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Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 15th May 2024 at 7.00pm – at Elworthy Church Hall

1. PRESENT & APOLOGIES:

Present: Chair – Mr Charles Norman. Councillors: Mr Raymond Williams, Mr Graham Brant, Mr Roger Holehouse, Mr Alec Walters, Mr George Titley, Mrs Morag Titley, Mr Oliver Wilson
Dorset Council:

Clerk to the Parish Council: Andrew Harrison. **Apologies:**

Members of the public: No members of the public

2. ELECTIONS

- 2.1. Election of chair. Cllr Walters nominated Cllr Norman as chair of the council, seconded by Cllr Brant. Cllr Norman indicated that he was content to be nominated. There were no other nominations, and Cllr Norman was elected unanimously as chair.
- 2.2. Election of vice chair. The chair nominated Cllr Holehouse as vice-chair of the council, seconded by Cllr Walters. Cllr Holehouse indicated that he was content to be nominated. There were no other nominations, and Cllr Holehouse was elected unanimously as vice-chair.

3. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS

- 3.1. Co-option of councillor for Winterborne Herrington. The chair informed the council of a vacancy in Winterborne Herrington, where Mr Raymond Williams had not sought re-election but was willing to stand again in the circumstances. The chair therefore proposed the co-option of Mr Williams to Winterborne Herrington, this was seconded by Cllr Holehouse. Mr Williams was co-opted unanimously.
- 3.2. Vote of thanks. At the conclusion of the election process, the chair proposed, and received unanimous agreement for, a vote of thanks to the outgoing councillors who had not sought re-election, John Trent, Sue Mcsevney and Jenny Webster who had served as chair of the council for the last ten years.

4. SIGNING OF DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE - all councillors signed a declaration which was returned to the clerk, who was required to obtain and store these by the Localism Act 2011.

5. REGISTER OF INTERESTS - the clerk reminded all councillors of the need to complete the online declaration of interests by 30th May

6. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS.

- 6.1. Cllrs George and Morag Titley noted their interest in items 11.5 and 12.1.

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

8. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 21st February 2024. The minutes were accepted by the council and signed by the Chair.

9. MATTERS ARISING

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

10. DORSET COUNCIL UPDATE

- 10.1. Mr Tarr was not present to provide an update.

11. PLANNING, ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

- 11.1. Land north of Littlemoor Road. Cllr Brant informed the council that Dorset councillor Ray Bryan had visited Littlemoor to look at the traffic situation that had been discussed in the previous meeting. Cllr Brant believed that the speed limit on Littlemoor Road would be reduced to 30mph in the problematic area. It was noted that this area now fell outside the council's boundary and there was general agreement that this item could be removed from the standing agenda items.
- 11.2. Major planning application - Whitcombe stables. There were no updates on this item.
- 11.3. A352 at Whitcombe. Cllr Walters informed the council of a recent accident that had resulted in an abandoned vehicle at the side of the road in a dangerous position. It was not clear whether or not the car had been stolen and it was not clear whose responsibility it was to move it. The clerk undertook to contact Dorset Police to find out what could be done.
- 11.4. South Winterborne stream – discharge of sewage. Cllr Norman informed the council that the water was still running off and was slightly cloudy.
- 11.5. Ash harvesting, Came Wood. The clerk explained that he had been contacted by a resident of Upwey who had been concerned at the recent work in Came Wood before learning of their nature. There was some discussion but the council was content that the works were necessary to deal with ash dieback and had been approved by the Forestry Commission in accordance with a woodland management plan.

It was also noted the works had cleared undergrowth from the ancient monuments on site. There was some discussion about the protection of ancient monuments, during which Cllr Holehouse agreed to continue acting as the ancient monuments liaison for the council.

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

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

- 12.1. P/VOC/2024/00981 - Erect semi-permanent siting of marquee, service tent and W/C trailer for events (With variation of condition 3 of planning permission P/FUL/2022/00864 to amend the use from a temporary period and revert to permanent consent), CAME HOUSE, CAME PARK ROAD, WINTERBORNE CAME DT2 8NU. No objection from WFPC, approved 12th April. [[link](#)]

13. OTHER BUSINESS

- 13.1. DAPTC - councillor networking event. Cllr Brant had attended the networking event and provided a brief update. Notable points were some discussion about national parks, and some explanation of the forthcoming local plan which would require the development of some 1900 houses per year over the next seventeen years.
- 13.2. 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. Cllr Holehouse agreed to be added to the bank mandate in place of Cllr Webster.

14. INTEREST AND INFORMATION

- 14.1. No other matters were raised.

15. TREASURERS REPORT

- 15.1. Accounts 1st February - 30th April - circulated to councillors prior to the meeting
- 15.2. Annual accounts 2023-24 - the clerk presented the accounts for the previous financial year. Proposed Cllr Walters, seconded Cllr Holehouse, carried unanimously.
- 15.3. Annual return 2023-24 - annual governance statement - the clerk presented the governance statement for the previous financial year. Proposed Cllr George Titley, seconded Cllr Brant, carried unanimously.
- 15.4. Annual return 2023-24 - accounting statements - the clerk presented the accounting statement for the previous financial year. Proposed Cllr George Titley, seconded Cllr Brant, carried unanimously.
- 15.5. Annual return 2023-24 - certificate of exemption – the clerk presented the certificate of exemption from full audit for the previous financial year. Proposed Cllr George Titley, seconded Cllr Brant, carried unanimously.
- 15.6. Payment - Clear Councils Insurance (previously BHIB) - £391.19 - an increase of £71.05 on last year, replicated across much of the insurance industry. Proposed Cllr Norman, seconded Cllr Holehouse, carried unanimously
- 15.7. Payment - DAPTC - annual subscription - the clerk informed the council that this had been reduced to £96.67 due to the reduction in the number of electors. He continued the the council would now have to pay £45 per annum on top of this for its official email address as DAPTC could no longer support these as a free offer - invoice is in fact **£141.67**. Proposed Cllr Williams, seconded Cllr Walters, carried unanimously
- 15.8. Payment - DAPTC - networking event - £79.00 - proposed Cllr Norman, seconded Cllr Wilson, carried unanimously

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 21st August

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

<p><u>The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 21st August at the Elworthy Church Hall, Winterborne Monkton, commencing 19:00 (7pm)</u></p>
