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*Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 21st February 2024 at 7.00pm – at Upwey and Broadway Memorial Hall*

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**1. PRESENT & APOLOGIES:**

**Present:** Chair – Mrs Jenny Webster. Councillors: Mr Charles Norman, Mr Raymond Williams, Mr Graham Brant, Mr Roger Holehouse, Mr Alec Walters, Mrs Suzanne Mcsevney.

Dorset Council: Mr Roland Tarr (part meeting)

**Clerk to the Parish Council:** Andrew Harrison. **Apologies:** Mr John Trent.

**Members of the public:** No members of the public

- 1.1. The Chair informed the council that this would be its last meeting before the May elections, the boundary change and the reduction in the number of councillors. It was noted that this would also be the fiftieth anniversary year of the council.

**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 15th November 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. Cllr Brant informed the council that Dorset councillor Louie O’Leary had written to the Dorset Echo regarding his concerns about the speed limits and junction designs along Littlemoor Road in advance of completion of the new development. He had made an application to Dorset Council for this matter to be looked into, but to no avail. He added that the area around Turnstone Close was still largely mud, following the emergency work there by Southern Gas Networks over the new year.

Cllr Norman asked whether there were problems with run off due to the new development and the wet winter weather. Cllr Mcsevney replied that the contractors appeared to be digging holes to accommodate it.

Cllr Norman asked whether there was assurance that water run off from the site would be dealt with properly and accommodated in the correct diameter pipes, and would not cause pollution elsewhere. The clerk undertook to investigate this.

- 7.2. Major planning application - Whitcombe stables. The clerk read out an email from Aidan Meredith, planning enforcement at Dorset Council: “This email is to advise you that the above enforcement case will now be closed following the grant of planning permission via P/VOC/2023/00785 and

*P/VOC/2023/00791 respectively, which regularise the unauthorised use / development under investigation.” It was generally noted that this was not particularly welcome news, albeit not surprising.*

- 7.3. A352 at Whitcombe. Cllr Walters informed the council that the dead ash trees had been cleared from the cutting at Whitcombe by Dorset Council, although it had been necessary for him to engage a solicitor to remind them of their obligations.

He additionally informed the council that in the wet weather the A352 at Whitcombe was on the verge of flooding, which was particularly problematic as the houses there were at a lower level than the road. The soakaways there were not being maintained and, it appeared, were never cleaned.

- 7.4. South Winterborne stream – discharge of sewage. Cllr Norman informed the council that he had met with a senior Wessex Water engineer who had assured him that a reed bed for Martinstown was in their plans over the next five years. He was also told that the output from the Martinstown pumping station should be “slightly cloudy water”.
- 7.5. 2024 elections. The clerk set out the timetable for the elections, for which notice would officially be given on 11th March, with the deadline for the submission of nomination papers being on 5th April, and the election itself being on 2nd May. He reminded councillors that they would need to secure the nomination of two people who lived within the parish they wished to represent. More information would be forthcoming by email closer to the date.

## 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. No objection from WFPC, approved 27th November 2023. [[link](#)]
- 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. No objection from WFPC, approved 7th December 2023.. [[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, approved 1st February 2024 following completion of a modified S106 agreement to tie the proposed dwellings to the wider holding. [[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, approved 1st February 2024 following completion of a modified S106 agreement to tie the proposed dwellings to the wider holding. [[link](#)]

## 9. OTHER BUSINESS

- 9.1. DAPTC - councillor networking event. The clerk set out details of a councillor networking event that

would take place on 7th March. Cllr Brant undertook to attend.

- 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 November - 31st January - sent with agenda
- 11.2. Precept 2023-24 - the clerk informed the council that Dorset Council had confirmed receipt of the precept request for the next year, and the first payment would be expected in April.
- 11.3. Late agenda item - reimbursement of £49 to Cllr Brant for leaflet printing and postage. Proposed Cllr Norman, seconded Cllr Mcseveney, carried unanimously.
12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – **Wednesday 15th May**, when all councillors will be required to sign a new declaration of acceptance of office

*The meeting closed at 20:30 (8.30pm).*

**The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 15th May at the Elworthy Church Hall,  
Winterborne Monkton, commencing 19:00 (7pm)**