Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 26th June 2019

Councillors Present:

Mrs D Wiltshire (DW)*(Chairman)* Mr D Read (DR) Mrs K Delafield (KD) Mr P Jeffery (PJ) Mrs M Harding (new Clerk)

Mr M Usherwood (MU) Mr B Carter (BC) Mrs V Cardall (VC) Mr N Hallet (NH) 7 members of the Public

Apologies: Mrs A Bennett (AB)

2019/06-1 Welcome, housekeeping and to receive any apologies for absence, emergency exits noted, apologies were received and recorded

2019/06-2 To receive declarations of interest and grants of dispensation- none

2019/06-3 To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 14th May 2019 It was noted that meetings are now to be on a Wednesday, dates were corrected in the minutes as

there will be no Dec or April PC meetings.

Proposed BC Seconded VC MU abstained as was not present Resolved **2019/06-4** Matters arising from the minutes for info only -none

2019/06-5 Democratic forum 15 minutes (for agenda items only)

Comments were made on the parking issues on the road at the MacDonald's site. Comments were made on the separate democratic forum items to be discussed further in the meeting

2019/06-6 To consider all correspondence received for decision, consultation and information (see list)-Items for noting:

Item 2- Clerk to submit the suggested electric car charging points to the Dorset Council, it was noted that this is assuming there will be no charges made to the PC on those sites and that these spaces are not expected to be kept free at all times, with the limitations on parking in the village.

- Item 6- Road closure notices were noted
- Item 9- Internal Audit completed
- Item 16 Grant for Book of Martinstown repaid
- Item 14- Complaint regarding the verge cutting regime
- Item 21- WSMPC registered with the ICO (Data protection)
- Item 25- Planning approval for Stevens Farm
- Item 29- Planning approval for Higher Park Farm

Item 37- planning approval for Maiden Cottage

2019/06-7 Policies and procedures update:

i. GDPR Data Audit

The Clerk using the templates provided by DAPTC and NALC adapted them for WSMPC The following documents were circulated for consideration

- a. Data Protection/Privacy Policy and FOI policy
- b. Records retention policy
- c. Subject Access request procedure
- d. General Privacy Notice for Cllrs and Staff and General Public
- e. Personal Data audit questionnaire
- f. Consent Form
- g. WSMPC information audit

The Councillors will complete the Personal Data Audit questionnaire in order to collate what data is being held other than that by the Clerk on behalf of the Council. It was suggested that Cllrs need separate email addresses rather than their personal email addresses, the PC will consider a specific PC domain and email addresses going forward. The Council will confirm these documents at the July meeting when all Cllrs have read them fully.

It was suggested that the Councillors have a What's app group in order to communicate quickly but were reminded that no decisions can be made using this forum. BC to set up group and Clerk to gather mobile numbers.

Concerns were raised regarding the data that may not have been passed to the new Clerk and a request was made for the missing minute book dated from 2000 to 2014. The Clerk will write to the previous Clerk to request this information.

ii. Risk Register

The Risk register was highlighted as an action in the internal audit. The Clerk had produced an extensive risk register to cover financial and property management issues. The register was agreed and approved. Resolved

Proposed KD

Seconded DR

2019/06-8 Finance

To receive the internal Audit for 2018-2019 i.

The Clerk was thanked for the time spent preparing the documents to the internal auditor, saving the PC in excess of £200 on internal audit fees. The report was approved and actions are being carried out. Proposed KD

Seconded MU

Resolved

ii. To discuss the cutting of the grass at the Churchyard

This came up when re tendering for the grass cutting on the village green for this year as an area was being cut in the Churchyard as part of the previous contract, this was without the knowledge of the PC.

The Churchyard and grass is not the responsibility of the PC. There has been a query as to why the PC were no longer cutting this area of grass. There is no current legislation or powers the PC have in order to carry out this duty other than if the Churchyard was closed, then a request would be made to the PC to take this on, but it can refuse in which case it will be the responsibility of the Dorset Council.

Cllrs had mixed feelings on this as some felt the Churchyard is a community asset. The PCC will be contacted to discuss when the historical agreements and if there is a problem with the Church carrying out their own maintenance. Action PJ/Clerk

iii.	To consider the finance report of payments and receipts:
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Рауее	Detail	Amount	
Payments for approval in J	une		
Staff Salaries	Salary	£168.30	
HMRC	PAYE	£37.80	
Magna Housing	Hall Hire	£10.00	
Darkin Miller	Internal Audit	£272.16	
Receipts in May			
Dorset Council	Precept	£2750.00	
Book of Martinstown	Grant repaid	£900.00	

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HMRC	Vat refund	£275.06					
All payments were made in line with internal controls							
Bank balances as at 31 st May 2019-£14177.87							
Proposed DR	Seconded PJ		Resolved				

iv. To consider the Budget v Actual 2019-20

An action from the internal audit was to review the Budget, the Clerk prepared this for discussion, further work is required on this prior to approval, for discussion at the August meeting.

2019/06-9 Planning Consultations-

i. To give consideration to Planning matters-

- i. No planning consultations in circulation
- ii. Pre application advice -Replacement of the existing 37m OPCS apparatus at Pylon (Ref: 4YA197), Loscombe Farm, Winterbourne Abbas, Dorchester, Dorset, DT2 9LJ (Reference: DOR0118) with proposed 20m EE slim street works monopole with GRP shroud on the westbound grass verge off the A35, Winterbourne Steepleton, Dorchester, DT2 9LJ. (Our Reference: 93489)- no comment required at present.

2019/06-10 Highways, Countryside & ROW:

i. To consider the issues of parking and litter outside the MacDonald's site (MU/KD)

MU & KD have had a meeting and are working on a strategy, they suggest writing to MacDonald's and the owners of the land being Dorset Council. It is felt that the Duchy are not at fault and are left the clear up the mess. The Council by allowing this parking on the verges and edge of roundabout have formed an illegal Car park, this is encouraging poor parking with a lack of visibility that could cause a death if not dealt with. HGV's and Tractors are known to park all over the verges. The holes in the edge of the road have been filled which is encouraging the parking. The bollards put in for the park and ride have been cut off.

The suggestion is that alternative accommodation could be provided, the radio station site was thought to be suitable but this is possibly going to be a new recycling centre, and it would mean crossing the traffic to access. The trees planted in the area near the roundabout could be turned into an extended car park, this land is thought to be owned by Highways England.

The roundabout itself is due for works to be carried out to enable pedestrian access as there is currently none and many young staff and visitors to the site walk from the town across the roundabout. The PC will write to Highways England and the Dorset Councillor R Bryan the portfolio holder for Highways. KD will be writing to MacDonald's. This will be a monthly agenda item.

ii. To consider the verge cutting regime

It is noted that the verge cutting is 7 x per season in between 30mph limits and 2 x per season for verges on C & D roads. This is using mechanical mowers; this has an impact on the paths as some of them have grips cut in so the long vegetation cut off covers these causing trip hazards. The issues with the verge cutting is the quality not quantity. A request from a resident requested that the PC employ a local contractor to cut the verges on the junctions. This is not a responsibility of the PC but can be reported to highways countryside team who action the verge cutting.

In a recent flyer from Dorset Council wild flower areas are being encouraged, this is good for the environment and a cost saving.

2019/06-11 To receive reports from:

i. The footpath Liaison Officers- AB had circulated a report. The ridgeway bridle path has been walked a couple of times this month. The sink hole has a temporary but secure fence around it and the

diversion no longer applies. The rangers have replaced a couple of the direction posts, they have grid references on them. There have been reports about tractors using the bridleway up to the A35. Which has been reported to the rangers by email and on to Dorset council website. The dog warden has been told about the persistent offenders not picking up their dog's excrement on our footpaths and bridleways. 3 signs will be mounted on posts and pre-loaded with emergency bags. It is hoped this will jog people's memory's and maybe shame them into picking up. The footpath behind the church has been cleared of nettles following a report from a resident. The cycleway to maiden castle was clear the last time it was walked. Concerns raised about dog poo and another bin, it was noted that if a new bin is sited this will be a cost to the PC, the PC could request that the one of the bins in the village could be relocated as the one outside the village shop is very close to the one on the corner of St Martinsfield (by the children's playground) and could be moved to nearer the pub DWP will be contacted to request this. In other parishes spray is being used to highlight the dog mess in order that dog owners see this this and are reminded to pick it up and take it home or to the closest public bin.

- ii. Waste watch representatives- A donation of £100 has been made to the open gardens event.
- iii. Village Hall representatives- Open gardens was a success although the dog show was not as well supported.
- iv. Winterbourne Community Fund (was the Blanchard Trust)- No report
- v. PCSO matters- none, Clerk has emailed the PCSO waiting on a response

vi. Speed Indicator Device report-

SID data 7th May to 21st June Total number of speed readings taken = 202,575

Average Recorded Speed = 33mph

>30mph = 63,214
>40mph = 3,891
>50mph = 137
>60mph = 8
Top recorded speeds:
71 mph (15/6/2019 12:25 AM)
67 mph (9/5/2019 11:50 PM)
65 mph (1/6/2019 4:10 PM)
62 mph (22/5/2019 5:08 AM)
61 mph (3/6/2019 9:16 AM)

Note: Number of speed readings does not equal number of vehicles. Slower moving vehicles record more speed measurements than slower moving vehicles. A vehicle travelling at 30mph will record 3 or 4 measurements, vs a vehicle moving at 50mph

- vii. DAPTC-MU reported on the central area meeting, discussions on electric vehicle charging points, litter teams that go around prior to verge cutting but this does not happen in Martinstown.
- viii. Flood Warden- A verbal report was provided, riparian owners are reminded to clear their sections of the stream, quotes for the stream clearing will be gathered. The PC would also like to clarify the riparian ownership of the stream and highways. Clerk to gather a quote for Martinstown stream clearing and a date for the works in order to let all riparian owners know when to clear their sections of the stream.
- **2019/06-12** To receive a report on amenity matters- The Washingpool board is now prepared and will be installed in due course on 2 oak posts. The residents near the village green have offered to paint the bench, the PC approve this as long as the treatment is with a suitable wood stain. It was reported that there is to be a new editor for the village magazine.

2019/06-13 Items for the Parish Council meeting on 31st July 2019

The Clerk is unable to attend, the meeting prep will be done in advance. Parish Council Self-assessment tool, budget and GDPR for the August meeting when the Clerk is back.

2019/06-14 Democratic forum 15 minutes

The meeting and members of the public then discussed the change to the agenda and having 2 sections for the democratic forum, this change happened with the employment of the new Clerk as this is used successfully in other parishes.

The first section being for comments on agenda items so Cllrs when discussing the item can have an opinion of the residents prior to making a decision. The second section is for all other items to be brought up.

The issues for some are that they have to wait until the end of the meeting to bring something up, although those who raised these concerns agreed they would stay to the end of the meeting. Another concern is that on winter nights residents may not wish to come out in the dark to attend a meeting to wait to speak at the end.

Cllrs noted that many of the Parish Councillors are available in the village to approach about items of concern that can be brought up at the meeting by the Cllr or added to the agenda.

MU reported that at many Parish Council meetings members of the public are only allowed to speak in the democratic section but Winterborne St Martin do comment at the Chairman's discretion and the meeting encourages public participation when appropriate and the Cllrs would like to keep this way of running the meeting.

It was agreed as a compromise to continue to have the 2 x 15-minute sections but make them both open sections.

Proposed MU

Seconded KD

Resolved

The application for the pylon removal was brought up, works will be carried out between 2019 to 2022 and 10 of the 12 public rights of way will be closed whilst work is being carried out.

A resident spoke at the meeting regarding the Church at Winterborne Abbas and support for the church to be changed into a multi-use facility as there is no village hall in the village.

DR asked what would happen if there was a vacancy on the PC, DW explained that if a vacancy came about the Dorset Council would be informed and official notices would be displayed, to ask if 10 or more electors wished there to be an election. If there are not 10 requests to DC for an election then the PC could co-opt in the usual way.

Residents asked about the PC minutes, the Clerk confirmed that the minute book from 2014 to date is in the PC office. The minute book from 2000 to 2014 is not currently available.

Meeting closed 9.30pm