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Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 19th February 2020 at the Upwey and Broadway Memorial Hall at 7.00pm

1. PRESENT & APOLOGIES:

Present: Chair – Ms Jenny Webster. Vice Chair – Mr Charles Norman. Councillors: Mr Raymond Williams, Mr Graham Brant, Mr Alec Walters, Mr Roger Holehouse, Mr Andrew Murray, Mrs Suzanne Mcsevney, Mr John Trent
Dorset Council: Mr Roland Tarr

Clerk to the Parish Council: Andrew Harrison. **Apologies:**

Members of the public: approximately twenty members of the public

2. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS

- 2.1. The clerk informed the council that following the resignation and sad passing away of Yvonne Doble, a casual vacancy had been advertised at Winterborne Monkton for the requisite fourteen days. In that time the requisite number of requests for an election were not received by Dorset council, meaning that the parish council could co-opt Mr John Trent, a resident of Winterborne Monkton who was willing to fill the vacancy. The chair and the councillors welcomed Mr Trent to the council.

3. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE AND REGISTRATION OF INTERESTS

- 3.1. Cllr Trent signed the declaration of acceptance of office and undertook to complete the registration of interests form.

4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS.

- 4.1. There were no declarations.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 20th November 2019. The minutes were accepted by the Council and signed as being correct by the Chair.

6. MATTERS ARISING

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

7. DORSET COUNCIL UPDATE

- 7.1. Mr Tarr stated that he believed all the items he intended to update the council on would be covered under existing agenda items.

8. PLANNING, ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

- 8.1. Dorset local plan. The chair explained that Dorset council agreed their statement of community involvement on 28th January. This document set out when and how the council would consult local communities with regard to the local plan. She explained that consultations for a new local plan covering the whole of the Dorset council area would commence later in the calendar year.

Cllr Norman asked if West Dorset and Weymouth & Portland were still in breach of the requirement to allocate enough land to provide five years worth of housing development. Mr Tarr replied that this was now calculated as a county-wide figure and that currently Dorset was not in breach of the requirement.

- 8.2. Rights of way definitive map modification application - Upgrade BR39, Weymouth and BR14, Bincombe to byway. The chair explained that the parish council had responded to the consultation in the manner agreed at the last meeting, and that Mr Tarr had subsequently provided a written submission and may have further information about the application. Mr Tarr gave a summary of the submission he had made.
- 8.3. A352 at Whitcombe. Mr Tarr informed the council that he had carried out a 40mph drive of the road between Dorchester and Broadmayne with a highways officer. They had also attempted a 50mph drive but agreed that this was not safe. Mr Tarr intended to repeat the exercise in his own car with the cabinet member for highways. He added that the forthcoming police and crime commissioner election would be a good opportunity to make the case for a lower speed limit to a receptive audience.

Cllr Walters agreed that 40mph would be an acceptable speed. He added that the road regularly flooded in wet weather, with water coming from the hill on each side and flowing along the road. Dorset county council had constructed soakaways to absorb the runoff but these had not been maintained for around five years. Dorset highways had finally emptied the southern soakaway but would not empty the northern one.

Mr Tarr replied that officers had been instructed to only react when things went wrong as there was not sufficient funding in place to be proactive. There were discussions taking place about potentially allocating more money to planned and preventive maintenance as it would be cheaper in the long run.

- 8.4. McDonalds – parking and litter. The clerk informed the council that he had been contacted by Michele Harding, clerk to Winterborne St Martin parish council regarding works to construct soil bunds and erect bollards adjacent to the entrance of McDonalds at Monkey's Jump. Winterborne St Martin were arranging a meeting to discuss the works with McDonalds, the idea being that McDonalds will fund the £15k or so as Dorset council cannot. Because the land was within the WFPC boundary she asked if the parish council objected to Winterborne St Martin co-ordinating this work, and whether the council wished to have a representative attend the meeting.

It was generally agreed that the parish council did not object to Winterborne St Martin co-ordinating in the manner suggested. Cllr Norman stated that he was happy to attend a meeting should he be available on the given date. The clerk undertook to provide Ms Harding with Cllr Norman's contact details.

- 8.5. Cycle signage on Ridgeway hill (the old A354) – Mr Tarr informed the council that Dorset highways was looking into removing all the paint on the remaining road surface. He undertook to pay a further visit to the site with the cabinet member for highways.
- 8.6. Coombe Valley Road top fingerpost. The clerk informed the council that the estimated budget required to restore this fingerpost in the usual manner would be around £1000, although it may be possible to part fund this through grants from the AONB and CPRE. Cllr Murray undertook to look at the fingerpost in question as he believed he could potentially make the replacement oak arms. The clerk undertook to approach the AONB partnership for information on available grants.
- 8.7. Dorset council – adoption of the Mineral and Waste plan – the chair informed the council that the mineral and waste sites plan for Bournemouth, Christchurch, Poole and Dorset, to which this council was a consultee, was formally adopted on 31st December.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

- 9.1. **WD/D/20/000146** - Installation of 2 no. refrigeration units, MCDONALDS RESTAURANTS LTD, BRIDPORT ROAD, MARTINSTOWN, DORCHESTER, DT2 9DL. No objection. [[link](#)]
- 9.2. **WD/D/20/000321** - Erection of up to 5 No. dwellings (demolish existing agricultural barn), LAND NORTH OF ICEN LANE, WEYMOUTH. New application for discussion. Approximately twenty members of the public attended the meeting, a number of whom chose to speak regarding this application. It was proposed by Cllr Norman, and seconded by Cllr Mcsevney that the parish council object to this planning application on the basis of the rural character of the area, extremely poor road access and the demonstrated concern of local residents, who had attended the meeting having completed a petition of some sixty names – carried unanimously. [[link](#)]
- 9.3. **WD/D/19/003081** - Convert existing redundant agricultural traditional barn to form 3 no. dwellings - Variation of condition 1 of planning approval WD/D/17/001808, DEWFLOCK FARM, WINTERBORNE MONKTON, DORCHESTER, DT2 8NP. No objection as long as conditions relating to the existing approval had been met and the correct arrangements for sewage were in place. [[link](#)]
- 9.4. **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. WFPC objected following our last meeting, application undetermined. [[link](#)]
- 9.5. **WD/D/19/002356** - Erect two storey rear extension, 1 PENWITHEN LODGE, MONKTON HILL, WINTERBORNE MONKTON, DORCHESTER, DT2 9PS. Approved on 19th February. [[link](#)]
- 9.6. **WD/D/19/001700** – Erect 1no dwelling, LAND WEST OF THE HAVEN, CHAPEL LANE, UPWEY, BINCOMBE. WFPC objected, application undetermined. [[link](#)]
- 9.7. **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](#)].

There was some discussion regarding this application. It was agreed to write to Matt Prosser, chief executive of Dorset council, setting out the parish council's concerns about the way the decision making around this application had been handled, lines of communication in general and the courtesy and respect of officers, and to invite him, or a cabinet member or senior officer of Dorset council to attend a future meeting.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

- 10.1. Dorset council – climate emergency ‘call for ideas’ [[link](#)] – there was some discussion regarding this matter.

11. INTEREST AND INFORMATION

- 11.1. Cllr Norman asked if there had been any developments with regard to a national park in Dorset. Mr Tarr replied that there was no official news on the matter. He had looked into whether permitted development rights would remain extant in a national park and confirmed that this would be the case.

12. TREASURERS REPORT

- 12.1. Accounts 1st November – 31st January – these were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.
- 12.2. Precept 2020-21. The clerk informed the council that, as agreed at the last meeting he had raised the budgeted amount for contested elections by £300 from £600 to £900, and submitted a total precept request to Dorset council of £3070. Again this would be paid in two instalments, in April and September.
- 12.3. Clerk wages and PAYE update. The clerk reminded the council that the clerk's salary was now paid annually. As the council was required to run a PAYE scheme the tax payable was sent by cheque direct to HMRC, with the net amount paid to the Clerk. This would mean that the wages for March will be paid in advance however the trade-off was being able to get all the cheques out before the end of the financial year.

13. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – all members of the public had departed.

14. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – 20th May 2020

The meeting closed at 2125 (9.25pm).

Due to restrictions in relation to the coronavirus outbreak the next meeting of the parish council will be held online using Zoom