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Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 20th August 2014 at Monkton Village Hall at 7.00pm

1. PRESENT & APOLOGIES:

Present: Chair - Mr R. Williams. Councillors; Mrs Y Doble, Mrs S. McSevney, Mr C. Norman, Ms J Webster, Mrs M. Miller.

Dorset County Council:

West Dorset District Council: Mr S. Slade

Clerk to the Parish Council: Andrew Harrison

Apoloiges: Mr A Walters, Mr D. Read, Mr A. Canning, Mr C. Foot, Mr A. Miller

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN –

- 2.1. Cllr Williams, acting as Chair, asked if there were any Councillors willing to be nominated to become the substantive Chair. Cllr Webster indicated she would and there were no other names put forward. Proposed by Cllr McSevney, seconded by Cllr Walters, carried unanimously.

Cllr Webster took the Chair

- 2.2. Election of Vice-Chair. Cllr. R. Williams was unanimously re-elected as Vice-Chair.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS. There were none.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 21st May 2014 - the Minutes were accepted by the Council and signed as being correct by the Chair.

5. MATTERS ARISING

- 5.1. Play area at Littlemoor – Cllr Slade, along with the Chair and Cllr McSevney had been to look at the piece of land in question. It would make a good playground site but was registered as three separate parcels of land at the Land Registry. One parcel of land is owned by an organisation called Fraser Projects who so far had been uncontactable. The remaining parcels of land are in the ownership of Dorset County Council, who had indicated they would be happy to lease them. Cllr Slade informed the Council that he would try to arrange a meeting to discuss the matter further, although it would not be a swift process.

6. COUNTY AND DISTRICT UPDATE

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

6.1.1. The recent Waste Partnership meeting at Martinstown had been well attended in preparation for the new waste collection system to start in October

6.1.2. There was a possibility that North Dorset District Council might move to join the West Dorset/Weymouth shared services partnership.

Cllr McSevney left the meeting at 7.45pm

7. PLANNING, ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

- 7.1. West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland Local Plan. The Clerk outlined the current status of the local plan. Following the six month pause to re-work elements of the housing figures at the request of the local plan inspector, a number of proposed changes had been made to this part of the plan:

- amend housing requirement to 775 per annum across the plan area
- amend the plan so it commits to meeting a single housing target across the plan area rather than having separate targets for each district
- amend the target number for new jobs in the plan area down from 16100 to 2300
- amend the plan period to run until 2028 rather than 2031.
- changes to some detail figures
- changes to the order of the relevant chapter
- alterations to indicative figures for the following sites: Bridport St Michael's down to 93 from 105, Brewery Square down to 521 from 560, Osprey Quay up to 69 from 35, Wey Valley down to 320 from 400, Weymouth town centre up to 600 or more from 400.

Cllr Walters stated that he continued to have concerns and still had unanswered questions about the local plan process, and would like the Council to hold a meeting with WDDC. Cllr Slade replied that while a meeting would be the best way to proceed, it would be better for it to be between a representative/s of the Council and WDDC than a public event. He undertook to arrange a meeting which Cllr Walters would attend.

Cllr Foot drew the Council's attention to a planning application for infill development adjacent to Destiny Fields on the south side of Littlemoor Road. It was unanimously agreed that the Council would support this type of infill development over and above the outward expansion of town boundaries.

- 7.2. Dorset Waste Partnership. The Clerk explained that new bins and containers were being delivered to households in the coming weeks along with an information pack and new collection calendar, ready for the Waste Partnership to start providing the new waste service from week commencing 13th October.. All enquiries should be directed to DWP, tel 01305 221040 or email enquiriesdorsetwastepartnership@dorsetcc.gov.uk.
- 7.3. Dorset Highways – revised capital works schedule. The Clerk explained that there had been a number of changes to the highways capital works schedule. The road through Bincombe had had surface dressing applied in the last few weeks.
- 7.4. Dorset Highways – councillors survey. The Clerk explained that this annual survey could be filled in on line via dorsetforyou.com .

Cllr Slade left the meeting at 8.10pm

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Full details of planning applications and decisions can be viewed at:
<http://webapps.westdorset-dc.gov.uk>

- 8.1. **WD/D/14/001046** – *Erect single storey side extension to provide bedroom, 17 FIRECREST CLOSE, WEYMOUTH DT3 5RY.* There were no objections and the application was approved on 9th June.
- 8.2. **WD/D/14/001020** – *Erect steel portal roof over existing cattle yard, MANOR FARM, CHURCH ROAD, WINTERBORNE MONKTON, DORCHESTER DT2 9PT.* For information only – The Clerk explained this was a prior approval application which WFPC was informed of but not consulted on.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

- 9.1. Local government transparency code – the Clerk explained that the Council was required by the Department for Communities and Local Government to publish certain information:
- quarterly payments: expenditure exceeding £500: individual invoices, grant payments, expense payments, payments for goods and services, grants, rent, credit note and transactions with other public bodies. Procurement information where the procurement exceeds £5000.
 - annual payments: local authority land holdings and assets, grants to voluntary and community organisations, organisation chart, trade union facility time, parking revenues, controlled parking spaces, senior salaries, constitution, pay multiple, counter fraud work.
- He explained that the vast majority of did not apply to WFPC, and that he intended to post the information on the WFPC web page with “does not apply” under the headings that are not relevant.
- 9.2. Boundary Commission – review of WDDC ward boundaries. The commission’s final recommendations had recently been published. It was intended that these recommendations, which reduce the district council from 48 to 42 councillors, would come in to force in time for next year’s elections.
- 9.3. Greenhill Barton fingerpost update. Mr Jones from Sutton Poyntz had now received pledges for the total sum required to replace the Greenhill Barton fingerpost. WFPC had previously pledged to pay £50 for the required paint and this payment now needs to be approved. Proposed Cllr Walters, seconded Cllr Norman, carried unanimously.
- 9.4. Superfast broadband. The Clerk informed the Council that this was being rolled out in the WFPC area now, and works to install new street cabinets were taking place to support this. It should be available to order for the first customers from October, then in stages up until completion at Christmas.
- 9.5. Dorset local access forum – recruitment. The Clerk drew the Council’s attention to the contents of this document, which were noted.
- 9.6. Healthwatch Dorset – update. The Clerk drew the Council’s attention to the contents of this document, which were noted.

10. INTEREST AND INFORMATION

- 10.1. Cllr Norman informed the Council that funding from DCC had been obtained for works to the cottage next door to the hall.

11. TREASURERS REPORT

- 11.1. Accounts 1st May – 31st July – these were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.
- 11.2. Payment – DAPTC – annual subscription - £217.59, an increase of £5.72. Proposed Cllr Norman, seconded Cllr Read, carried unanimously.
- 11.3. Payment – Internal Audit, Mrs Butcher - £20.00. Proposed Cllr Norman, seconded Cllr Walters, carried unanimously.

12. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

- 12.1. No members of the public were present.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 19th November 2014

The meeting closed at 8.30pm