

WIDWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

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The Councillors were summoned to a meeting of the Widworthy Parish Council held in the main hall of Widworthy Village Hall on Tuesday, September 13th, 2016, starting at 7.30 p.m.

Minutes

Those present:- Councillors Robert Gardener, David Olive, Andrew Pearsall (Chairman) and Janet Twist also Sara Randall Johnson (DCC), District Councillor Graham Godbeer (EDDC). Carol Miltenburg (Clerk). 9 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Helen Parr (EDDC).
2. The Council confirmed and the Chairman signed minutes of the meeting held 5th July 2016.
3. Declarations of Interest for this meeting were received from Cllr Olive for item 8 – planning application 16/1793/FUL Greystone House.
4. Matters arising from the minutes. Advertisements etc. the Clerk gave a brief outline of what signs/banners are generally permitted and advised that as the area is in an AONB often the national guidelines do not apply. Meeting dates, the Clerk advised that she had been trying to contact Mrs Broom re the booking of the hall and will advise as soon as this is finalised.
5. Reports
County Councillor Randel-Johnson reported on the A30 (Honiton – Devonshire Inn) improvement scheme consultation. Comments have to be in by the end of September. The scheme will cost approx. £175m whichever route is chosen. DCC have appointed 3 companies to provide domiciliary care in the county and she advised how the care packages will be provided to residents. She also spoke about the Roadwatch scheme and the buckets of tarmac supplied for parish Road Wardens. The County road mending contract (presently SWH) is being renegotiated.

District Councillor Godbeer reported that the performance of EDDC in collecting rents is exceptionally high and payments of invoices is very prompt. The rate of recycling by the residents has increased. The Thelma Hulbert Gallery is now part of the Dementia Friends scheme. EDDC are now looking into what type of housing is needed in the area.

No report was received from the Police.

A Community Land Trust update was received from Cllr Twist who advised that there had been 2 meetings since the last Parish Council meeting. These had mainly concerned the format of the Trust. It has been agreed a Community Benefit Society would be the most appropriate form for the circumstances. An important task is to source volunteers to serve as the officers of the Society – so far none have been forthcoming. Sites in Northleigh, Southleigh and Wilmington were discussed. It was considered that it was preferable to have the houses on one site and if Wilmington could locate a suitable site the other Parishes would be happy with this. 6 houses on a site are the minimum number to be financially viable. Cllr Twist will notify when meetings are called. These can be at very short notice and are held during the day. Clerk to contact Alison Ward (Wessex Community Land Trusts) to request meetings with more notice and at more convenient times to allow more residents to attend.

A35 group update. Mr Cuthbertson kindly gave a report from the group. Mr Nigel Dyson of DCC Highways has applied for funding for a feasibility study but this does not include a footpath. This will go on to the next stage of study which may result in funding in the f/yr 2017/18. EDDC are setting up a monitoring station in Wilmington to monitor traffic pollution.

Mrs Cuthbertson reported that a speed check had been done on the A35 in Wilmington in early August but all motorists had been within the limit. The training of the Speedwatch Team will take place in early October.

6. Parishioners Questions – none received.

7. Highways issues

Mr Dyson of DCC Highways wants to undertake a survey of floodwater on the A35 in Wilmington. Cllrs Pearsall and Olive will meet him to discuss this. The Parish Council are obtaining 300 (empty) sandbags from EDDC in September. These will be for the use of all residents when needed and will be held at Cllr Pearsalls home.

A30 Improvement Scheme – the Council did not think the ideas presented were very suitable and were especially concerned about the proposed junction with the '7 mile Straight'. Clerk to circulate the details of the consultation on the News E Mail.

8. Planning Applications & issues.

16/0337/OUT - Gibbons Farm, Wilmington, Honiton, EX14 9JQ. The Council discussed this amendment to the original application and supported the application by a majority vote of 3 supporting and 1 objecting.

16/1793/FUL - Greystone House, Wilmington, Honiton, EX14 9SF. Adjoining parish consultation. Cllr Olive left the hall for this item. The Council supported this application.

16/2100/FUL – White Rock, Offwell, EX14 9SW. Adjoining parish consultation. The Councillors agreed to view the site individually and advise the Clerk.

9. The employment contract of Parish Clerk was approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

10. Finance

Payments:- Clerks salary £538.43; PAYE £120.40; J Vanderwolf - £109.00.

Receipts:- Precept £1,100.00.

The Wessex CLT have suggested a donation of £100 from each parish towards costs. The Council agreed to this – Cllr Twist proposed, Cllr Pearsall seconded.

Having reviewed the costings for IT equipment for the Council it was unanimously agreed to spend up to £1300 to obtain a laptop, tablet, laser printer, digital projector, screen and software. Clerk to obtain as soon as possible.

11. Discuss any correspondence circulated at the meeting.

Clerk to investigate Neighbourhood Planning.

12. Date of the next meeting: Tuesday, November 8th, 2016 (to be confirmed).

13. Any other business – Matters for further discussion - None.

The meeting finished at 9.20pm