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Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 15th November 2023 at 7.00pm – at Upwey and Broadwey Memorial Hall

1. PRESENT & APOLOGIES:

Present: Chair – apologies. Councillors: Mr Charles Norman, Mr Graham Brant, Mr Roger Holehouse, Mr Alec Walters, Mrs Suzanne Mcsevney, Mr John Trent
Dorset Council: Mr Roland Tarr

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

Members of the public: No members of the public

- 1.1. The clerk informed the council that Cllr Webster was unable to attend the meeting and had sent apologies. Cllr Norman, as vice chair of the council, agreed to take the chair for the meeting.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS.

- 2.1. No declarations were made.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – no members of the public were present.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 16th August 2023. The minutes were accepted by the council and signed by the Chair.

5. MATTERS ARISING

- 5.1. It was generally agreed that any matters arising were covered under the agenda.

6. DORSET COUNCIL UPDATE

- 6.1. Mr Tarr provided the council with a brief update.

7. PLANNING, ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

- 7.1. Land north of Littlemoor Road. There was some discussion about street names within the parts of the development currently under construction, which would mostly continue the Anzac connection of the existing street names in Littlemoor. Cllr Trent noted that with this in mind, there was a lack of first peoples, Aboriginal or Maori names within the currently planned streets and wondered whether this could be considered in the future.

Cllr Brant observed that there was lots of groundworks and associated mud in the vicinity of Turnstone Close where services to the new development were all being connected. Cllr Mcsevney observed the lack of planting at the rear of the commercial site, although it was noted that this land was still for sale.

- 7.2. Major planning application - Whitcombe stables. There was some discussion of the ongoing issues related to this site.

- 7.3. A352 at Whitcombe. There was some discussion of the trees suffering from ash die back in the cutting at Whitcombe. Cllr Walters noted that due to the topography of the cutting, it was almost certain that the dead trees, if left alone, would fall into the road. Mr Tarr acknowledged that there was a significant problem with ash die back and a massive exercise to cut back affected trees in other areas. He undertook to speak with the highway engineers to see if anything could be done.

- 7.4. South Winterborne stream – discharge of sewage. Cllr Norman told the council that while he had been informed of the date and time of a meeting to discuss this matter in Martinstown, he did not have a location for the meeting and had been unable to locate where it was happening. Mr Tarr replied that he had been able to attend the meeting with representatives from Martinstown and Winterborne Abbas parish councils. Winterborne Abbas in particular was very keen to make progress with the issue, as apparently were the Duchy. The suggestion was for the siting of reed beds or some other ecological means of filtration both above and below Martinstown.

There was some discussion of methods of filtration and the state of the river at Monkton. Cllr Norman was of the view that reed beds would be broadly satisfactory, but currently there was sewage discharge from the Martinstown pumping station even when the river was dry, meaning it was going into the ground which was illegal. He was happy to maintain a friendly approach with Wessex Water but was of the view that this particular matter needed to be dealt with and that the Environment Agency should be putting pressure on Wessex Water to do so.

It was generally agreed that Cllr Norman be able to formally represent the council regarding matters pertaining to the South Winterborne stream should the need arise.

- 7.5. Environment agency - reporting of flooding. The clerk outlined the contents of this document and a related meeting, which were noted.
- 7.6. A35 parishes group. The clerk outlined the contents of this document, which were noted.
- 7.7. 2024 elections. The clerk explained to the council that elections will be held on Thursday 2nd May 2024 for Dorset Council, town and parish councils, and the Dorset police and crime commissioner. While elections for this council are usually uncontested, councillors must ensure they stand for election should they wish to continue on the council. He undertook to write to councillors when he received more on this in the new year.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

<https://planning.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/>

- 8.1. **P/PAEL/2023/06102** - The removal of 3no. Antennas and ancillary apparatus and the proposed installation of 3no. Antennas, ancillary apparatus and supporting steelwork, and the relocation of 3no. Antennas to proposed steelwork, 1no. GPS node on existing equipment room, cabinet upgrades and all other ancillary apparatus and associated development thereto, TRANSMITTING STATION BINCOMBE DOWN. New application for discussion. [\[link\]](#) This application was to update the Vodafone 4G mobile coverage offered from this mast. There was no objection.
- 8.2. **P/PAEL/2023/06103** - The removal of 3no. Antennas and ancillary apparatus and the proposed installation of 3no. Antennas, ancillary apparatus and supporting steelwork, and the relocation of 3no. Antennas to proposed steelwork, 1no. GPS node on existing equipment room, cabinet upgrades and all other ancillary apparatus and associated development thereto, TELECOMMUNICATIONS MAST BINCOMBE HILL. New application for discussion. [\[link\]](#) This application was to provide new Vodafone 5G mobile coverage from this mast. There was no objection.
- 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/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. [\[link\]](#)

9. OTHER BUSINESS

- 9.1. Ironman 2023 - Ironman had returned on 17th September without significant disruption.
- 9.2. Online banking – The clerk informed the council that he had unfortunately not been able to progress this matter in the last few months but hoped to do so soon.

10. INTEREST AND INFORMATION

- 10.1. No other matters were raised.

11. TREASURERS REPORT

- 11.1. Accounts 1st August - 31st October – circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.
- 11.2. Precept 2023-24. The clerk set out two options for next year's precept, Cllr Holehouse proposed an amendment with a third option which was not successful. Cllr Norman proposed the clerk's option two, which was carried. The precept would be set at £3260.00.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 21st February.

The meeting closed at 20:20 (8.20pm).

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 21st February at Upwey and Broadwey Memorial Hall, commencing 19:00 (7pm)