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Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 21st August 2019 at the Elworthy Church Hall, Winterborne Monkton at 7.00pm

1. PRESENT & APOLOGIES:

Present: Chair – Ms Jenny Webster. Vice Chair – Mr Charles Norman (part meeting). Councillors: Mr Raymond Williams, Mr Graham Brant, Mr Alec Walters, Mr Roger Holehouse, Mr Andrew Murray
Dorset Council: Mr Roland Tarr, Mr Nick Ireland

Clerk to the Parish Council: Andrew Harrison. **Apologies:** Mrs Yvonne Doble

Members of the public: three members of the public

2. RESIGNATION OF YVONNE DOBLE

- 2.1. The Chair informed the council that Yvonne Doble had written to the Clerk to tender her resignation due to ill health. All present thanked her for her service to the council since her first election in 2006.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS.

- 3.1. There were no declarations.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 15th May 2019. The minutes were accepted by the Council and signed as being correct by the Chair.

5. MATTERS ARISING

- 5.1. It was generally agreed that all matters arising were covered by agenda items.

6. DORSET COUNCIL UPDATE

- 6.1. Mr Tarr informed the council that he had recently held a successful meeting with the management of McDonalds at Monkey's Jump to discuss the issues around parking, and had also met with the relevant Dorset council officers who undertook to carry out any remedial works they could to attempt to alleviate the parking situation. He had also identified that Highways England were the owners of the land between the car park and Monkey's Jump roundabout.

Cllr Brant observed that parking at this location was a real and dangerous problem, and asked if there was an option to compulsorily purchase land from the Duchy of Cornwall. Mr Tarr replied that Dorset was historically reluctant to do this, especially in the case of the Duchy. Cllr Murray asked if there was a temporary solution that could be achieved quicker. Mr Tarr replied that parking restrictions could take two years to bring in to force, but he hoped that a better solution might be achieved for next summer.

7. PLANNING, ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

- 7.1. WD/D/19/001772 - Change of use to holiday village to consist of use of existing buildings as holiday accommodation, restaurant and spa and use of land for parking. Outline application for the erection of extensions to existing buildings, new build holiday accommodation, cycle hire/store and indoor leisure facility (with details of access, layout and scale, all other matters are reserved), WHITCOMBE MONYMUSK RACING STABLES, WHITCOMBE DOWN ROAD, WHITCOMBE, DORCHESTER, DT2 8NY – Mr Tarr informed the council that he had received a letter asking if this application should be called in to the planning committee. Assuming the council wanted this to happen, he asked that this be requested in writing. He went on to outline a number of potential lines of objection linked to both local and national planning policy.

Cllr Walters noted that the application depended on the non-viability of the site as an equestrian development, an assertion that did not have universal agreement. He added that the site had previously been turned down for holiday accommodation, and that to permit a further application of the same sort would be inconsistent. He introduced Mr Illingworth to the meeting, asking the Chair if Mr Illingworth could address the council.

Mr Illingworth outlined the recent history of the site, along with the previous owner's plans and those of her business partner, stating that the viability of the site at sale was beyond question. He additionally noted the vulnerability of the water table in the area and the proximity of the Empool extraction point, meaning that any application that would result in an increase in sewage would need to be carefully considered.

Cllr Norman added that as the site fell within the Poole harbour catchment area any nitrate and phosphate discharged in effluent would need to be offset.

It was generally agreed that the council would lodge an objection to this application, the key lines of objection being the question of viability, highways, infrastructure and landscape.

- 7.2. New local plan. The Chair informed the council that Dorset council had announced they were to begin the process of starting a new local plan. It was not clear if the review work on the existing plan would continue any further. The Clerk undertook to inform councillors of any developments.
- 7.3. A352 at Whitcombe. Cllr Walters informed the council that since he had been referred by Martin Underhill (the police and crime commissioner) to contact the Dorset strategic road safety partnership (DSRSP), he had discovered that the Chair of the DSRSP was Michael Potter, with whom the process of addressing the speed limit at Whitcombe had started. With this knowledge he felt it difficult to proceed further, feeling that the safety of a dozen residents appeared to have a low priority with Dorset council's reluctance to add a few seconds to journey times along the A352.

Cllr Holehouse noted that while there had been various improvements along the route none had taken place at the spot in question. Cllr Walters said he might write to Oliver Letwin again placing his concerns that the application of policy was inconsistent here. Cllr Norman added that having achieved a 50mph limit, it felt as if more could yet be achieved.
- 7.4. National park. The Clerk read to the council the response to a previous letter sent to Matt Prosser, chief executive of Dorset council, regarding the question of a national park for Dorset. The council agreed that the letter should be noted.
- 7.5. Cycle signage on Ridgeway hill (the old A354) – Mr Tarr had left the meeting so was not able to provide an update.
- 7.6. Parking at McDonalds, Monkey's Jump – it was generally agreed that this matter had been dealt with in Mr Tarr's earlier update.
- 7.7. Road markings at Came Down. Cllr McSevney informed the council that another car had collided with the grass bank opposite the golf course after taking the corner too fast. It was noted that this was the second vehicle to have an accident there this year. The Clerk undertook to request enhanced signage at this location.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Full details of planning applications and decisions can be viewed at:
<https://planning.dorset.gov.uk/online-applications/>

- 8.1. **WD/D/19/001594** - Change of use of part of agricultural building to B2 light industrial unit, DEWFLOCK FARM, HERRINGSTON LANE, WINTERBORNE MONKTON, DORCHESTER, DT2 8NP. WFPC objected, application undetermined. [[link](#)]
- 8.2. **WD/D/19/001700** – Erect 1no dwelling, LAND WEST OF THE HAVEN, CHAPEL LANE, UPWEY, BINCOMBE. WFPC objected, application undetermined. [[link](#)]
- 8.3. **WD/D/19/000214** - Change of use of land & site 2.no shepherd huts, THE WILLOWS, ICEN LANE, BINCOMBE, WEYMOUTH, DT3 5PY. Approved 22nd July, the parish council's concerns had been addressed. [[link](#)]
- 8.4. **WD/D/18/002257** - Erect single storey extension (Full), DEWFLOCK FARM, HERRINGSTON LANE, WINTERBORNE MONKTON, DORCHESTER, DT2 8NP. This application was still under consideration. [[link](#)]
- 8.5. **WD/D/18/001728** - Change of use of agricultural building to residential dwelling and erect slate covered roof to adjacent store for use as a garage (Full), ICEN FARM, ICEN LANE, BINCOMBE, WEYMOUTH, DT3 5PY. Approved 8th July with conditions. [[link](#)]
- 8.6. **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. The planning committee delegated authority to officers to approve the application subject to certain conditions on 4th July 2019. At the time of writing the application was still undetermined. [[link](#)].

Cllr Brant informed the council that the expectation from both he and Mr Tarr at the planning committee meeting had been that the application would return to the committee on the completion (or not) of the section 106 agreement within the set timescale. The Chair asked the Clerk to write to the Chair of the planning committee asking that the published decision be reviewed. Cllr Brant requested that the letter be copied to Dorset councillors Nick Ireland and Louie O'Leary.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

- 9.1. Polling stations review – the Clerk informed the council that a review was being conducted of polling arrangements in Dorset, consulting the public to seek their comments on the suitability of the polling station they used the last time they voted in person at an election. Anyone who had any views regarding their polling station should email elections@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk.
- 9.2. Ironman. The Chair informed the council that Mr Rose had not been able to attend the meeting. The Clerk asked if any councillors wanted a separate meeting with him. This was not thought necessary, but Cllr Holehouse observed that Royal Mail was not distributing the correctly localised information to residents and asked if this could be addressed.
- 9.3. Bridges guidance – the Clerk explained that “Bridges” is guidance issued to local authorities in the event of the death of a senior national figure. There was little for parishes to do with this but Clerks had been asked to update their councils as to the existence of the guidance.

10. INTEREST AND INFORMATION

10.1. No matters were raised.

11. TREASURERS REPORT

11.1. Accounts 1st May – 31st July – these were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

11.2. Payment – Mrs Butcher – audit expenses - £20 – proposed Cllr McSevney, seconded Cllr Holehouse.

12. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.** Two further members of the public were present, who addressed the council on the public perception of how planning applications were considered; there was some discussion on this matter. They asked that councils note the individual circumstances of applicants where this was possible, and observed that parishes were sometimes perceived as being overly negative in their consideration of applications.

13. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 20th November 2019**

The meeting closed at 2110 (9.10pm).

LOCATION FOR NEXT MEETING:
UPWEY AND BROADWEY MEMORIAL HALL, VICTORIA AVENUE, WEYMOUTH DT3 5NG