

Iwerne Minster Parish Council

Draft Minutes of a Meeting of Iwerne Minster Parish Council held in the Abingdon Hall on 2nd September 2009

Present: Cllr J Hooper (Chairman), Cllr Mrs D Benfield (Vice Chairman), Cllrs Mrs J Ball, Mrs D Croney (District Councillor), M Jones, T Payne.

In attendance: Mr A H Gibb – Clerk to the Council
7 Members of the public

Public questions: Items raised included speeding traffic on Tower Hill, a report of a dog shot on footpath, drain clearance on A350, tree roots on footpath in Oakwood drive, sign required on the Clayesmore Lodge footpath, dip in cricket pitch footpath.

09/131 Apologies: Cllr R Smith, Cllr A Campbell DCC

09/132 Declarations of interest: Both Cllr Hooper and Cllr Benfield declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 09/139. They refrained from voting.

09/133 Minutes of the meeting held on 5th August 2009. It was proposed by: Cllr Ball, seconded by: Cllr Jones voting: Unanimous that the minutes be accepted. They were signed by the Chairman.

09/134 Matters arising from the minutes. None

09/135 Report from County Councillor. None available

09/136 Report from District Councillor. Cllr Croney reported that the caravan on Preston Hill had been removed. The Council noted Mr Bolton's cooperation with NDDC. Cllr Croney will be organising a workshop for clerks to brief them of the NDDC Core Strategy and Development Management DPD. Further details are on NDDC website under:

Planning Policy/Living/Local Development Framework/ Core Strategy and Dev management Policies.

09/137 Development control matters listed on the schedule.

- a. **0688 & 0689.** The Chantry, Old School Lane. Demolish and rebuild sections of wall. Create new vehicle and pedestrian access. Cllr Ball produced a very thorough report on the application. After discussion **it was proposed by: Cllr Hooper, seconded by: Cllr Benfield voting: Unanimous that objections be raised based on Cllr Ball's report.**
- b. Brook Bungalow Erect 2 no. dwellings and garages, create 4 no. parking spaces and turning areas (demolish existing bungalow) – **Approved by NDDC**
It was noted that Cllr Croney had met on site with the tree officer.
- c. **1174/CA/DG/09** – Tree works – Mullins, Church Hill – **no objections**

09/138 The 2009 budget. The Clerk briefed members on the budget situation.

09/139 To pay bills listed on the schedule. It was proposed by: Cllr Ball seconded by: Cllr Payne voting: Unanimous that the bills on the schedule be paid.

09/140 To consider other parish matters

a. Highways.

- i. **Barbers Cottage** A site meeting with the new project officer Mr Tim Spivey, has been arranged for Tue 22 Sep 09 at 0900hrs.
- ii. **Additional White Lines on Tower Hill.** The Clerk was requested to speak to DCC Highways about more 'Slow' signs to be painted in the road before the 30MPH sign and the bend at Milesfield.
- iii. **Highways Maintenance Programme.** DCC Highways have forecast work in the village in 2010 although members did not recognise the area. Clerk to clarify.
- iv. **PMU Response** The Clerk reported that the PMU were only tackling safety work at the moment but other tasks had been logged and passed to the relevant department. He was concerned at the lack of feedback from PMU.

b. Recreation. It was agreed that Mr Jenkins should be asked to repair the wooden bar on the playground bridge. The playground grass was reported as being uncut.

c. Rights of way.

- i. **FP20.** Change to the responsibilities notified by DCC was noted.
- ii. **FP7 Diversion.** Ongoing

d. Vital Villages.

e. Parish Plan / Design Statement. Cllr Payne reported that the draft VDS had been revised in light of comments received – a fresh draft was passed to members for circulation. The public consultation will be delayed until October.

f. Community Planning. Nothing to Report

g. Abingdon Hall Project. Meeting arranged for 21 Sep.

09/141 A Parish Council website. The Clerk briefed members about the options for creating a council website. Using the NDDC site had constraints as more and more information was required to be published under the Freedom of Information Act. The Clerk offered to construct a parish council site. After discussion during which the Clerk was asked to speak to Mr Watson, **it was proposed by Cllr Payne, seconded by Cllr Benfield that iwerneminster.info be purchased for 5 years.**

09/142 Report from the Iwerne Minster Homewatch. In the absence of Mr Peters the Clerk read his report which is attached to the record.

09/143 DAPTC matters. AGM resolutions to be included on the next agenda.

It was noted that a new councillors course was being held on 22 Sep. **(Cllr Smith?)**

09/144 Matters arising from recent correspondence.

- a. Milton Abbas Practice letter about swimming at the Blandford Leisure Centre. NFA.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as **Wed 7th October 2009** at 7.30pm

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.15pm

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Chairman, Iwerne Minster Parish Council