

Minutes of the Parish Council monthly meeting held on Monday 3 April 2017 at 7:30pm in West Lulworth village hall.

Councillors present: Mr J Davey (Chairman), Mr N Miller (Vice Chairman), Mr Whittle,

Ms C Matthews, Mr P Maguire, Ms S Jackson, Mr G Dale

In attendance: District Councillor Quinn

Miss E Blake (Clerk)

1 member of the public

<u>Apologies</u> 16/17/156

Apologies received from Councillor de Chazal, County Councillor Lovell and Lt Col Berman.

Declarations of Interest

16/17/157

Councillors Davey and Maguire declared an interest in Estate matters. Councillor (Cllr) Davey declared an interest in planning application 6/2017/0141 and Cllrs Matthews and Jackson declared an interest in planning application 6/2017/0110.

Public Questions and Discussions Period

16/17/158

- a) The recent planning application for 11 Sunnyside raised concerns about the conversion of the garage to a study/office and parking provision.
- b) Mrs King worried that there had been so many changes in the last ten years that it would be difficult to carry out a second home audit.
- c) Mrs King gave updates on bus services. The tourist bus started on the first day of winter and was subsidised.

<u>Minutes</u> 16/17/159

The minutes from Monday 6 March 2017 were amended slightly then agreed by all as being an accurate representation of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chairman.

Reports from District and County Councillors

16/17/160

Report from District Councillor Barry Quinn

- a) A decision by the Secretary of State on the Local Government Reorganisation was expected by 27th March but this has been postponed. It is expected that it will be dictated to the six councils who voted for the unitary authority to work with the three councils who voted against it.
- b) Cllr Jackson expressed concern about recent references to 'old men' and felt that it should be remembered that ageism is not acceptable. The recent DAPTC conference had included comments about old people and there was a concern that the forthcoming Purbeck District Council (PDC) housing forums would select attendees based on a younger demographic.
- Cllr Quinn responded that contributors to local Councils and committees were usually those that have the time and the skill set to do the job.
- c) The possible future, if a unitary authority is formed, was discussed. Cllr Quinn pondered that if benefits and planning matters were still applied locally then there would need to be a building

locally. There could possibly be a boundary review and the Purbeck district could expand to make a larger district. Cllr Davey suggested that there should still be a strong local presence and good public service provision.

- d) Cllr Matthews enquired why building of the Fishermen's huts at the Cove had ceased. It was said to be due to subsidence and Cllr Matthews thought there should be something in place to prevent an accident.
- e) The toilets at the Cove were reported as being dirty and cleaning was not thought to be being carried out properly.

ACTION: Cllr Quinn to report the toilets to PDC.

Cllr Quinn and Councillor Whittle left the meeting at 8:20pm.

Planning Applications/ Updates on Previous Applications

16/17/161

a) WITHDRAWN: 6/2016/0779 Albion Villas, Main Road, West Lulworth, BH20 5RL – Erection of a 2-bed detached dwelling with associated parking and amenity space.

Comment was made that enforcement on the Albion Villas needed to be pursued.

Cllr Whittle returned to the meeting at 8:30pm.

Cllr Matthews left the meeting at 8:30pm.

b) 6/2017/0110 St Marys House Main Road, West Lulworth, BH20 5RL: An application to erect a double garage with first floor office was discussed. It was felt that there were no grounds to refuse it in planning terms and it was agreed there were no objections to the application.

ACTION: Clerk to forward comments to PDC.

Cllr Matthews returned to the meeting at 8:40pm.

c) 6/2017/0141 11 Sunnyside Road, West Lulworth, BH20 5RT: Amendments to street facing elevation and extension to rear. There were concerns that it is a very confined area at Sunnyside and the removal of parking spaces could make that worse. A staircase was identified on the plans as not leading to anywhere. A proper drainage plan was thought to be necessary and a structural engineer's report due to the proposed movement of the retaining wall.

ACTION: Decision to be deferred to the next meeting. Clerk to request further information from PDC about structural engineering, proposals for parking and

Tree Works Applications / Updates on Previous Applications

16/17/162

a) TWA/2017/047 Mary's Cottage, Britwell Drive, West Lulworth, BH20 5RS: An application to fell 1 x sycamore tree within the Conservation Area was discussed. Cllr Matthews informed the meeting that the tree is in amongst other trees that are better specimens.

ACTION: Clerk to inform PDC that there are no objections to the tree works.

<u>Finance</u> 16/17/163

- a) The annual accounts for 2016/17 was approved.
- b) The following were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr Matthews and seconded by Cllr Miller:

Staff wages (March) Cheque number 000884 £402.96 Wreath Cheque number 000885 £ 25.00

Footpath rental Cheque number 000886 £ 2.00
Grass cutting Cheque number 000887 £ 90.00
Stationery Cheque number 000888 £153.50

c) The following receipts were noted:

Interest on playground account (March) £ 0.17

New Items for Discussion or Report

16/17/164

a) Cllr Dale was agreed as the representative for the village hall.

ACTION: Clerk to forward details to village hall secretary.

- b) There is currently a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. An election may be called if more than ten electors request it before Wednesday 5 April. Thereafter the Parish Council can appoint a Parish Councillor by co-option.
- c) A Housing White Paper: Fixing our broken housing market is a consultation issued by the government. Cllr Jackson pointed out the problems such as affordable housing is not genuinely affordable. Recent information from Dorset County Council showed the median income as £30,000 but to buy an affordable property would need an income of more than £60,000. ACTION: Cllr Jackson to submit a response on behalf of the Parish Council.

Ongoing Actions/ Updates from Previous Meetings

16/17/165

a) The war memorial works should be able to proceed without delays due to the weather conditions.

ACTION: Cllr Miller to contact Brian Rigler to commence building works.

b) The PDC proposal to transfer the Cove toilets to Lulworth Estate is in contravention of PDC's own public toilets policy.

ACTION: Clerk to arrange meeting with PDC Officer Richard Conway, solicitor David Fairbairn and Cllr Quinn.

c) Listing of the telephone boxes has been compiled into a report but the Clerk has been unable to forward it.

ACTION: Clerk to forward the report before the next meeting.

- d) A complaints procedure policy was put forward to the Parish Council and was agreed by all.
- e) Mileage allowance claim forms were distributed. Amendments to the claimant should be made to include the Clerk.

ACTION: Clerk to amend forms and re-distribute.

Feedback from Meetings

16/17/166

a) Cllr Jackson had attended the DAPTC annual conference. Bridport Town Council has been working with ten Parish Councils who buy services from it. Comment has been made that it is essentially a district council but privatised.

<u>Training</u> 16/17/167

A training timetable was circulated to Councillors.

<u>Highways</u> 16/17/168

a) 6 May 2017: Jurassic Beast cycle race will course through West Lulworth. Cllr Jackson queried if hand held speed indicator devices pick up cyclists' speed as it would be useful to have evidence of whether cyclists are speeding.

b) Road repairs to C8 (Lulworth to Winfrith road) are now not considered to be in a poor or unsafe condition although there are signs of surface deterioration. Areas will be monitored and repaired as necessary but no major improvement is being planned.

Dates of the Next Parish Council Meeting

16/17/169

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 8 May 2017 at 7:30pm at West Lulworth Village Hall.

With no further business, the meeting was closed by the Chairman at 10:25pm.	
Chairman:	Date: