# Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019

#### **Councillors Present:**

Mrs D Wiltshire (DW)(Chairman)
Mr P Jeffery (PJ)
Mr D Read (DR)
Mr N Hallet (NH)
Mrs K Delafield (KD)
Mr Ben Carter (BC)

Mrs Val Cardall (VC)

Mrs M Harding (Clerk) 5 members of the Public

Apologies: Mr M Usherwood (MU) Mrs A Bennett (AB) Roland Tarr (DC)

# 2019/05-1 To elect the Chairman of the Council for 2019-20 and sign acceptance of office

Debbie Wiltshire was nominated by DR seconded by NH -no other nominations received Resolved

**2019/05-2** To elect the Vice Chair of the Council for 2019-20 and sign acceptance of office

Anne Bennett was nominated by DW seconded by PJ- no other nominations received

Resolved

- **2019/05-3 Welcome, housekeeping and to receive any apologies for absence,** emergency exits noted, apologies were received and recorded
- **2019/05-4 To receive declarations of interest and grants of dispensation-** none- Councillors were asked to introduce themselves to the meeting.
- 2019/05-5 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Proposed DR Seconded PJ Resolved

- **2019/05-6** Matters arising from the minutes for info only -None.
- **2019/05-7 Chairman's Report for 2018-19-** The report had been previously circulated and received by the Council, this will be read out at the Annual Parish meeting.

#### 2019/05-8 Democratic forum 15 minutes (for agenda items only)

Members of the public questioned the change of the democratic forum being split, this is being tried as it is used in other parishes locally, the initial section is for items on the agenda so Cllrs can gather feedback for their decisions, the second section at the end of the meeting is for other items brought up but not for decision. Members of the public explained that they didn't want to wait until the end of the meeting in order to bring something up. It was noted that if there are items that the public would like discussed they can contact any of the Councillors for it to be included on the agenda if it is an item of business for the Parish Council. The new format can be changed if it is not well received but the PC will give it a trial for a couple of months.

**2019/05-9 To reaffirm the WSM Financial regulations and Standing Orders-** These policies are available on the website, they will be updated this year due to the changes to the meeting dates and internet banking.

Proposed DR Seconded PJ 5 voted For, 2 Abstentions Resolved

**2019/05-10 To consider that the WSM is eligible to use the "General Power of Competence"** details on this power were circulated to members, in order to be eligible, the Council needs a qualified Clerk and

two thirds of Councillors who have stood for election. The basis for this power is that the Council can do anything that an individual can do that is lawful. Some Councillors had reservations as they did not fully understand the meaning of the power. Declaring the Parish Council is eligible to use general power of competence will not at this point cost the Parish Council any more but could mean the Council can do more and be more flexible.

Proposed DW Seconded NH 6 voted For 1 abstention Resolved

#### 2019/05-11 To appoint reaffirm the areas reps/working groups and members

- i. Personnel Committee: M Usherwood, D Wiltshire & A Bennett
- ii. Amenity matters: all members as necessary and the Clerk
- iii. Footpath officer: Anne Bennett
- iv. Village Hall rep: P Jeffery
- v. Winterbourne Valley Community Fund: P Jeffery & K Delafield
- vi. Flood Warden: S Slade
- vii. Waste Watch Scheme: D Read, P Jeffery, A Bennett, M Usherwood
- viii. Speed Indicator Device coordinator: D Wiltshire
- ix. *PCSO*: Sarah Pilcher
- **x. DAPTC Liaison**: D Wiltshire, A Bennett & M Usherwood- the DAPTC offer advice and information to Parish and Town Councils.

# 2019/05-12 To consider all correspondence received for decision, consultation and information (see list)-Items for noting:

Item 6- Letter from the Chair of the DAPTC requesting information from the Council a response will be sent by 31<sup>st</sup> July

Item 7- Email response from Winterbourne Farringdon PC regarding the parking and litter at MacDonald's- for discussion on the agenda

Item 12- Accounts are to be submitted for internal audit

Item 13- KD & BC are to attend the new Councillor training on 9th July

Item 15- The Council will consider the self-assessment capability tool to look at how the Council are performing; this is an internal tool.

#### 2019/05-13 Finance

#### i. To consider the Annual Insurance 2019-20 LTA until 2020

The Annual insurance is due in June, the premium this year is £412.60 this is reduced as the Parish Office is no longer on the Insurance, the Council is in a Long-term agreement until 2020 when the Council can go out to tender again. The Insurance covers public liability, employer's liability, fidelity and asset cover. Risk assessments need to be carried out on Parish Assets and financial management. Proposed PJ Seconded KD Resolved

# ii. To approve section 1 of the Annual Audit 2019

The Annual audit was circulated to all prior to the meeting this part of the audit is the Annual Governance Statement, this covers the responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statements.

Proposed DW Seconded PJ Resolved

#### iii. To approve section 2 of the Annual Audit 2019

Section 2 was also circulated to all, this is the Annual Accounting Statement, this cover the receipts and payment totals in the year.

Proposed DW Seconded DR Resolved

#### iv. To consider the finance report of payments and reciepts:

Payee	Detail	Amount
Magna Housing	Hall Hire	£10.00
M Harding	Laptop purchase & accessories	£518.11
Martinstown VH	Donation to Open Gardens	£50.00
Came & Co	Annual Insurance	£412.60
ICO	Data Registration by DD	£35.00

Proposal to pay the ICO by DD at a cost of £35 instead of £40 by cheque. KD noted that she is not in favour of registering with the ICO until a full GDPR audit has been completed to see if this is a necessary cost.

The Council will carry out the GDPR audit again now that there is electronic data being collected via the PC email and laptop. Previously all records were kept in hard copy so it was the decision of the Council when the new GDPR regulations came into force to take no action.

Proposed DW

Seconded PJ

5 votes FOR, 1 vote against, 1 abstention

Resolved

All the rest of the payments were made in line with internal controls

Bank balances as at 30th April 2019 £10800.71

Proposed DR Seconded PJ Resolved

### v. To consider the grass cutting tenders for the village green

Following the agreed specification, the Tender notice was placed on Notice boards and the website, 3 contractors provided a tender, including those who had tendered at the March meeting. KD commented that not all contractors had submitted the form from the specification so could not compare.

Each contractor was given the same spec for the works and asked to complete only 1 chose to complete the form but had sent in their own format.

The Council agreed to award the contract to J Buddle at a cost of £30 per cut. Mr Buddle has carried out the interim cuts on the green.

Proposed DW

Seconded BC

7 votes FOR 1 abstention

Resolved

#### 2019/05-14 Planning Consultations-

#### i. To consider all planning applications in circulation-

- a. WD/D/19/000977 STEVENS FARM BUNGALOW, STEVENS FARM, MARTINSTOWN-Erect single storey front extension and single storey side extension. No objections, concerns raised at the lack of appropriate mapping to identify the location.
- b. WD/D/19/001167 CHURCH FARM, MARTINSTOWN-Erection of Agricultural Building-This is not a planning application. The development is automatically granted planning permission unless the local planning authority determines that Prior Approval is required, or the development falls outside the scope of the Order
- c. WD/D/19/000983 HIGHER PARK FARM, BATTS LANE, MARTINSTOWN-Proposed Extension No objections.

#### 2019/05-15 Roads and Transport:

i. To consider the issues of parking and litter outside the MacDonald's restaurant

KD had circulated a report on the issues and suggested outcomes. Roland Tarr the new Councillor for Dorset who was unable to attend the meeting is supporting the local Parish Council's with these issues and has agreed to meet with stakeholders to look at options. There were various suggestions regarding

parking on the old roadway or possibly removing some of the woodland for parking, there are limitations as the Duchy who own the surrounding land and the tenant are not in support of relinquishing further land for parking as they did not support the business in the first place. It was suggested that 2 Councillors take this forward and report back to the PC, MU and KD agreed to take this on.

**Other Highways issues:** the issue of verge cutting was discussed, the Clerk had supplied the PC with the vegetation cutting regime, KD had contacted the local countryside officer as a resident to gather further information, the verges through the village were deemed to be on a 7 cuts per year basis whereas the road verges are only done twice a year. It was suggested to monitor these cuts to see if they were sufficient.

**Road closures:** It was noted that there is to be a further road closure on the Weymouth Road, Martinstown for Wessex Water works from 9<sup>th</sup> July to 11<sup>th</sup> July, this is likely to coincide with the road closure on 21<sup>st</sup> June to 11<sup>th</sup> July on Gould's Hill Martinstown, these works are road repairs, the Council require further information on the time of day and access for residents. Clerk to follow up. **Action Clerk** 

# 2019/05-16 To receive reports from:

- i. The footpath Liaison Officers- No problems other than the public track being used by farm vehicles so this in turn has reduced the mess on the road. The PC also noted the sinkhole on Bronkham Hill.
- ii. Waste watch representatives- No change since the last meeting.
- iii. Village Hall representatives- No change since last meeting.
- iv. Winterbourne Community Fund (was the Blanchard Trust)- No change since the last meeting.
- v. PCSO matters- PCSO Sarah Pilcher had sent an emailed report

Reported incidents between 01112018 - 01052019 as follows

- 1 x criminal damage farmers fence in Hardy's Monument area
- 2 x suspicious vehicles Rew lane area
- 2 x Road traffic collision damage only

General – Reports of evidence and/or Poaching having taken place – we urge anyone to please report anything however small or insignificant you think it may be, all these calls help us build a picture as to the poachers movements so when we do overnight operations we can use this information to tailor our patrols

Scam calls/e mail still prevalent in all guises and are forever changing. Main thing is NO ONE (incl banks, police, HMRC) will ever ask for any personal bank details over the phone, threaten you with arrest if you don't comply, ask you to go to bank and withdraw money and they will collect so DON'T give them out unless you have instigated the call i.e Amazon, e bay etc. If any concerns put the phone down, leave for 5/10 mins then either call a recognized number or Police on 101.

Beauty Spot thefts are still continuing so again please report any cars or persons acting suspicious but we do try and patrol as and when we can to display posters and advising drivers accordingly.

There have also been breaks to businesses in and around the Dorchester area with thefts of tools, garden machinery etc so just to make all aware or securing their sheds, containers, business premises and if any security advice needed then Sarah is happy to visit.

vi. Community Speed Watch- Total number of speed readings taken = 177,049

Average Vehicle Speed = 34mph <30mph = 116,069 31- 40mph = 57,144

41- 50mph = 3,706

51-60mph = 126

60mph + = 4

Top recorded speeds:

63 mph (2/4/2019 11:41 AM)

61 mph (30/3/2019 5:07 AM)

59 mph (31/3/2019 4:48 AM)

59 mph (1/5/2019 10:00 PM)

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 would only record a single measurement.

It was noted that the perception of speed is slightly better and the response regarding the "Thankyou" message is well received.

- vii. DAPTC-This ahs been covered in correspondence
- viii. Flood Warden- SS asked that riparian owners are reminded to keep their section of stream clear.

**2019/05-17 To receive a report on amenity matters-** Still waiting on tree works to be completed on the Green, Clerk to follow up.

# 2019/05-18 To consider the dates, times and venues of the PC meetings for the coming year

The PC had gone from meeting bi monthly to monthly meetings. The council will now consider meeting monthly except Sept, Dec and April, and to hold the Annual parish meeting in April at the Village Hall. The next meeting being Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June at the Grove meeting room.

Meeting dates for the coming year.

 26 June 2019
 29 Jan 2020

 31 July 2019
 26 Feb 2020

 28 Aug 2019
 25 March 2020

 30 Oct 2019
 27 May 2020

27 Nov 2019

Meeting dates will be circulated and placed on the website.

#### 2019/05-19 Democratic forum 15 minutes

Residents felt that the website should detail what the Parish Council does and what it can do for the parish.

It was noted that whilst the Parish/Church magazine is to fold the website will continue with support from the current website editor.

Meeting dates will be placed on the village notice boards and how to contact the Council

Meeting closed 8.55pm

Cllr Debbie Wiltshire (*Chairman*) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019