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*Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at 7.00pm – via Zoom*

**1. PRESENT & APOLOGIES:**

**Present:** Chair – Ms Jenny Webster. Vice Chair – Mr Charles Norman. Councillors: 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:** Mr Raymond Williams

**Members of the public:** none

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

2.1. There were no declarations.

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** of 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020. The minutes were accepted by the council, to be signed by the Chair at a future date.

**4. MATTERS ARISING**

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

**5. DORSET COUNCIL UPDATE**

5.1. Mr Tarr provided a brief update. He explained that the redundant white lines on Ridgeway hill were on a highways worklist but he still needed to have a conversation with the Dorset council cycling officer to move the matter forward.

**6. PLANNING, ROADS AND FOOTPATHS**

6.1. Meeting with Matt Prosser. There was some discussion on this matter, as it had become apparent that the council's preference for an in-person meeting would not be possible for some time. Mr Tarr and Cllr Murray believed that a meeting held over Zoom or some other means could be just as productive. It was generally agreed that the Clerk would write to Mr Prosser and Mike Garrity (head of planning) with a copy to Mr Tarr to set out the council's concerns and appetite for a discussion.

6.2. Planning enforcement. Cllr Trent informed the council of an issue at a site within Winterborne Monkton where activity akin to a builders yard appeared to be being carried on, despite the planning permission only permitting B1 usage. Tools including a circular saw and a ratchet gun had been in use. Mr Tarr noted Cllr Trent's concerns, stating that it would be necessary to collect evidence of an ongoing breach to allow enforcement officers to investigate.

Cllr Brant had notified the clerk of a separate enforcement issue at a site in Bincombe, and informed the council he had advised the individual who had raised the concern with him about how to report it.

6.3. Abandonment of application to divert footpaths 4 and 5, Whitcombe – the Chair informed the council that an application was made in 2014 to divert two footpaths to the southwest of the A352 at Whitcombe. She explained that this had never been enacted and the ownership of the land had changed; the new owner did not wish to proceed with the application and so it was therefore withdrawn.

Cllr Holehouse noted that if there was no longer any equestrian use at the site there appeared to be

little point in diverting the footpath.

- 6.4. A352 at Whitcombe. Mr Tarr informed the council that he had attended a meeting of Broadmayne parish council who had asked for a speed assessment. Cllr Holehouse noted that the police had been monitoring traffic at Came the day before the meeting which was a positive development.
- 6.5. McDonalds – parking and litter. Mr Tarr noted that following the easing of covid-19 restrictions a number of old problems had reoccurred. Highways England were reluctant to sponsor any permanent measures at the site as they wish to make a number of changes to Monkey's Jump roundabout in the next eighteen months or so. A horseriding, cycling and walking assessment would be carried out as part of this scheme. Dorset council were also costing a small scheme to bank up the road and install roadside barriers to prevent illegal parking, it was hoped this could be achieved in months rather than years.

Cllr Brant noted that flooding was still a regular problem at the roundabout. Mr Tarr said he hoped this would be dealt with as part of the improvements to the roundabout but noted that progress was rather slow due to the way Highways England managed the route under PFI contract that lacked flexibility. He asked councillors to keep a note of occasions they encountered flooding on the Dorchester bypass and let him know.

- 6.6. Cycle signage on Ridgeway hill (the old A354) – It was generally agreed this matter was covered earlier in the meeting.
- 6.7. Culliford Tree fingerpost. Following the last meeting work had been ongoing between Cllr Murray and Roger Bond of the Dorchester Men's Shed to restore the fingerpost at Culliford Tree. Mr Bond had recently informed the council within the last week of the very good news that the Dorset AONB partnership has agreed to fund the cost of a new roundel to sit atop the fingerpost.

The Clerk set out a summary of the costs the council had incurred although noted this would be offset by some funding from the CPRE. This was proposed for payment on presentation of an invoice by Cllr Brant, seconded Cllr Holehouse, carried unanimously.

## 7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

<https://planning.dorset.gov.uk/online-applications/>

- 7.1. **WD/D/20/001011** - Conversion of existing barn to garage and associated works, DOWN FARM COTTAGE, BINCOMBE DOWN, BINCOMBE, WEYMOUTH, DT3 5PR. No objection, approved 16<sup>th</sup> July. [[link](#)]
- 7.2. **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](#)]
- 7.3. **WD/D/20/000321** - Erection of up to 5 No. dwellings (demolish existing agricultural barn), LAND NORTH OF ICEN LANE, WEYMOUTH. Refused on 11<sup>th</sup> March, applicant has appealed, WFPC has written to the planning inspectorate. The clerk informed the council that he had submitted the council's representation on 30<sup>th</sup> July, according to the planning inspectorate website the inquiry would be held w/c 4<sup>th</sup> September.
- 7.4. **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 from WFPC providing

previous conditions had been met, application undetermined. [\[link\]](#)

- 7.5. **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. [\[link\]](#)

Cllr Walters noted that planning conditions on the use of the existing houses on site were still being disregarded with ongoing use as letting accommodation with the associated problem of residents in Whitcombe continuously receiving misaddressed mail and parcels that had previously been described. Mr Tarr noted that again there was a need to evidence the activity that was being carried on.

- 7.6. **WD/D/19/001700** – Erect 1no dwelling, LAND WEST OF THE HAVEN, CHAPEL LANE, UPWEY, BINCOMBE. WFPC objected, approved 8<sup>th</sup> June. [\[link\]](#)
- 7.7. **WD/D/16/000739** - Outline application for a mixed use development comprising: up to 500 dwellings, including affordable housing; up to 7.8 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. At the time of writing the application is still undetermined. [\[link\]](#)

Cllr Brant asked whether a further extension of the period in which to achieve a S106 agreement had been granted; Mr Tarr undertook to investigate this.

## 8. OTHER BUSINESS

- 8.1. Coronavirus – it was noted that the Weymouth Ironman 2020 event had been cancelled.
- 8.2. Website accessibility – the clerk informed the council that new regulations concerning public authority websites, including those for parish councils, would come into force on 23<sup>rd</sup> September and that he was working to ensure that the parish council's website would be in compliance.

## 9. INTEREST AND INFORMATION

- 9.1. No matters of interest or information were raised.

## 10. TREASURERS REPORT

- 10.1. Financial risk assessment – this had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. It was generally agreed that the risks and controls set out therein were adequate given the limited scale of the council's operations.
- 10.2. Submission of annual return – the clerk informed the council that the annual return had been submitted online. Mrs Butcher had once again inspected the accounts but did not wish to incur any expenses for doing so this year.
- 10.3. Accounts 1<sup>st</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> July – these were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.
- 10.4. Payment – DAPTC - £251.99, a rise of £5.18. The clerk informed the council of the services and assurance provided by the council's membership of DAPTC. Proposed Cllr Norman, seconded Cllr Holehouse, carried unanimously.

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

12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – **18<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

*The meeting closed at 2029 (8.29pm).*

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