

IWERNE MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held in the Abingdon Hall on
Wednesday 7th January 2009 commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT Councillors John Hooper, Chairman,
Mike Jones, Dianne Benfield, Jill Ball, Rob Smith, + Geoff Peters. (Home Watch) and Tony Gibb
(DAPTC)

ATTENDANCE Derek J. Stanley (Clerk) and 3 members of The Public.

09/01 APOLOGIES. Terry Payne, Deborah Croney and Angus Campbell.

09/02 THE MEETING The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

09/03 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council's meeting held on 3rd December 2008 be approved. Also signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

09/04 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES a) The Clerk reported some minor adjustments to the figures reported. These were noted and changes made by the Clerk. Also a) The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Dorset Highways Dept as to a proposed Highway improvements. The A 350 outside 'Barbers Cottage', would await DCC report later. Members awaited further information from the Engineer and asked for a report to a future meeting. On these matters. b) The Clerk reported that the Laptop referred to would be delivered soon. c) Reference to Mrs Lois Rose related to a matter of supply of equipment to Abingdon Hall. (DCA) These matters were duly noted.

09/05 The Chairman reported that it was with deep regret that he must report the deaths of Mr David Woodhouse and Mr Jack Clavin, both well known and respected in the village. Members stood for a few moments silence.

09/06 MEMBERS INTERESTS.

Cllr Jones in respect of Road improvements outside Barbers Cottage off the A 350.
Cllr Ball as to 08/0679, Garage in Tower Hill, ('Redcote')

09/07 PLANNING. Cllr Jill Ball reported on the following :-

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| a. 2008/1111 Development at Preston House, | No objection by IMPC but refused by NDDC. |
| b. 2008/1121 Development at Goose Corner, Watery Lane, | Objection by IM. |
| c. 2008/1122 | Objection by IM. |
| d. Tree work at Brook Cottage. | Refer to Tree Officer. |
| e. 2008/1132. Objection. Small site and garage is in front of building line. Detrimental to village amenity and to Village plan. | |

09/08 RECREATION: a) Cllr Benfield reported that no major problems were existing, however it was noted that Moles were busy in some areas. There was a need to find a suitable mole catcher -- Terry might help.

09/09 ROADS AND TRANSPORT Cllr Smith reported that there was recorded good road sweeping and maintenance with ditching in the village, some minor matters referred to DCC 'Clarence' system, Also the system of recording problems had also improved.

09/10 HOME WATCH Mr Geoff Peters gave a report and included a reference to matters of co-operation with residents. Leaflets had been distributed and advice given where possible. It may be possible to provide information on Council Notice boards. This report was noted with thanks. Mr Peters indicated that he would be unable to attend the next meeting.

09/11 RIGHTS OF WAY. No problems reported.

09/12 COMMUNITY PLANNING and DAPTC Cllr Jones gave Members an update as to his work on Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils. A recent meeting in the north of the area had brought forward a number of new members on the group.

09/13 PARISH PLANNING AND DESIGN. Cllr Payne was unable to be present but was dealing with a matter of the Parish Plan and NDDC. A report would be received at a future meeting. NOTED.

09/14 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS.

- a. **Cllr Croney NDDC.** See appendix attached on matters referred to under this item. Including a 'Safe Driving Campaign'; DCC budget; Recycling policy.

09/15 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED DURING DECEMBER

- a. A list of correspondence received during December 08 was referred to by the Chairman and duly noted by Members. See attached list.
- b. The Chairman expressed regret at the Clerks Resignation and gave thanks to Mr Stanley for his work over the past time. Clearly the action to find a successor would be a priority. One bright spot was that The Chairman had obtained the temporary services of Mr Gibb from Sixpenny Handley and working for DAPTC who would service the Council meetings in the short term. Members expressed support at this short term action.

09/16 ACCOUNTS & BALANCES

Accounts to be authorised for payment :-

a. 579 Clerk's Salary. For 5 weeks to 7 rd January 09 @ £40 pwk	£ 200.00	
plus expenses. Miles to the village	£6.58	
Broad Band and Norton	£10	
Phone and other costs and (IT)	£5	
Ancillary supplies	£10	
Use of Home and Stationary	£5	£236.58.
b. Abingdon Hall Rent		£10.00
c. 580 'Banyards' Grass Cutting.		£1069.97

d. Precept for 2009/10 to fix funding. Chairman said that there was to be a further meeting.

e. External Audit. For 2007/2008. Complete and clear.

09/17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a. Mr Peters Expressed views as to a 20mph limit for the village. Cllr Campbell thought that this might present problems to the Police and others. To be reviewed later.
- b. It was requested that efforts continue with the various traffic measures for the village and they be kept on the agenda.
- c. Concern was expressed s to the future of the shop and PO. It was now closed and some residents might be glad of assistance with pensions and shopping. It was agreed to support a meeting arranged soon and also find out if the Church could help via their publication. (Sheelagh Duly) Co-ordination and more enquiries might help. The Parish Council had no specific duty to assist in this matter and may not be able to spend any money.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 4th February 2008 in the Abingdon Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.26 pm.

Chairman Iwerne Minster Parish Council