan. He explained that the public inquiry had not yet taken place due to a number of matters raised by inspector Paul Crysell as to housing figures and a number of other aspects. Mr Crysell had been quoted in the press as saying "the plan appears to have evolved as a

reaction and counter-reaction to representations rather than as a well-honed strategy which promotes a logical and reasoned means of addressing the difficult issues facing both authorities". An exploratory meeting had been held on 22nd January and Mr Crysell had identified three possible courses that the process could now take:

- 1) The plan could proceed as it currently stood to the public inquiry although the risk existed that Mr Crysell could find it unsound.
- 2) The plan process could be suspended to allow the areas of concern to be addressed. Mr Crysell had stated that he would need to be confident of this being achieved inside six months for it to be a viable course of action.
- 3) The plan could be withdrawn and resubmitted at a later date.

The Chairman added that WPBC/WDDC would now need to respond to this and agree a course of action with Mr Crysell. In the meantime WFPC had written to Crysell setting out its position. The Chairman read out the letter that had been sent Mr Crysell on the 18th February.

Cllr Slade noted that the land at Came View was currently very flooded. Cllr A. Miller added that he had taken a number of photos of this flooding to retain on file. Cllr M. Miller proposed that a vote be taken to support the content of the letter, seconded by Cllr C. Norman. Carried unanimously.

- 6.2. Dorchester Transport and Environment Plan. The Chairman outlined the current position. Following a significant amount of criticism of the renewed DTEP, DCC decided to propose three possible options to the DCC cabinet: proceed with the scheme with some amendments, totally rethink the scheme, or abandon the scheme. If they chose to go ahead with the scheme further traffic modelling and air quality testing would be carried out over the summer, with a further report presented to cabinet in the autumn at which a final decision whether to proceed or not would be made.

- 6.3. Impact of winter weather. The Chairman noted the very wet and windy weather that had characterised the winter and asked if this had raised any problems that Councillors wished to report. Cllr C. Norman noted a sightline that was being obscured when turning right into Winterborne Monkton from the A435 southbound in a tractor. This could be resolved by replacing or re-siting a sign that obscured vision. The Clerk undertook to investigate.

Cllr Williams noted that since DCC's flood work had been carried out on the bend at Herringston the road had stayed free of flood water.

- 6.4. Dorset Waste Partnership. The Chairman explained that the Dorset Waste Partnership would be running the rubbish and recycling service in West Dorset and Weymouth & Portland from this year – for the WPFC area this would happen in October. Councillors were being invited to attend a briefing and question-and-answer session with staff at the WDDC offices at 3pm on Monday 3rd March, alternatively evening sessions would be taking place at the Portland Town Council offices on Wednesday 12th March or Portesham Village Hall on 24th March, both starting at 7pm.

- 6.5. DCC – Online Collision Data. The Chairman explained that road collision data for the last three years was now available online via DCC's interactive mapping system. To view the map

go to www.dorsetforyou.com/roadsafety and click “Collision Map”.

- 6.6. Community Speed Watch. Cllr Webster explained that entry into the scheme would cost £300. It was generally agreed to retain this information for future reference.
- 6.7. Security of Whitcombe Pit Depot. Large rocks had now been placed in front of the depot gates, restricting access.

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/13/001294 – Erect 8No. Flats (Reserved Matters), POUNDBURY PHASES 3 AND 4, PEVERELL AVENUE EAST, DORCHESTER. Adjoining Council consultation for discussion. The Chairman explained that this was a reserved matters application, changing a building that formed part of an already approved application from houses to eight flats, the site being next to the Dorset Cereals factory. This application was approved on 22nd January.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

- 8.1. Boundary Commission – review of WDDC ward boundaries. The Chairman explained that the Local Government Boundary Commission had published their draft recommendations, which were to reduce the number of Councillors in West Dorset to 42. Winterborne St Martin (the West Dorset ward all the WFPC parishes are within) would be enlarged to include West Stafford Parish but would be otherwise unchanged. It was previously suggested that Bradford Peverell might be incorporated into Winterborne St Martin, however it will now form part of a new Cerne Valley ward. This was met with general approval.
- 8.2. Dorset Partnership for Older People. The Chairman outlined the contents of document, which were noted.
- 8.3. DAPTC – Vibrant Communities conference. The Chairman outlined the contents of document, which were noted.
- 8.4. Update – Community First Responders. The Chairman outlined the contents of document, which were noted.
- 8.5. Update – Public Health Dorset. The Chairman outlined the contents of document, which were noted.

9. INTEREST AND INFORMATION

- 9.1. Cllr C. Norman raised the question of the planning status of the bike track within Monkton Park, and whether anything could be done to ameliorate the noise in winter when vegetation cover is lost. He stated that it was intrusive to the cottages nearest the road. The Clerk undertook to investigate.

10. TREASURERS REPORT

- 10.1. Accounts 1st November – 31st January – these were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.
- 10.2. Precept for 2014-15 – The Clerk explained that at the last meeting the Council approved a precept figure of £2650 for 2014-15. He had now been informed by WDDC that we would receive £152 from the Local Council Tax Support Grant for 2014-15, therefore the precepted element of our funding (the amount charged directly to council tax payers) had been lowered to £2498 to reflect this. Two payments totalling £2650 would be made at the end of April and September as usual.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

- 11.1. No members of the public were present.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 21st May 2014

The meeting closed at 1955 (7:55pm)