

WIDWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes

The Parish Council were summoned to meet at the Widworthy Village Hall on Tuesday July 5th 2016, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Those present:- Cllrs David Olive, Andrew Pearsall (Chairman), Janet Twist. Cllrs Graham Godbeer and Helen Parr (EDDC). Two members of the public (Mr & Mrs Cuthbertson).

1. Apologies for absence. PCSO Widger sent apologies.
2. The minutes of the meeting held 2nd May 2016 were accepted and signed by the Chairman.
3. Declarations of Interest for this meeting - None made.
4. Report from the Police. The Clerk read the report from PCSO Widger. In 2015 there were a total of 20 reported crimes in the Parish and no reported crimes to June in 2016. She reported that a new PCSO (Sam Slater) has been appointed to the team. She also advised that she is willing to attend local events to offer crime prevention advice.
5. Reports from and discuss issues with County and District Councillors. Cllrs Godbeer and Parr gave a performance report on EDDC. Details of the Parishes Together scheme with ideas etc for projects and advised ditching schemes can now be included. They commented on possible devolution with authorities for Somerset /Devon/ Cornwall to get national funding. The Boundary Commission is looking at the number of Councillors at EDDC and the boundaries. They felt it was important that the number did not fall. The EDDC move to Honiton is progressing.
6. Matters arising from the minutes - None
7. Parishioners Questions. Mr Cuthbertson advised that the A35 Action Group was concerned about the perceived lack of communication from the Council. After discussion Cllr Olive agreed to attend the Action Group meetings as The Parish Council representative. An option for one of the Action Group to fill the outstanding Council vacancy was made but it seems no members of the group are able to join. The Speed Watch group now have 12 volunteers and are awaiting training from the Police. They expect to be active from late Summer.
8. Highways issues – general and A35. Further to the letter received from the A35 Action Group concerning the overgrown hedges on the N side of the A35 near Gibbons Farm. These are making it hard to walk along the pavement. Since the letter some have been trimmed. Cllr Pearsall said that he would visit the houses

personally. Cllr Pearsall reported that he has spoken to Mr Nigel Dyson and the A35 improvement scheme had made no progression since his last report. Funding has been applied for and the decision is awaited. The condition of the lane to Widworthy Church and the top lane to Umborne are causing concern due to the number of potholes. It was advised to use the DCC 'Report a pothole' service on their website. It was reported that the bank near Sutton Tip has been washed away and it was then suggested that this may be a suitable project for 'Parishes Together scheme' with Offwell. Clerk to investigate.

9. Planning Applications & issues. Redevelopment of Wilmington Quarry:- No plans have been submitted yet (as amendment are being investigated) but it is understood to be imminent. Gibbons Farm:- the plans are being amended to fit to DCC Highways requirements. Clerk to check on regulations for banners at the White Hart Inn. Cllr Twist reported on a recent meeting with the Wessex Community Land Trust (CLT) held in Northleigh. This was attended by residents & Councillors from Wilmington, Offwell, Farway etc to discuss affordable housing in the area. The CLT did a presentation and a steering group was formed. Cllr Twist volunteered for this. The meeting of the steering committee will be held on July 19th.
10. Appointment of new Parish Clerk. The Clerk presented the Council with a Job Description and Employment Contract (from the standard NALC template) for perusal and signing. The Council discussed obtaining their own office equipment at present the Clerk uses her own and it was felt that this is not acceptable and places the work of the Council at risk especially in case of illness etc. It was agreed that the Clerk is to investigate and get quotations for a council laptop and tablet computer, software, laser printer, digital projector and screen and lockable office cupboard to store Council documents. Proposed and seconded Cllr Twist and Pearsall. It was agreed for the Council to purchase the web name widworthyparishcouncil.org. The cost would be around £14 for 2 years. Proposed Cllr Pearsall seconded Cllr Twist.
11. Finance Clerk to contact Mr Vanderwolfe to ascertain his fees when acting as stand in Clerk. Clerk to notify Lloyds Bank Plc of new contact and address. Clerk to notify external auditors of new contact details. Cllr Pearsall to obtain new key for the noticeboard for the Clerk to use.
12. Discuss any correspondence circulated at the meeting. The setting up of a village 'News E mail' was discussed. The Clerk agreed to set this up. Clerk to obtain information on the previous village website and existing council Hotmail account.
13. Date of the next meeting:. The Council agreed unanimously to change the dates of the Parish Council meetings to the second Tuesday of the month. Following from this the next meeting will be Tuesday, 13th September 2016.
14. Any other business – Matters for further discussion. Mr Cuthbertson enquired about a letter to Mr Neil Parish MP concerning the A35. Clerk to investigate. The Clerk is to contact other parishes affected by the A35 – ie Offwell, Dalwood, Kilminster & Axminster. Cllr Pearsall advised he may be unable to attend the September meeting.

The meeting ended at 8.45pm