

Iwerne Minster Parish Council

Draft Minutes of a Meeting of Iwerne Minster Parish Council held in the Abingdon Hall on 3rd June 2009

Present: Cllr J Hooper (Chairman), Cllrs Mrs J Ball, M Jones, T Payne

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

Public questions: Concern was raised about the state of the blocked drains on the A350.

In view of the interest in the A350 Barbers Cottage project proposals and the attendance of Claysmore School staff, the Chairman took the item under public questions. The Clerk briefed on the various emails and project progress. The council instructed that a letter of complaint should be sent to the Head of Highways at DCC regarding the arrogant treatment of the council. The Bursar, Claysmore School said that the Headmaster would also write.

09/87 Apologies: Cllrs Mrs D Benfield, Mrs D Croney, R Smith, Cllr A Campbell DCC

09/88 Declarations of acceptance of office of Vice Chairman. Deferred to next meeting

09/89 Declarations of interest. None

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09/92 Matters arising from the minutes. None.

09/93 Report from County Councillor. None available due to the elections.

09/94 Report from District Councillor. None available.

09/95 Development Control matters listed on the schedule:

- a. 2009/0265 – Wetherby, Church Hill: internal and external alterations – **Approved**
- b. 1113/09 – Tree works at The Chantry. Concern was expressed that the proposed crown reduction was too severe. Tree has TPO in force. **Objection required.**

09/96 Pay bills listed on the schedule. It was proposed by: Cllr Hooper, seconded by: Cllr Ball voting: Unanimous **that the bills listed on the schedule be paid.**

The Chairman and Cllr Ball also signed a bank mandate permitting the Clerk to transfer funds between deposit and current accounts.

09/97 Annual Return for year ending 31 March 2009. It was proposed by: Cllr Payne, seconded by: Cllr Jones voting: Unanimous **that Section 1 of the Annual Statement of Accounts should be signed by the Chairman.**

09/98 To consider other parish matters

a. **Highways.**

i. **Barbers Cottage.** Already considered

ii. **Works for PMU.** Dropped drains on A350, Home Farm pothole,

iii. **Hedge at the Old Cottage Higher Street.** Cllr Ball agreed to speak to the owner to get the hedge cut back from the pathway.

b. Recreation – grass cutting.

- i. Quotations to spray the weeds on the recreation field were considered. Following discussion Cllr Hooper offered to do the work. It was proposed by: Cllr Payne, seconded by: Cllr Ball voting: Unanimous **that the parish council would pay for the weed killer / fertiliser.**
- ii. Cllr Payne reported that a gatepost on the boundary of the recreation field had been destroyed during grass cutting. It was agreed that Mr A Jenkins should be asked to assist with a replacement at council expense.
- iii. Confirmation on the Liveability bid are awaited from Dorset Squared. **Notification of full bid status was received on 4 June – to be submitted by 24 Jun.**

c. Rights of way. None

d. Vital Villages. No report available

e. Parish Plan / Design Statement. Production of the design statement continues, a presentation to the public is planned for September.

f. Community Planning. Cllr Jones reported that DT11 Forum are holding a Green Day at the Stour Meadows, Blandford on Sat 11th July. All are welcome.

g. Abingdon Hall Project. The hall AGM will be discussing the project to include replacement of the chain link fencing around the hall boundary.

09/99 Report from the Iwerne Minster Homewatch. Mr Peters reported on the burglary at the church when oil and money were stolen. Other shed burglaries have been reported in the area. The Dorset Police priorities for motoring crime are Mobile phones, speeding and seat belts. A Service Level Agreement has been signed between Dorset Police and Homewatch.

09/100 DAPTC matters. Cllr Jones reported on the Northern Area meeting on 13th May. The Clerk advised members on changes to the Code of Conduct covering private life.

09/101 Matters arising from recent correspondence.

- a. An email from the Dorset Air Ambulance was read. Following discussion it was agreed that the Horticultural Show might be an appropriate venue for fund raising. Cllr Ball agreed to lead.
- b. Changes to the schedule of works on the A303 were outlined.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 1st July 2009 at 7.30pm

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9 pm

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Chairman, Iwerne Minster Parish Council