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Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 17th August 2016 at Monkton Village Hall at 7.00pm

1. PRESENT & APOLOGIES:

Present: Chair – Ms Jenny Webster. Vice Chair: - Councillors: Mr Raymond Williams, Mr Charles Norman, Mr Alec Walters, Mr Roger Holehouse, Mrs Suzanne McSevney, Mrs Yvonne Doble, Mr Graham Brant.

Dorset County Council: - West Dorset District Council:- Mr Robert Freeman

Clerk to the Parish Council: Andrew Harrison. **Apologies:** Mr Derek Read, Mr Andy Canning.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS. There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensation made with regard to agenda items.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 18th May 2016. The minutes were accepted by the Council and signed as being correct by the Chair.

4. MATTERS ARISING

- 4.1. It was generally agreed that there were no matters arising from the minutes that would not be dealt with under agenda items.

5. COUNTY AND DISTRICT UPDATE

- 5.1. Mr Freeman informed the Council that the Dorset Councils Partnership was introducing a new on-line chat facility for customer enquiries. The average cost per enquiry for the on-line tool was 90 pence, as opposed to £8.60 for an in-person enquiry. He also spoke briefly on the new Community Infrastructure Levy, a new framework for developer contributions that replaced the provisions of section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

The Council thanked Mr Freeman for his attendance.

6. PLANNING, ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

- 6.1. RPS Development, Bincombe. The Chair explained that RPS Group had submitted an outline planning application for a mixed use development, much along the lines of what was presented to the parish council in February 2015. The parish council had objected to the outline planning application on the basis of encroachment into the Dorset AONB, concerns over the mitigation planting and the presence on the masterplan of buildings outside the site boundary.

The Chair continued that Dorset AONB Partnership and Natural England had also objected on similar and related grounds. A number of other consultees had responded with detail on their specific concerns and representations were submitted by Weymouth Civic Society and eight members of the public. The application was still under consideration by West Dorset District Council, not yet having reached the officer report stage.

Cllr Norman noted again that it was imperative that landscape screening had to be in place prior to development. The Chair informed Cllr Norman that statutory bodies had objected to this as well. Cllr Brant noted a lack of improvements to existing bus stops in the transport plan. Mr Freeman explained that community infrastructure levies could potentially fund such improvements. He continued that Bincombe Valley School may have an interest in relocating to a new site within the development. Cllr Holehouse stated that a lot of work would be required to build a new community. Cllr Norman noted that it may raise a future question regarding the ongoing suitability of the parish boundary.

- 6.2. Bincombe play area. The Chair explained that following the last parish council meeting a public meeting had been held with local residents. Plans produced by the play area committee had resulted in an element of concern and miscommunication, which ultimately resulted in the parish council having to defend a charge of breach of planning control after a member of the public informed the WDDC planning department that the parish council was constructing a play area without planning authorisation. This misunderstanding had now been rectified.

Cllr Brant informed the Council that mention had been made of another site, however while some residents were in favour of the principle of a play area, some were very against. He stated that the public meeting ended with an agreement for a full risk assessment to be carried out, and while another site, possibly at Broadway Close might be a possibility it would be difficult. He continued that the main safety concerns of the Robin Close site were the unfenced balancing ponds and the lack of overview from neighbouring houses.

Mr Freeman added that the safety issues were certainly important and could scupper the use of the Robin Close site. Consideration was also given to a site in Reedling Close within Weymouth & Portland. While Weymouth & Portland Borough Council were happy in principle they could not involve themselves with funding at this time. There was some discussion of this matter with members of the public.

Cllr Brant concluded that the objections raised were certainly valid and would make a neighbourhood consensus, essential for third party funding, very difficult to achieve. It was agreed to hold the matter over until a full risk assessment could be presented to the Council.

- 6.3. A352 at Whitcombe. The Chair explained that survey data from October 2015 and April 2016 had been sent to councillors. Mr Potter (DCC) had informed the Clerk that the next survey data would be available in September and had offered to meet with a subgroup of the council ahead of the November meeting to discuss the trial. Cllrs Walters and Holehouse confirmed that they would be happy to meet with Mr Potter.

Cllr Walters stated that the purpose of the trial appeared to be to see if drivers were obeying speed limits at the fastest points along the road; the areas of concern however were Whitcombe Lane, the entrance to Whitcombe itself and the Came junction.

Cllr Holehouse observed that reductions in speed were not statistically very significant, with some drivers going faster, possibly to keep up with the signed speed limit. Cllr Walters noted that the focus of DCC seemed to be more about the speed limit and less about safety. Cllr Norman observed that the trial seemed to be having little effect thus far. Cllr Williams stated that DCC seemed to have made their own case for a lower speed limit.

- 6.4. WDDC – paperless planning project. The Clerk explained that he had recently received an official email address from DAPTC of winterbornefarringdon@dorset-aptc.gov.uk, accessed through Google's Gmail service, making it very easy to use. He explained that this would enable WFPC to make an easy switch to the paperless system when it came into operation. He also explained that WFPC had received five logins for the WDDC planning consultation system – one per parish which was a little inefficient. WDDC were aware of this and were working on a single login.
- 6.5. DCC – waste sites consultation – the Chair explained that the Additional and Emerging Preferred Waste Site Allocations plan was published in July. The areas of land now under consideration in Dorchester were land to the north of Stinsford Hill, land at Louds Mill near the existing Household Recycling Centre, land at the old radio station on Bridport Road, and land at DCC's Charminster depot. It appeared to be safe to say that the land opposite the football stadium was no longer under any consideration.

- 6.6. DCC – Dorset Highways annual report. The Chair outlined the contents of this document, which were noted. This report covered Dorset Highways' achievements over the last year. A new structure was implemented in the 2015-16 financial year, creating a saving of £750,000.
- 6.7. DCC – temporary road closures for Dorchester Show. The Chair explained that these were the usual road closures implemented to create the one way system for the Dorchester Show each year.
- 6.8. DCC – Dorset Highways Councillors Satisfaction Survey – the Chair outlined the contents of this document, which were noted.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

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

- 7.1. WD/D/16/000739 - Outline application for a mixed use development comprising: up to 500 dwellings, including affordable housing; up to 8 ha of employment land (to include a new hotel, residential care home, car show rooms and other employment land); land for a new primary school; a new local centre; public open spaces, new accesses and roads, and associated infrastructure (Outline), LAND TO THE NORTH OF LITTLEMOOR ROAD, WEYMOUTH. It was generally agreed that this matter had already been fully discussed.
- 7.2. WD/D/16/001396 - Change of use of land last used for equestrian purposes to campsite (Full), THE WILLOWS, ICEN LANE, BINCOMBE, WEYMOUTH DT3 5PY. The Chair explained that WFPC had expressed concerns regarding the highway access from Icen Lane and through Bincombe village, and encroachment into the AONB.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

- 8.1. Weymouth Ironman 2016. The Chair explained that a 'plan ahead' paper had been delivered to houses along the route. There was some discussion on the matter. Cllr Norman reminded the Council about the problem in previous years of agricultural access on the day, and that while the organisers were engaging with residents they were not doing the same with local businesses and as he did not personally live on the race route he had received no notification. He pointed out that harvesting would be taking place during the event.
- 8.2. Dorset CCG – clinical services review – The Chair explained that the CCG had published their recommendations for the restructure of community health services. These were featured in the local press last month, and involved the community hospitals at Wimborne, Bridport, Blandford, Sherborne, Swanage and Weymouth retaining their beds. Shaftesbury, Christchurch, Portland and Wareham hospitals would lose their beds, becoming community hubs. Under these plans the Portland, Shaftesbury and Wareham hubs may well be provided from new locations, allowing the existing buildings to be closed. St Leonards and the community health facilities at Alderney Hospital and Westhaven Hospital would close. The proposals would be consulted on later in the year.
- 8.3. Dorset Waste Partnership – guide for Councillors. This Chair explained that this guide outlined the functions and services of Dorset Waste Partnership and provided contact details for the management team.
- 8.4. Electricity distribution companies 3-digit number. The Chair outlined that a new three-digit number – 105 – would be launched next month to enable anyone to be able to easily contact their electricity network provider, regardless of location, in the event of a power cut.

9. INTEREST AND INFORMATION

- 9.1. There was some discussion about fly tipping and new charges being imposed by DCC at Household Recycling Centres.

10. TREASURERS REPORT

- 10.1. Accounts 1st May – 31st July – these were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.
- 10.2. Payment – DAPTC subscription 2016-17. £192.06. Proposed Cllr McSevney, seconded Cllr Holehouse, carried unanimously.
- 10.3. Payment – Mrs Butcher (Audit). £20.00. Proposed Cllr Brant, seconded Cllr Holehouse, carried unanimously.

11. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.** Several members of the public were present for the discussion of item 6.2 but all had left.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 16th November 2016

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.