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*Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 7.00pm – via Zoom*

**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:** none

**2. ELECTIONS**

- 2.1. Election of Chair – Cllr Webster indicated she would be happy to receive nominations to continue as Chair. Proposed Cllr Norman, seconded Cllr Mcsevney, carried unanimously.
- 2.2. Election of vice-chair – Cllr Norman indicated he would be happy to receive nominations to continue as vice-chair. Proposed Cllr Murray, seconded Cllr Brant.

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

- 3.1. There were no declarations.

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** of 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Cllr Walters noted that the soakaways mentioned in item 8.3 of the minutes had been described incorrectly, and it was in fact the northern soakaways that had been emptied and not the southern one. DCC subsequently determined that it was in fact the southern soakaway that was causing the road to flood. Cllr Walters had mentioned a nearby pond that could be used for drainage but had not received a response.

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 a meeting with Matt Prosser and other parishes should be delayed until the parties were able to meet in person.
- 5.2. It was generally agreed that all matters arising were covered by agenda items.

**6. DORSET COUNCIL UPDATE**

- 6.1. Mr Tarr stated that he had raised the matter of flooding on the Dorchester bypass with Highways England, who asked when the road was flooding. Cllr Norman replied the road flooded every day when it rained.

Mr Tarr mentioned flooding at Winterborne Monkton. Cllr Norman stated that the sewers at Martinstown are not sealed, and that when the pumping station there is unable to cope due to the groundwater level rising, sewage discharges directly into the South Winterborne Stream. Mr Tarr said he would take this up with the relevant authority.

Mr Tarr stated again that he was keen to get the speed limit on the A352 reduced. He had received a letter from a resident of Broadmayne to him and Chris Loder, distressed at the speed of traffic past

their house. Due to coronavirus restrictions he had not been able to take the DC cabinet member for a drive along the road to date. He noted that the idea of a lower speed limit was not universally popular at Broadmayne parish council.

Mr Tarr stated that he was aware of increased littering at Maiden Castle and was going to investigate.

There was a strong possibility that the West Stafford bypass would be extended to bypass Broadmayne.

Finally, Mr Tarr was hoping to arrange a meeting with Highways England at Monkey's Jump roundabout regarding the installation of a pedestrian crossing. Cllr Norman noted that crossing the bypass had long been an issue, especially for children walking to and from school.

Cllr Norman asked Mr Tarr about the introduction of cashless parking in DC car parks, stating that he was aware of some people experiencing difficulties with the mobile app, and those without smartphones being disadvantaged. Mr Tarr replied that there had been an urgent need for DC to recoup some funds, but needed to discourage use of the pay-and-display ticket machines due to the potential risk of infection. He asked that those who had experienced difficulties in using car parks to contact him.

Cllr Walters set out his concerns about the lack of democratic oversight provided by the current meeting arrangements at DC, being significantly concerned about the progress of the racing stables planning application. Mr Tarr replied that he would contact Cllr Walters directly to discuss this further, adding that the planning officer was not favourable to the current application.

Cllr Brant told Mr Tarr that he understood the period in which the completion of the section 106 agreement for the Bincombe development needed to be achieved had been extended by six months. Mr Tarr replied that this was unfortunately at the discretion of the head of planning. He hoped to have a meeting with Chris Loder about the situation as it was not satisfactory.

## **7. PLANNING, ROADS AND FOOTPATHS**

- 7.1. A352 at Whitcombe. It was generally agreed that this matter had been covered in the earlier discussion with Mr Tarr.
- 7.2. McDonalds – parking and litter. Michele Harding, the clerk to Winterborne St Martin, had been due to invite Cllr Norman to a meeting to discuss some works to be carried out in the area aimed at reducing the parking problem. This had been delayed due to coronavirus restrictions.
- 7.3. Cycle signage on Ridgeway hill (the old A354) – Mr Tarr had been unable to carry out a site visit with a highways officer due to coronavirus restrictions.
- 7.4. Coombe Valley Road top fingerpost. There was some discussion regarding replacement of the fingerpost. Cllr Murray informed the council that he had spoken to Roger Bond of the Dorchester Men's Shed, who advised application to CPRE for a grant. Cllr Brant noted that a friend of his could potentially make a replacement finial although this would be of a wooden construction. Cllr Norman proposed that the council attempt to progress the replacement of the fingerpost through CPRE and Mr Bond, seconded Cllr Brant, carried unanimously.

## 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/20/001011** - Conversion of existing barn to garage and associated works, DOWN FARM COTTAGE, BINCOMBE DOWN, BINCOMBE, WEYMOUTH, DT3 5PR. New application, no objection. [\[link\]](#)
- 8.2. **WD/D/20/000618** - Erection of a single storey garage and formation of hardstanding, THE HAVEN, CHAPEL LANE, UPWEY, BINCOMBE, WEYMOUTH, DT3 5ND. No objection from WFPC, approved on 28<sup>th</sup> April. [\[link\]](#)
- 8.3. **WD/D/20/000864** - Modification of Section 106 Agreement dated 23 May 2018 on planning approval WD/D/17/001808, DEWFLOCK FARM, WINTERBORNE MONKTON, DORCHESTER, DT2 8NP. No objection from WFPC providing previous conditions had been met, application undetermined. [\[link\]](#)
- 8.4. **WD/D/20/000146** - Installation of 2 no. refrigeration units, MCDONALDS RESTAURANTS LTD, BRIDPORT ROAD, MARTINSTOWN, DORCHESTER, DT2 9DL. Approved on 19<sup>th</sup> March. [\[link\]](#)
- 8.5. **WD/D/20/000321** - Erection of up to 5 No. dwellings (demolish existing agricultural barn), LAND NORTH OF ICEN LANE, WEYMOUTH. WFPC objected, refused on 11<sup>th</sup> March. [\[link\]](#)
- 8.6. **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, application undetermined. [\[link\]](#)
- 8.7. **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, application undetermined. [\[link\]](#)
- 8.8. **WD/D/19/002356** - Erect two storey rear extension, 1 PENWITHEN LODGE, MONKTON HILL, WINTERBORNE MONKTON, DORCHESTER, DT2 9PS. Approved on 19<sup>th</sup> February. [\[link\]](#)
- 8.9. **WD/D/19/001700** - Erect 1no dwelling, LAND WEST OF THE HAVEN, CHAPEL LANE, UPWEY, BINCOMBE. WFPC objected, application undetermined. [\[link\]](#)
- 8.10. **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 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019. At the time of writing the application was still undetermined. Cllr Brant noted that the land set aside for employment should in fact be 7.8 and not 8 hectares [\[link\]](#).

## 9. OTHER BUSINESS

- 9.1. **Coronavirus** – there was general discussion that the attentions of most public bodies had been focused on their responses to the covid-19 outbreak and other activities had slowed down or stopped.

- 9.2. Arrangements for future meetings – the clerk asked councillors if they were finding the council's first online meeting a useful experience given the circumstances, and whether Zoom was the right platform to use for this. There was general agreement that Zoom would be acceptable for use at future meetings until the council was able to meet again in person.

## **10. INTEREST AND INFORMATION**

- 10.1. 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.

## **11. TREASURERS REPORT**

- 11.1. Accounts 1<sup>st</sup> February – 30<sup>th</sup> April – these were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.
- 11.2. Annual accounts 2019-20. The clerk presented the annual accounts for the previous financial year. Proposed Cllr Brant, seconded Cllr Holehouse, carried unanimously.
- 11.3. Annual return – governance statement. The clerk presented the governance statement for the previous financial year. Proposed Cllr Norman, seconded Cllr Mcsevney, carried unanimously.
- 11.4. Annual return – accounting statement. The clerk presented the governance statement for the previous financial year. Proposed Cllr Norman, seconded Cllr Murray, carried unanimously.
- 11.5. Payment – BHIB Insurance - £275.22. The clerk informed the council that the insurance premium was unchanged from the previous year. Proposed Cllr Norman, seconded Cllr Mcsevney.

## **12. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – no members of the public were present.

## **13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

*The meeting closed at 2028 (8.28pm).*

<p><b>Due to restrictions in relation to the coronavirus outbreak the next meeting of the parish council will be held online using Zoom</b></p>
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