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*Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7.00pm – via Zoom*

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**1. PRESENT & APOLOGIES:**

**Present:** Chair – Mr Charles Norman. Councillors: Mr Graham Brant, Mr Roger Holehouse, Mrs Suzanne Mcsevney, Mr John Trent

Dorset Council: Mr Roland Tarr

**Clerk to the Parish Council:** Andrew Harrison. **Apologies:** Ms Jenny Webster, Mr Raymond Williams, Mr Alec Walters

**Members of the public:** none

- 2. RESIGNATION OF MR ANDREW MURRAY** – the Chair informed the council that Mr Murray had unfortunately had to resign his seat as he would be moving abroad in the near future. Cllr Webster and the clerk had both written to Mr Murray to thank him for his service to the council, especially his work on the project to restore the Culliford Tree fingerpost.

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

- 3.1. There were no declarations.

- 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** of 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020. The minutes were accepted by the council, to be signed by the Chair at a future date.

**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 provided a brief update. Following many complaints about the repeated flooding of the Dorchester bypass, he attended a meeting with Highways England who indicated they had funding to carry out a number of projects around the bypass, to include dealing with the aforementioned flooding, various works at Monkey's Jump roundabout and potentially a crossing point at the stadium roundabout. An engineer had been appointed to deal with the flooding and some minor works to address the most pressing areas would be carried out shortly with a larger scheme to follow.

**7. PLANNING, ROADS AND FOOTPATHS**

- 7.1. Meeting with Matt Prosser. The Chair set out the actions since the last meeting. Cllr Brant noted that the deadline for the delegated granting of planning permission had expired on 20<sup>th</sup> September and to his knowledge Mr Tarr believed it would now not be legal to grant planning permission. That said, if permission were to be granted and this council felt that legal proceedings were required to address this, the only option would be an extremely costly judicial review which, it was generally agreed, would be beyond the resources of the council.

Mr Tarr replied that it was possible that Gonville & Caius college had cold feet given the global financial situation and covid-19, or possibly Bidwells felt that accepting a planning permission with a tight timescale could be disadvantageous. The Chair pointed out that regardless of any current planning application the land was allocated for development in the local plan and so even if this application were to be refused or withdrawn, others would doubtless follow. Mr Tarr replied that this was certainly true, however a new plan was in the process of being worked up. It should be noted that

the site was on flammable Kimmeridge clay and did not drain well.

The Chair asked Mr Tarr if this was a matter that should now be escalated to Chris Loder, the member of Parliament for west Dorset. Mr Tarr informed the Chair that Mr Loder was aware of the situation, and both Mr Tarr and Cllr Brant had spoken with him about it. There was some further discussion.

- 7.2. Planning enforcement. Cllr Trent informed the council that the builders yard activity had Winterborne Monkton had calmed somewhat, although he had recorded six breaches. He would monitor the situation for longer and would contact Mr Tarr again if the situation required this.

Cllr Holehouse informed the council that post and packages were still being delivered erroneously to addresses in Whitcombe when they should in fact be going to dwellings at Whitcombe racing stables that were not registered as addresses on the Royal Mail's postcode and address file (PAF). He asked if these addresses were registered for council tax and whether they appeared on the electoral roll or other official documents. Mr Tarr replied that it would be best to keep a record of such occurrences to present to Dorset council at the meeting that would hopefully be arranged with Matt Prosser.

- 7.3. A352 at Whitcombe. Cllr Holehouse informed the council that the amount and the speed of traffic on the A352 had been moderated by national restrictions relating to covid-19 as well as the regular use of the road by sludge tankers. Mr Tarr informed the council that Broadmayne parish council was carrying out a study of traffic speeds through their village.
- 7.4. McDonalds – parking and litter. Mr Tarr informed the council that a scheme would now be worked up to restrict parking on the north side of the road by use of an earth bund, however Highways England would only permit temporary works to the roadside between McDonalds and Monkey's Jump roundabout. Dorset council were considering the use of water-filled barriers to address this however none were available at the time.
- 7.5. Cycle signage on Ridgeway hill (the old A354) – Mr Tarr informed the council that this was in the pipeline to resolve but he could not provide a date for any works at the present time.
- 7.6. Culliford Tree fingerpost. The clerk informed the council that the Dorset CPRE had offered funding of £125 toward the costs of the restoration of the fingerpost. The invoice from the Dorchester Men's Shed for the lettering and the cutting and shaping of the wood had been settled, a cost of £353.

## 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/20/002142** and **WD/D/20/002143** - Internal and external alterations, and formation of holiday lets to coach house, OLD CAME RECTORY, WINTERBORNE CAME, DORCHESTER, DT2 8NX. There was some discussion of this application. No objection, but noting the historical significance of the house to Dorset's history and that this required a careful approach. [\[2142 link\]](#) [\[2143 link\]](#)
- 8.2. **WD/D/20/002173** - Change of use of agricultural land to use to allow for the siting of two additional shepherd huts to be used as holiday letting accommodation, THE WILLOWS, ICEN LANE, BINCOMBE, WEYMOUTH, DT3 5PY. No objection from WFPC.
- 8.3. **WD/D/20/002118** – Change of use of existing stables to dwelling, THE WILLOWS, ICEN LANE, BINCOMBE, WEYMOUTH, DT3 5PY. No objection from WFPC, application undetermined. [\[link\]](#)
- 8.4. **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. [\[link\]](#)

- 8.5. **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, appeal dismissed on 5<sup>th</sup> October. Cllr Brant informed the council that he wished to commend the planning inspector for their comprehensive report, and that this be minuted. [\[link\]](#) [\[Planning inspectorate link\]](#)
- 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 from WFPC providing previous conditions had been met, 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/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. [\[link\]](#)

## 9. OTHER BUSINESS

- 9.1. Coronavirus – the clerk made reference to the ongoing national restrictions relating to covid-19, as well as an offer from the Dorset digital champions who were available on the telephone to assist those who were having trouble getting online, or using technology to keep in touch with family and friends. The clerk undertook to circulate details.
- 9.2. Avian influenza – the clerk informed the council that following the positive testing of a wild goose for avian influenza near Weymouth, all keepers of outdoor birds were being urged to take precautions to protect their flocks. Public Health Dorset advised that the risk to public health was low.
- 9.3. Rural gigabit voucher scheme – the clerk set out the background of this matter, which was noted.
- 9.4. Census 2021 – the clerk explained that the forthcoming census would be carried out as a ‘digital first’ exercise. There was a handbook for councillors that he undertook to share by email.

## 10. INTEREST AND INFORMATION

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

## 11. TREASURERS REPORT

- 11.1. Accounts 1<sup>st</sup> August– 31<sup>st</sup> October – these were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.
- 11.2. Precept for financial year 2021-22 – the clerk set out the two options to councillors, either keeping the election recharge cost at £900 or raising it to £1000. There was some discussion, following which Cllr Holehouse proposed that the figure be kept the same, putting forward option one. This was seconded by the Chair and carried unanimously.

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

13. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – **17<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

*The meeting closed at 2027 (8.27pm).*

<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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