

Iwerne Minster Parish Council

Draft Minutes of a Meeting of Iwerne Minster Parish Council held in the Abingdon Hall on 04 March 2009

Present: Cllr Mrs D Benfield (Vice Chairman), Cllrs Mrs J Ball, M Jones, T Payne

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

Public questions: Mr Staples raised concern about the condition of the wooden bridge handrails on the footpath between Oyles Mill and Shrotton.

09/38 Apologies for absence: Cllrs J Hooper, Mrs D Croney (NDDC), R Smith, A Campbell, DCC

09/39 Declarations of Interest Nil

09/40 Minutes of the meeting held on 4th February 2009

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

09/41 Matters arising from the minutes. Nil

09/42 County Councillor's report. No report received

09/43 District Councillor's report. NDDC have approved their budget for 2009/10 at an increase of 4.88%. There will be a reduction in expenditure, over the year, amounting to £1m including a number of efficiency savings and others made through the Tough Choices programme.

09/44 Development control matters:

- a. Redcot, Tower Hill Refused by NDDC.
- b. Preston Hill Caravan – NDDC taking enforcement action with owner.
- c. Knapps Close. Letter written to landowner stating that legal advice is being sought. The reasons for the letter were explained to Mr Gardener
- d. 0058 Barbers Cottage – Previously supported
- e. 0066/68 Preston House – Previously supported
- f. 0070 2 Blandford Road - Previously supported
- g. TPO 420-09 The Chantry
- h. 0151 Thatchways Blandford Road. After discussion it was **Proposed by Cllr Ball , Seconded by Cllr Payne Voting Unanimous: that the application should be supported.**
- i. 0153 Goose Corner, Watery Lane. After discussion it was **Proposed by Cllr Ball , Seconded by Cllr Jones Voting Unanimous: that the application should be supported**

09/45 Bills to be paid.

Proposed by: Cllr Ball, Seconded By: Cllr Payne Voting: Unanimous that: the bills on the schedule be paid.

09/46 Other parish matters

- a. **Highways.**
 - i) **Tower Hill** The revised drawing produced by DCC for white lining at the Milesfield corner was approved unanimously.
 - ii) **Barbers Cottage.** A site meeting with DCC Highways and including Clayesmore School was agreed for Fri 6th Mar at 1000hrs.

The Clerk was requested to report potholes in the road from Child Okeford to the A350 at Steepleton Corner.

b. Recreation. The submission of a grant bid.

Hedge cutting - the Clerk reported that he had passed contact details for Mr P Rideout to Cllr Smith.

- c. **Rights of way.**
Cllr Hooper was requested to note the report of the handrails to the wooden footbridge on the footpath to Shroton.
- d. **Vital Villages.** The clerk reported on the launch of Sowing Seeds project.
- e. **Parish Plan.** The maps for the Design Statement have been received. Electronic versions are now required.
- f. **Community Planning.** Cllr Jones reported that he had attended a DT11 partnership meeting.

09/47 To receive a written report from the Iwerne Minster Homewatch. None received.

09/48 Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and The Code of Conduct.

The Clerk briefed the council on the requirement for Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. After discussion it was **Proposed by: Cllr Payne, Seconded By: Cllr Smith Voting: Unanimous that: the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Chairmanship Code of Conduct should be adopted.**

09/49 Risk Management Statement

The Clerk briefed the council on the need for the Risk Management Statement that had been circulated. **It was Proposed by: Cllr Payne, Seconded By: Cllr Ball Voting: Unanimous that: The Risk Management Statement should be adopted.**

09/50 Financial support for a Sports Day. An email had been received from Mrs E Lewis about a planned Sports Day on 30 Aug 09. After discussion it was

Proposed by: Cllr Benfield Seconded By: Cllr Ball Voting: Unanimous that: a 'match funding' grant of up to £150 should be made subject to the council being acknowledged in advertising and a written plan being produced.

09/51 Bid to Sowing Seeds for an Abingdon Hall project The possibility of creating a parish project around the Abingdon Hall was discussed. The Chairman agreed to call a Hall Management Committee meeting. It was agreed that the topic should be discussed at the next council meeting.

09/52 DAPTC matters.

- a. **The appointment of a Community Resilience Officer.** The Clerk explained the requirement to find a volunteer, after discussion he agreed to represent the council and to speak to Mr Peters on his return from holiday.
- b. Insurance Came & Co have produced a policy specifically for parish councils. It was agreed that the clerk should seek a quotation.

09/53 Matters arising from recent correspondence

- a. The Clerk reported that he had spoken Mr John Elphick as a potential internal auditor of the accounts.
- b. A request from Blandford Police for funding support to purchase A Laser Speed Gun was not supported
- c. NNDC Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment is on line at: http://www.north-dorset.gov.uk/index/living/building_planning/planning_policy/local_development_framework/strategic_housing_land_availability_assessment.htm

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as **Wed 8th April 2009** at 7.30pm (note the change of date due to the end of the financial year).

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

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Chairman, Iwerne Minster Parish Council