Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 27th January 2021 7pm via Zoom

Councillors Present:

D Wiltshire (DW)(Chairman)

A Bennett (AB) (Vice chair)

M Usherwood (MU)

D Follett (DF)

P Jeffery (PJ)

K Delafield (KD)

D Read (DR)

A Daw (AD)

Roland Tarr -Dorset Councillor

M Harding (Clerk) no members of the public

- **21/01-1 Welcome and to receive any apologies for absence-** the zoom rules were read out and apologies received from Cllr N Hallett.
- 21/01-2 To receive declarations of interest and grants of dispensation-none.

21/01-3 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 25th November 20

KD – commented on the details of the minutes and the recording of the votes and why some items have not been recorded that the PC hasn't approved, KD could not recall the specific items but wanted them added in. The Clerk will re-listen to the recording and check the notes and update accordingly and re circulate.

Proposed AB Seconded DR 6 votes for 1 against Resolved

Cllr Tarr arrived into the zoom meeting DF arrived into the zoom meeting

21/01-4 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th December 20

KD reported that she has made a request for the recordings of the meetings in November and December under the Freedom of Information Act and asked that any recordings are not deleted if the minutes are to be approved, the Chair confirmed that the Council is aware of the process and these recordings will not be deleted at this time.

The minutes were agreed

Proposed DR Seconded AD 6 votes for, 2 against

KD explained she is only voting against the minutes as she wishes to check what she actually said in the meeting before approving them.

KD was asked what in the minutes she wished to change or was unsure about and explained that she wanted to listen to the recording so the minutes can accurately reflect what she said. DF was asked why she was voting against the minutes and she explained that there were some budget items not recorded, it was explained that the PC were considering the December minutes not November at this point in the meeting to which DF responded she was not against the December minutes but had arrived late to the meeting and missed the item covering the November Minutes. The votes were re counted as 7 votes For, 1 vote against, and approved on that basis.

- 21/01-5 Matters arising from the minutes for info only-none
- **21/01-6 Democratic forum 15 minutes –**no members of the public attended the meeting

21/01-7 Finance

i. To consider the finance report of payments and receipts for Dec/Jan

Payee	Detail	Amount
Dec		
DAPTC	Training- planning	39.00
DAPTC	Training- planning	52.00
DAPTC	Training- communications	10.00
M Harding	Salary/Exp	232.70
HMRC	PAYE	54.00
Freethought	Domain purchase	150.00
DAPTC	Training- planning	49.00
M J Fry	Stream clearance	1176.00
Jan		
M Harding	Salary/Exp	228.20
HMRC	PAYE	54.00
Receipts		
None		

All payments were made in line with internal controls. Bank balances as at 31st Dec £13185.94 Proposed MU Seconded AB Resolved

ii. To consider supporting the Green group until a bank account can be sourced- AD reported that on the day of the meeting the green group had now been able to source a suitably ethical bank that can be set up so no longer need this support but thanked the PC for considering this.

iii. To consider the National VIP hamper offer

The clerk reported on the offer extended after Christmas from the VIP project team for a hamper to the value of £100 for the PC to carry out a draw and donate the money raised to a village charity or organisation of its choice. The type of hamper is yet to be agreed but it was suggested that a hamper with local produce or goods would be a good idea. This could be done for Easter. PJ asked for, and received, clarification that the hamper would not affect any other grants. The PC would decide at the time which village groups would benefit from this. MU suggested spreading the monies raised across more than one group. The PC need to consider what licences may be required to hold a raffle/draw and if we are under restrictions in March how this can be achieved virtually, possibly a number square draw and this can be managed remotely. Once these details have been confirmed then the detail of the hamper can be agreed with a long best before date given the current circumstances. Proposed PJ

Seconded AB

Resolved

21/01-8 Planning Consultations-

To consider any planning applications –

i. WD/D/20/002643- Land South west of Grove Hill Dairy- Change of use of land and the erection of a wooden shelter for use as a forest school- The forest school is already in operation and a shelter is wanted from the elements- Some concerns were raised on the size of the area that is for change of use, it was thought that it was only the shelter. The PC supported the application

Proposed PJ

Seconded MU

Resolved

ii. WD/D/20/002968- Application for reserved matters of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of outline application- 1 Park Farm Close- The PC raised no objections

Proposed DR

Seconded MU

Resolved

- iii. WD/D/20/002764- Develop land by erection of 205 dwellings on the Poundbury North West Quadrant – The Council do not recall being consulted on any of the other application at Poundbury so no comments will be made.
- iv. To consider any other planning/enforcement or ongoing issues- Clerk is still chasing the screening at the biodigester, AD reported that this has now been started and the plan is the trees and the hedge to go all the way to the entrance and all the way around the biodigester and clamps.
- v. To consider a response to the Dorset Council Local Plan consultation

The consultation is only 8 weeks and it was suggested that a small group going through the full document. RT explained that not all the pages are about Martinstown. MU suggested that he would put together a paper and pull out the areas that are pertinent to the Parish. The Clerk commented that she had requested a copy of the plan but was given a no. Although someone can borrow one from the library. PJ suggested that we formally write to the CEO of the Dorset Council as an incomplete consultation without it.

21/01-9 To consider all correspondence received for decision, consultation, and information -Items for noting:

- i. Item 6- Parish Office in the village- a response was given to the Councillor on the Reading Room
- ii. Item 7- Facebook page set up-It was explained that the PC did have a Facebook page but it was named incorrectly so the Chair and Clerk set up the page in line with the new website name. KD suggested that the PC should have a communication strategy and have a discussion, more about what the channels of communication rather than the rules of a policy. DW explained that there is a communications and social media policy approved in 2018. No one offered to take this forward at this time. AB suggested with the changes the PC are taking on with the new website that more info could also be displayed on the village notice boards with pictures if desired of names. Meeting dates etc.
- iii. Item 8- The new email has been set up and working and the website is well under way, there have been a few issues with the 2 companies that the PC agreed to use and getting support from them and this has taken longer than expected. It is hoped that the website will be fully live in the next 2 weeks.
- iv. Item-10- An update was requested on the electric-car recharging points following the request for suggestions in July 2019 from DC, sites have been allocated but these are not in rural locations.
- v. Item11- Updates to new visitor centre at Blackdown, the Clerk and Chair with further information on the project. DW was impressed with what has been done, it is much more visible. There had previously been issues with anti-social behaviour. The banks have been lowered, more picnic tables and the refreshment van will move onto this site, this area is going to be more accessible for wheelchairs.
- vi. Item 12-Footbridge on Grove hill has been repaired.
- vii. Item13-The PC are still looking into the garage history on the green to have it registered with Land Registry.
- viii. Item 14- BT Phone box group- all those interested have been contacted and AD will now take this forward
- ix. Item 15- DAPTC planning seminar report supplied by MU
- x. Item 16- Garage rent increase letter and invoice sent out but not paid at this time
- xi. Item 17- More sandbags ordered and delivered
- xii. Item 19- Ground water flooding reports circulated by KD
- xiii. Item 22- DAPTC consultations completed
- xiv. Item 28- Precept request confirmed
- xv. Items 31- A resident in the village has been maintaining the village trough on the green and she would like to give this up but is hoping she has found someone to take this on. DW commented that they are not on the list of assets. They were thought to be installed by a resident but if no one

took them on the PC would likely ask the green group if they would be interested in this in the future.

xvi. DAPTC courses available online, the new meet and greet sessions for DAPTC are being promoted and it is hoped all Cllrs will attend at some point.

21/01-10 Highways:

i. To receive the Dec/Jan SID results-

December 20

Total number of speed readings taken =	Top recorded speeds:
107,756	63 mph (07/12/2020 19:57)
>30mph = 29,928	62 mph (26/11/2020 18:18)
>40mph = 1,521	59 mph (28/11/2020 19:30)
>50mph = 67	58 mph (24/11/2020 21:38)
Average Recorded Speed = 33mph	58 mph (02/12/2020 19:19)
	57 mph (28/11/2020 00:44)

January 21

Total number of speed readings taken =	Top recorded speeds:
55,547	67 mph (21/01/2021 21:04)
>30mph = 16,240	60 mph (08/01/2021 16:31)
>40mph = 823	58 mph (19/01/2021 12:36)
>50mph = 19	57 mph (21/01/2021 21:04)
Average Recorded Speed = 33mph	56 mph (17/01/2021 01:00)
	55 mph (15/01/2021 21:45)

n.b. Number of speed readings does not equal number of vehicles. Slower moving vehicles record more speed measurements than faster moving vehicles. A vehicle travelling at 30mph will record 3 or 4 measurements, vs a vehicle moving at 50mph would only record a single measurement.

Cllr Roland Tarr spoke on the McDonalds bund project, permissions are granted, but Dorset Council have not confirmed the funding from the government at present. If there is no snow money may come available. RT has been speaking to the AONB and Countryside as this is a site that visitors are now looking at when coming into and leaving Dorchester and needs improvement. It was suggested that the countryside rangers could do the scheme and make it a wildflower area. RT to speak to Russell Goff. Highways England were interested in this as they have an environmental fund ready for when the new roundabout is to be updated. Engineers are working on the plans now. Cllr Tarr left the meeting

21/01-11 RoW and Footpaths: to receive a report

AB reported that a gate was stuck shut on the footpath on the border of Eweleaze then someone opened it and now it wont close, a chain is to be installed by the landowner.

PJ reported that an electric fence was blocking a bridleway, this was reported, and has now been resolved.

Every footpath is very muddy due to the rain and extra footfall at this time.

21/01-12 Parish Council Property/responsibility reports: The area around the bus stop has been cleaned by the contractor previously but it is due to be done again. The area around Fishers barn has not yet been done.

21/01-13 To receive reports from:

- i. Village Hall The committee are considering applying to the National VIP project for improvements to the Play area.
- ii. Winterbourne Community Fund (was the Blanchard Trust)- A meeting has been booked and a new treasurer is being considered.

- **iii.** Waste watch representatives- no news and small amounts of paper are being collected; AB reported the bin at village hall is overflowing.
- iv. PCSO- no report, although Sarah Pilcher has recently been walking in the village.
- **v. The Green Group-**The group are formalising as a community interest company with the support of DCA, recycling bins have been installed at the shop to collect tin foil and tetra cartons.

21/01-14 Items for the Parish Council meeting on Weds 24th February 21 Dorset Local Plan consultation.

21/01-15 Democratic forum 15 minutes –none

Meeting closed 8.18pm