

# Iwerne Minster Parish Council

## Draft Minutes of a Meeting of Iwerne Minster Parish Council held in the Abingdon Hall on 08 April 2009

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

**In attendance:** Cllr A Campbell, DCC (part time)  
Mr A H Gibb – Clerk to the Council  
7 members of the public

Public questions: Mr Pike raised concerns about the proposed development at Brook Bungalow. Mr Peters said that the For Sale signs on the A350 were obscuring the speed limit signs.

**09/54 Apologies for absence:** Cllr Mrs D Benfield, Mrs D Croney (NDDC).

**09/55 Declarations of Interest** Nil

Before the meeting commenced, The Chairman invited all present stand in memory of Matthew Bird.

**09/56 Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

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

**09/57 Matters arising from the minutes.** Abingdon Hall project to remain as agenda item in future.

**09/58 County Councillor's report.** The Chairman read a report from the County Councillor

**09/59 District Councillor's report.** The Chairman read a report from the District Councillor

**09/60 Development control matters:**

- a. 0028 - 3 The Glebe Withdrawn by applicant
- b. 0058 Barbers Cottage – Approved by NDDC
- c. 0070 2 Blandford Road – Approved by NDDC
- d. 0181 Meadowsend. It was **Proposed by Cllr Payne, Seconded by Cllr Ball Voting Unanimous: that that there was no objection to the application.**
- e. 0199 Brook Bungalow – Following considerable discussion, it was **Proposed by Cllr Ball, Seconded by Cllr Hooper. Voting Unanimous: that the application should be opposed on the grounds of current house built in 1972, overdevelopment, not in keeping, no requirement, access issues.**
- f. 08/1132 Redcot, Tower Hill Refused by NDDC. Appeal submitted. Clerk to reinforce the council's concerns.
- g. 0213 Garage Blandford Road. It was **Proposed by Cllr Ball, Seconded by Cllr Jones Voting Unanimous: that there was no objection to the application.**
- h. **0265 Wetherby, Church Hill.** It was **Proposed by Cllr Ball, Seconded by Cllr Jones Voting Unanimous: that there was no objection to the application.**
- i. Tree works at The Maltings, supported.
- j. 0066/68 Preston House – Approved by NDDC
- k. Preston Hill Caravan – No further information from NDDC
- l. Knapps Close. NDDC requested to investigate building regulations / conservation infringements. Legal ownership of land is still ongoing

**09/61** The Clerk briefed the council on the state of the Parish Council account at the end of the FY. The Chairman countersigned the bank reconciliation.

**09/62 Bills to be paid.**

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

**09/63 Other parish matters:**

- a. **Highways.**
  - i) The Clerk reported that Tower Hill lining was complete.

- ii) **Barbers Cottage.** A site meeting was held with DCC but the scheme was rejected by DDC Highways Planners. Drainage works on A350 are in progress. DCC have been requested to restore the damaged grass at the war memorial. Barbers Cottage scheme is now passed to Mr S Howard.
- b. **Recreation.** The submission of a grant bid for posts and a white line marker is in hand. Hedge cutting has been completed
- c. **Rights of way.** The Chairman reported that the bridge on the Shrotton path has been investigated and found not to be urgent. The bridge on the path to the cricket field has had soil washed away which would be replaced by hardcore. A diversion order for FP7 at Clayesmore has been supported.
- d. **Vital Villages.**  
Post Office. Progress is being made; plans for outreach in Abingdon Hall are not required.
- e. **Parish Plan / Design Statement.** Nothing to Report.
- f. **Community Planning.** Cllr Jones reported on DT11 and CPEND meetings that he had attended.

**09/64 To receive a written report from the Iwerne Minster Homewatch.** Mr Peters gave a verbal report on Homewatch matters including a recent burglary in The Paddocks.

**09/65 DAPTC matters.**

- a. The need for a Community Resilience Officer is delayed due to funding. Nomination submitted.
- b. Clerk's Salary Award for 08/09 has been agreed. There is currently an under provision in the budget.
- c. There is a DCC consultation on Culture Strategy – details are on Dorsetforyou.
- d. GIS Licensing costs from DCC may have to be passed on in future.

**09/66 Freedom of Information Act Publication Scheme.** The Clerk brief the council on the requirement  
**Proposed by: Cllr Payne, Seconded By: Cllr Jones Voting: Unanimous: That the scheme be adopted**

**09/67** The Chairman proposed that a letter on congratulations should be written to William Newland who has recently won the national Individual National Biathlon Championships for Year 8. **Agreed**

**09/68 Matters arising from recent correspondence**

- a. An email had been received from the Chairman of the Blandford Leisure Centre Action Group. After discussion it was agreed that he should be invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on 22 April.
- b. The format for the Annual Parish Meeting was agreed.

In accordance with Standing Orders the Chairman thanked members of the public for attending. The council continued in closed session.

**09/69** The Chairman outlined the Clerk's contract and Terms of Employment which were available for members to scrutinise. Two copies of the contracts were signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

The Annual Parish Meeting was set for **22 April 2009** at 7.30pm in the Abingdon Hall.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as **Wed 6<sup>th</sup> May 2009** at 7.30pm. This will be the Annual General Meeting of the council.

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

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Chairman, Iwerne Minster Parish Council