

Iwerne Minster Parish Council

Draft Minutes of a Meeting of Iwerne Minster Parish Council held in the Abingdon Hall on 04th January 2010

Present: Cllr J Hooper (Chairman), Cllr Mrs D Benfield (Vice Chairman),
Cllrs Mrs J Ball, M Jones, R Smith

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

Public questions: The following topics were raised: Diversion of FP7, theft of Christmas decorations from doors, Oakwood Drive fencing, Knapps Close flue

10/01 Apologies: Cllrs Mrs D Croney (District Councillor), T Payne, Cllr A Campbell DCC

10/02 Declarations of interest: Nil

10/03 Minutes of the meeting held on 14th December 2009. It was proposed by: Cllr Smith seconded by: Cllr Jones voting: Unanimous that the minutes be accepted.
They were signed by the Chairman.

10/04 Matters arising.

10/05 County Councillor's report. Clerk read the report which is attached to the minutes.

10/06 District Councillor's report. Clerk read the report which is attached to the minutes.

10/07 Development control matters listed on the schedule: Cllr Ball asked what progress was being made with the flue and downpipe on Knapps Close, and also with the reinstatement of the hedge at Redcot; the Clerk agreed to speak to NDDC.

10/08 Pay bills listed on the schedule. It was proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Benfield voting: Unanimous that the bills on the schedule be paid.

10/09 To set the budget and precept for FY2010/11. The Clerk brief members of the draft figures. Following discussion, during which it was agreed that the grass cutting contract should be re-tendered, **it was proposed by Cllr Benfield, seconded by Cllr Hooper voting: Unanimous that the budget and precept for FY 2010/2011 be set at £9060.**

10/10 Village Design Statement. The Clerk issued members with copies of the latest edition of the VDS. Following discussion **it was proposed by Cllr Benfield, seconded by Cllr Ball voting: Unanimous that the village design statement should be adopted and forwarded to NDDC.**

10/11 To consider other parish matters

- a. **Highways.** Cllr Smith reported that various potholes and blocked gullies were being passed to DCC for action. Concern was expressed about the amount of litter left

along verges after the fish van has visited; it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Housemaster of Devine House.

- b. Recreation.** Two side panels off the climbing tower need to be fixed. Following discussion it was agreed that the clerk should seek a quotation to lay / replace the hedge along the recreation ground.
- c. Rights of way.** FP7 has reached the end of its final consultation period so should be put into use shortly.
- d. Vital Villages.** Nothing To Report
- e. Parish Plan / Village Design Statement.** Nothing to add.
- f. Community Planning.** Nothing to report
- g. Abingdon Hall Project.** Building survey still awaited.

10/12 Dead tree in Oakwood Drive. This had been reported by Mr Peters; as it is on the verge ownership will be with DCC Highways. Clerk to liaise with tree officer as well. Possibility of replacement with a Rowan to be followed.

10/13 Homewatch. Nothing further to add to notices already posted.

10/14 DAPTC matters. Cllr Jones reported that DCC are running a campaign to secure the future of the fast broadband connection being installed at Weymouth for the Olympics. They are briefing councils on the involvement of industry later in the month.

10/15 Other matters arising from recent correspondence.

- a. NDDC response to BT Telephone box withdrawal.** The response, including the retention of the box in The Chalke, was read to members

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as **Monday 1st February 2010** at 7.30pm

There being no further business, the Vice Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50pm

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Chairman, Iwerne Minster Parish Council