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*Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018 at Upwey and Broadwey Memorial Hall at 7.00pm*

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**1. PRESENT & APOLOGIES:**

**Present:** Chair – Ms Jenny Webster. Vice Chair – apologies. Councillors: Mr Raymond Williams, Mr Charles Norman, Mr Roger Holehouse, Mrs Yvonne Doble, Mr Graham Brant.

Dorset County Council: Mr Nick Ireland. West Dorset District Council:- Mr Robert Freeman

**Clerk to the Parish Council:** Andrew Harrison. **Apologies:** Mr Derek Read, Mr Alec Walters

**2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS.**

2.1. There were no declarations.

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** of 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017. 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 all matters arising would be covered under items on the agenda.

**5. COUNTY AND DISTRICT UPDATE**

5.1. Mr Ireland informed the council that the DCC budget for the financial year 2018-19 had now been passed. The DCC element of council tax would rise by 5.9 per cent in the coming year, the core council tax by 2.9 per cent with the dedicated social care precept adding another three per cent. Council tax would continue to rise in the coming years. He continued that a minimum of £12m savings would need to be found in 2018-19, but ideally £18m would be found to cover additional expenditure in financial year 2017-18. Levels of debt were forecast to increase in coming years.

Cllr Norman asked if DCC had invested in commercial property. Mr Ireland replied that they had not to his knowledge.

5.2. Mr Ireland continued that he had been contacted by a local resident who wanted to restrict or ban right turns from the Winterborne Herrington road onto the A354 at Winterborne Monkton. There had been two collisions in recent years involving vehicles turning right at the junction, and Mr Ireland stated that he was in favour of such a restriction. Cllr Norman said that this would make things difficult for vehicles wanting to turn right, but he could appreciate the safety aspect.

**6. PLANNING, ROADS AND FOOTPATHS**

6.1. A352 at Whitcombe. The Chair informed the Council that since the last meeting the Clerk had received a copy of the joint DCC/Dorset Police site investigation report into the collision on 16th October last, along with an acknowledgement from the coroner's office following the council's letter of last November. Cllrs Walters and Holehouse had additionally attended a meeting at County Hall with Oliver Letwin and Mr Ireland in December.

Mr Ireland confirmed that the meeting had taken place, although little had happened following it. While the right noises were being made, he felt there was little chance of the speed limit through Whitcombe ever being reduced to 40mph. There had been discussions regarding anti-skid surfaces and speed cameras but he felt that these safety measures would also not happen.

Cllr Holehouse noted that the collision report only took into consideration other collisions within 50m

of the RTC site. He asked whether the purpose of the existing speed limit was to cap a speed, or to force it down? Some discussion followed regarding the possibilities of parish councils funding speed limit changes although the expense was acknowledged. Cllr Holehouse concluded that, whatever the reason was, DCC were not inclined to revisit the speed limit already in place. Cllr Ireland replied that the reason was most probably monetary.

- 6.2. Parking issue – Meadow View Road/Littlemoor Road (Bincombe). Mr Freeman continued to progress the matter, but as the parked vehicles were actually in Weymouth & Portland it was proving difficult to progress.
- 6.3. Chideock bypass working group. The Chair informed the council that this group had produced and submitted a paper to Highways England regarding the need for a Chideock bypass. They had written to parish councils asking for feedback and, presumably, support. The full paper, which ran to some hundreds of pages, was available on their website [www.chideockbypass.co.uk](http://www.chideockbypass.co.uk). It was generally felt that, although it was outside of the WFPC area, the principle could be supported.
- 6.4. Dorset AONB forum – the Chair explained that the Dorset AONB Partnership were holding three forum events in March in Blandford, Bridport and Wareham. They were looking this year for views on landscape issues and opportunities to inform the new AONB management plan that would be updated for next year.
- 6.5. New online planning system – the Clerk informed the council that a new online system would be introduced in March by WDDC. This would mean that the way the council viewed and commented on planning applications would change. The Clerk undertook to circulate further information as he received it.

## 7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

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

- 7.1. **WD/D/18/000110** - Change of use from stable to holiday let (Change of Use), THE WILLOWS, ICEN LANE, BINCOMBE, WEYMOUTH, DT3 5PY. New application for consideration. There was no objection due to the stable being within the curtilage of the dwelling house, although the council would object to a planning application to site anything within the adjacent field.
- 7.2. **WD/D/17/002735** - Erection of a front extension and conversion of loft (Full), NAPOLI, HERRINGSTON LANE, WINTERBORNE MONKTON, DORCHESTER, DT2 8NP. No objection from Monkton, approved on 8<sup>th</sup> January.
- 7.3. **WD/D/17/002314** - Erect 3 cart shed garage within residential curtilage of Bayard Barn Farmhouse. (Full), BAYARD BARN, BAYARD FARM, BINCOMBE. No objection from Bincombe, still under consideration.
- 7.4. **WD/D/17/001808** - Convert existing redundant agricultural traditional barn to form 3 no. dwellings. (Full), DEWFLOCK FARM, WINTERBORNE MONKTON, DORCHESTER, DT2 8NP. Initial objection from Monkton, withdrawn after clarification from applicant. This application was still under consideration.
- 7.5. **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. This application was still under consideration. There was some discussion regarding traffic that might be produced by this development. Cllr Freeman

added that there were a number of delays being caused to the progress of this application by the section 106 agreement.

## 8. OTHER BUSINESS

- 8.1. Number 5 bus service – The Chair explained that the number 5 bus service had been operated by First between Weymouth and Dorchester serving Broadmayne, Whitcombe etc. First had decided to cease operating the service commercially from January. She explained that Cllr Ireland had ensured some focus was placed on this issue at County Hall and subsequently Damory had registered and would run an experimental service, at least until September, offering five journeys on weekdays and four on Saturdays.

Cllr Ireland explained that the new Damory service was also commercial, although they were being paid to transport thirty school children on the route. He added that they received approximately £1 to £1.20 per use of an over 60 bus pass. He stated that DCC had made no provision to ensure that the service would be retained past September, although Damory were at the time of the meeting happy with the numbers. There had been some complaints that the fares were higher, but this was potentially what was required to save the service. He concluded that it was possible that some funding for the bus service might be found by WDDC from the Community Infrastructure Levy monies relating to development in Crossways.

- 8.2. Future use of Monkton Park. The Chair explained that the issue of Monkton Park was discussed at the DCC cabinet meeting in January. Mr Ireland said the idea of a special school had been dropped, but the Dorchester Learning Centre would move into the main building. There was an idea that parts of the site might be sold but he felt that this was unlikely.
- 8.3. Fly tipping. The Chair and Cllr McSevney raised the issue of fly tipping on Icen Lane in Bincombe. It was acknowledged that fly tipping should always be reported to the Dorset Waste Partnership. Cllr McSevney informed Mr Ireland that the layby in which many of the issues had occurred was DCC land and had previously been used as a turning area when the one way system had been in operation. Mr Ireland undertook to raise the matter with the waste partnership.
- 8.4. Local government reorganisation. The Chair informed the Council that until a ‘structural change order’ was approved by Parliament, while not confirmed there were a number of things known about the new authority:
- it would be called “Dorset Council” and would probably have 82 members.
  - the transition would be by way of a shadow authority and executive, formed from the existing councils
  - the electoral cycle would be two five year terms followed by a return to four year terms. It was likely that parish and town councils would move to the same electoral cycle.
  - there may not be much in the way of reorganisation within the 2019 timescale.

Mr Ireland added that the possibility existed of Weymouth & Portland Borough Council having to hold elections if some confirmation was not forthcoming soon from the government. There were still a number of factors in play, and still a chance that LGR in this form would not happen. There was some discussion on this subject.

- 8.5. General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) – the Clerk explained that the GDPR would be coming into force in late May. This would replace the Data Protection Act and affect all organisations, including small parish councils. He was waiting for further clarity on the matter from DAPTC. GDPR would require organisations to have a ‘data protection officer’ but the interpretation of the legislation dictated that for parish councils this could not be the Clerk. There was a suggestion that the DPO role could be filled for all parishes (or at least those that were members) by a person at DAPTC. The Clerk stated that realistically the council did not generate or hold any data on people beyond councillors. He undertook to update the council at the next meeting.

## 9. INTEREST AND INFORMATION

- 9.1. There was some discussion about cars queuing northbound on the Weymouth Relief Road at Bincombe using the 'on' slip road to leave the main road. It was generally agreed that this concern should be passed to the Police.

## 10. TREASURERS REPORT

- 10.1. Accounts 1<sup>st</sup> November – 31<sup>st</sup> January – these were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.
- 10.2. Precept 2018-19. The Clerk informed the council that the agreed precept figure of £2670 had been submitted to WDDC, to be paid as usual in April and September

11. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.** No members of the public were present.

12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

*The meeting closed at 8.40pm.*

<p><b><u>IMPORTANT – LOCATION FOR NEXT MEETING:</u></b> <b>WINTERBORNE MONKTON VILLAGE HALL, WINTERBORNE MONKTON,</b> <b>DORCHESTER DT2 9PT</b></p>
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