

# Iwerne Minster Parish Council

## Draft Minutes of a Meeting of Iwerne Minster Parish Council held in the Abingdon Hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2009

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

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

Public questions: Mr Nadin asked about the works along the road at Redcot. He was informed it was a newly planted hedge.

**09/22 Apologies for absence.** Cllr J Ball, Cllr A Campbell (DCC)

**09/23 Declarations of interest.** Cllr Smith declared a personal and prejudice interest in Item 09/29a.

**09/24 Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2009**

**Proposed by: Cllr Payne, Seconded By: Cllr Smith Voting: Unanimous**  
**that: the minutes of the meeting be approved.** They were signed by the Chairman.

**09/25 Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd January 2009**

**Proposed by: Cllr Benfield, Seconded By: Cllr Jones Voting: Unanimous**  
**that: the minutes of the meeting be approved.** They were signed by the Chairman.

**09/26 Matters arising from the minutes.** The Clerk reported that Cllr Ball had distributed leaflets advertising the offer of free transport to the supermarkets in Blandford.

**09/27 County Councillor's report.** Cllr Campbell had indicated that a report would be issued shortly.

**09/28 District Councillor's report.** Cllr Croney reported that the economic downturn was causing a lot of additional work at NDDC. A draft debt policy had been circulated with the support of CAB. The report is attached to the minutes.

**09/29 Development control matters:**

- a. **2009/0028 - 3 The Glebe.** Cllr Smith left the room for this item.  
**Proposed by: Cllr Payne, Seconded By: Cllr Croney Voting: Unanimous**  
**that: The application be approved and supported.**
- b. **TPO – The Chantry.** It was unclear which tree was referred to. The Clerk to clarify with NDDC.
- c. **Blandford Road Caravan.** It was reported that the caravan owned by Mr Kenneth Bolton had not been removed as promised and was still on site. Clerk to request NDDC carry out an enforcement order.
- d. **The Chantry – Wall.** It was reported that the wall was not protected. Clerk to inform Kevin Morris for enforcement action.
- e. **Redcot.** Cllr Croney informed the meeting that the planning application was due to be heard on 10 Feb. The Chairman offered to attend. Clerk to inform NDDC.

**09/30 Response to activity on land at The Abingdon Hall.** The problem of the development works at Knapps Close which have impacted on the Abingdon Hall was discussed. The Clerk has received the title deeds to the hall.

**Proposed by: Cllr Payne, Seconded By: Cllr Hooper Voting: Unanimous**  
**that: The Clerk should**

- a. **Inform the owner that legal advice is being sought**
- b. **Request NDDC to clarify the development control issues**
- c. **Write to DAPTC / NALC to seek legal advice.**

**09/31 Bills to be paid:**

**Proposed by: Cllr Jones, Seconded By: Cllr Benfield Voting: Unanimous that: the bills on the schedule be paid.**

**09/32 Other parish matters:**

**a. Highways**

- i. **Tower Hill.** Both Cllr Smith and the Clerk reported positive discussions with the DCC desk officer. There was concern that the plans did not reflect the requirement at the corner by the entrance to Milesfield.

**Proposed by: Cllr Payne, Seconded By: Cllr Smith Voting: Unanimous that: DCC should be informed of the amended plan to include revised marking at the entrance to Milesfield.**

- ii. **Barbers Cottage.** The Clerk reported that he had spoken to the project officer. There was concern that the discussions from the December meeting of the council had not been passed on to the project officer. The requirement for a school crossing was discussed, it was agreed that this should be within the proposed restricted area which need to be extended to the North to the junction with Higher Street. A site meeting with the project officer is to requested.

**b. Recreation**

- i. Attempts to find a contractor to cut the hedges were continuing.
- ii. Liveability Grant. The Clerk reported that he had received an enquiry about a bid for liveability funding. After discussion it was thought that this referred to new goalposts. Cllr Croney agreed to unearth the original request.

- c. **Rights of way.** There was discussion about a field gate and mobility gate at Preston Stud Farm.

- d. **Vital Villages.** Cllr Croney reported that there had been a well attended meeting to discuss a possible Post Office outreach service. Further information was still awaited from PO Ltd. The need for a ramp for the step from the roadway to the Abingdon Hall was discussed but the hall has an exemption from the DDA due to the toilets.

- e. **Parish Plan.** It was agreed that an application for the Best Kept Village completion should be submitted. Cllr Payne reported that progress with the village design statement was continuing.

- f. **Community Planning.** Nothing to report.

**09/33 The publication of minutes.**

There was discussion on the revised format of the agenda and the distribution of the minutes. It was agreed that items of particular interest should be specified. It was also agreed that a written report should be received from Homewatch as an agenda item. All reports to be submitted to the clerk 7 days before the meeting. Draft minutes would be posted on the parish notice board and the NDDC website. There was further discussion on the village website and it was agreed that the Clerk should write to Mr Watson confirming the council's support for the website and requesting a council page.

**09/34 DAPTC matters.** The Clerk reported that the new councillors course, which had been cancelled due to the weather, would be rescheduled.

**09/35 Matters arising from recent correspondence.**

- a. A Driving Skills course at Stourpaine on 18 Feb was advertised.
- b. A notification of tree works at 12 Oakwood Drive had been received. It was agreed that this should be supported.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 4<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at 7.30pm

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.30 pm

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Chairman, Iwerne Minster Parish Council

Date