

**WIDWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
ON MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2016  
AT WILMINGTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 p.m**

ATTENDEES:

Councillor S Broom (Chair), Councillor A. Pearsall, Councillor J. Twist, Councillor G. Tubb,  
Councillor D. Olive  
District Councillor H. Parr, G. Godbeer

43 members of the public were present.

1. APOLIGIES FOR ABSENCE:

County Councillor S. Randall-Johnson.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were none.

3. DISCUSSION WITH MR NIGEL DYSON FROM HIGHWAYS ENGLAND REGARDING THE PINCH-POINT AT THE BOTTOM OF THE VILLAGE. Mr Dyson introduced himself and outlined the reasons for attending the meeting following concerns regarding the pinch-point between the Old Forge and Wellington Farm. Although as before he had said that he did not want a public consultation he had received a number of questions direct from parishioners and had been in discussions with the Parish Council. Members of the public were allowed to answer questions and although this meeting was held to discuss the pinch point a number of issues were raised regarding speed and how to deal with speed detection through the village. Mr Dyson reiterated that the survey was conducted in the first place to look at making the village safer and if the proposals for the pinch point could not be seen as working then to enable the rest of the recommendations to go forward he suggested that this part of the recommendations should be taken off the table. A number of other issues were discussed regarding 30 m.p.h limits and the possibility of having a 20 m.ph. The question of community speed watch was discussed and this would be put forward to the police. The next step forward was for Mr Dyson to apply for funding and it would be looked into to see if some things could be propelled forward to get the pedestrian crossings in place for safety reasons especially for school children catching the bus. It was very obvious from the parishioners support that the other recommendations without the pinch point should be pushed forward and a show of 38 hands was a huge majority vote. The Chairman thanked Mr Dyson for attending the meeting.
4. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS: Cllr Parr reported that the Local Plan should be in place by the end of the week. There is a special meeting regarding the Devolution and she would circulate some information to the Clerk to forward on. Cllr Godbeer reported that the budget is being produced and will go to Overview and Scrutiny next week. The Chairman thanked Cllr Parr and Cllr Godbeer for their reports.

At this point Cllr Janet Twist left the meeting due to illness.

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2015. These were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.
6. MATTERS ARISING – There were none.
7. PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS: There were none.
8. TO UPDATE THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND DISCUSS THE PROPOSAL OF A COMMUNITY LAND TRUST. Following the joint meeting held at Wilmington Village Hall with the four parishes and representative to explain the Community Land trust. Having listened to Paul Lowe, Rural Housing Enabler at EDDC who explained that this was the way forward to allow an application for up to 4 affordable homes and some open market properties. The C.L.T would be made up of some councillors and members of the parish. The Parish Council proposed that in principle they were in agreement with the CLT although further details would be needed to take forward to members of the public. This was proposed by Cllr Tubb and seconded by Cllr Pearsall.

9. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION FROM CLLR TUBB:

(i). Riding of motorised vehicles on Public footpaths in Widworthy and surrounds. Once Cllr Tubb had explained that this was a quad bike riding through a field and across a public footpath the Chairman explained that permission had been given by the landowner for the quad bike to be used on the field and due to the position of the footpath it had to cross over the path to reach the other side of the field. It was suggested that this was a private matter not for council business.

(ii) Speeding through Wilmington village by local people. This was also seen as a personal issue and it was agreed by the Council that this should not be discussed in this meeting.

(iii) The wall outside Park Farm. Further discussion is needed to sort out the issue with the wall. It was suggested that Nigel Dyson should be contacted again to find out what is the best way forward and discuss with the owner of the property.

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

15/2167/CPL - 3 White Hayes Close Wilmington Honiton EX14 9JP - Proposed loft conversion to include flat roof rear dormer and roof windows to front elevation. - Approved

11. TO DISCUSS ANY CORRESPONDENCE CIRCULATED AT THE MEETING – Although there was no correspondence the Precept was not on the agenda so it was proposed that the Precept should be kept at the same amount as last year which was £2200.00. This would not affect parishioners contribution to the Council Tax. A copy of the cashbook was also given to Councillors to show the latest bank balance.

12. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: Monday 7th March 2016.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Cllr Pearsall reported that he had now taken on the Snow warden and outlined what he was allowed to cover. There will be an allocation of salt and it was discussed as to where this was best kept. He obviously doesn't cover the A35 or pavements but also it can not be used for private driveways. Cllr Pearsall is also looking at gaining the Chapter 8 qualification. Flooding was also discussed and there are a number of places need to be looked at including the subsidence on New Road towards the Church and the drain and wall out by Sutton Tip. The Clerk to report to the emergency line at SWH.

As there was no further business the meeting was declared closed.

Signed: ..... Dated:.....