



Minutes of the Parish Council monthly meeting held on Monday 8 January 2018 at 7:30pm in West Lulworth village hall.

Councillors present: Mr J Davey (Chairman), Mr N Miller, (Vice Chairman), Mr E de Chazal, Mr G Dale, Mr P Maguire, Ms C Matthews, Mrs C Neal

In attendance: County Councillor Cherry Brooks
District Councillor B Quinn
Lt Colonel Berman
Miss E Blake (Clerk)
2 members of the public

Apologies

17/18/141

Apologies were received from Councillor Jackson and Whittle.

Declarations of Interest

17/18/142

Councillors Davey and Maguire declared an interest in Estate matters, due to employment.

Public Questions and Discussions Period

17/18/143

a) A minute's silence was held in respect of Mrs Vivienne King, who had recently passed away. Mrs King had been a Parish Councillor for many years and was recently the Transport Representative for the Parish Council.

b) Mr Lance asked what access and accountability could be expected from a unitary authority now that Purbeck District Council (PDC) had voted again for the local government reorganisation, which had resulted in a vote for the change to a unitary authority. Councillor (Cllr) Quinn responded that PDC had taken a pragmatic view on behalf of residents; there was a concern that the unitary authority would come into effect even if PDC were opposed to it and this could result in PDC being side-lined and staff members would be disadvantaged. A letter had been sent to the Secretary of State explaining why PDC had withdrawn its objection and that there were Councillors who were still opposed to it.

A joint committee is looking at ways of working together to save money and, if the unitary proposals go ahead, will shift its focus to setting up the unitary authority. A task and finish group is looking at the new boundaries for wards and the number of Councillors, which is expected to reduce from 211 to about 82.

It is unclear how many parish councils per Councillor there would be. The district and borough boundaries would disappear, and a decision would have to be made on whether the new council would be a district council with county council functions or a county council with district council functions as there could be an effect on the parish council election cycles, resulting in an election needing to be held after two years.

If the district and borough boundaries disappear the wards will be created on electoral equality and the electoral figure is about four thousand per Councillor.

Mr Lance did not feel that local democracy would be enhanced but Cllr Quinn informed the meeting that a group is looking at how local representation is maintained in the future. Hubs may be introduced and the planning function would still need to be fairly local.

Chairman Davey raised concerns about maintaining accountability and transparency.

c) Ms Redman noted there were tree works on the agenda and pointed out that there had been a lot of habitat lost in that area and she hoped for sensitivity on tree work. Chairman Davey agreed there had been a lot of trees taken down and the point would be put forward.

d) Lt Col Berman had nothing to report from the MOD.

Minutes

17/18/144

The minutes from Monday 4 December were agreed as being an accurate representation of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman, subject to the following amendment:

17/18/134 (c) "New seats are need" replaced with "New seats are needed"

Matters Arising from The Minutes of Monday 4 December

17/18/145

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Report from District Councillor Barry Quinn

17/18/146

a) District Councillor Quinn discussed the local government reorganisation during the public discussion period.

b) The Local Plan Review questionnaire has been agreed and will soon be distributed to all households and businesses in Purbeck.

c) Cllr Matthews asked whether the new petrol station being built at Sandford will have a charging point for electric cars. Cllr Quinn was unsure as it is not within his ward, but he offered to find out and respond at the next meeting.

Report from County Councillor Cherry Brooks

17/18/147

a) County Councillor Cherry Brooks informed the meeting that the planning application for a footbridge at Wareham train station had been withdrawn.

b) There is a traffic liaison meeting to be held on Monday 29th November. Cllr Brooks had contacted Dorset Highways about the double yellow lines extension on Church Road and past Durdle Door. Although the DYL's have been approved a consultation period is still required and the legal time frames will mean that some restrictions will not be in place for the spring bank holiday.

c) County Council elections are going to be held at Portland and Tophill due to health problems of the members and Roz King has stepped down so the district and county seat at Bridport will be up for election.

d) Staff at County Council are working with PriceWaterhouseCooper to show what their remit is to ensure efficiencies are driven forward. Culture changes are expected.

e) Cllr Neal thanked Cllr Brook for her assistance in getting Highways to clear the ditch at Marley Wood. Even with recent heavy rain the road has not flooded.

f) Cllr Neal pointed out that there is a flooding issue on the road to Wool, opposite the Coombe Keynes junction. It was thought that the ditches had been cleared out but there was still a drainage issue and some warning signs may be required.

g) Cllr Davey pointed out that the road surface on the road from Lulworth to Winfrith Newburgh between Marley Wood House and the 30mph zone in Winfrith Newburgh needed repair. Cllr Brooks responded that most roads repairs have been postponed to next year but there is a list with works due to be completed this year and she will check it and update Cllr Davey. Cllr Miller gave some background information on the history of the road - there had been a number of accidents on the road due to an inferior surface being applied. Cllr Miller felt that the top dressing had been removed leaving an unsafe surface which was a safety issue particularly on a school bus route.

Feedback from Meetings **17/18/148**

No meetings had been attended.

Planning Applications/ Updates on Previous Applications **17/18/149**

There were no new planning applications.

Tree Works Applications / Updates on Previous Applications **17/18/150**

a) TWA/2017/245 8 Coastguard Cottages, Main Road, West Lulworth, BH20 5RH: (T1) Ash - remove dead wood into a smaller pollard, remove epicormic growth and reshape; (T2) Sycamore - reduce and reshape by 1-2m - West Lulworth Conservation Area.

Resolved that there were were no objections to the application.

b) It was agreed that further tree works in the area would be monitored due to the volume of tree works already taken place.

c) Cllr Dale proposed to provide a report on overgrown trees and bushes, around the village, which needed attending to because they are untidy or a safety issue.

Finance **17/18/151**

a) Cllr Davey read out the external audit return report for the 2016/17 audit and this was noted.

Resolved that the accounting process is brought forward to prevent the situation occurring again.

b) The account summary up to the end of December was noted.

c) The precept setting for 2018/19 was considered. There are significant reserves held by the Parish Council, which was noted in the external auditors report, but much of it has been earmarked for various projects. A modest increase was considered necessary to offset rising costs. Resolved that the precept is increased by 2%.

d) Resolved that the following were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr Miller and seconded by Cllr Dale:

Staff costs	£ 40.50
Staff wages (December)	£ 406.99
Donation towards Church Clock	£1300.00

e) The following receipts were noted:

Interest on playground account (December)	£ 0.20
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New Items for Discussion or Report

17/18/152

- a) The Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole Pre-Submission Draft Mineral Sites Plan and Waste Plan was noted.
- b) The transfer of the Moreys Close playground is being considered by Aster Housing. Cllr Miller suggested the back fence would need replacing prior to any transfer.

Ongoing Actions/ Updates from Previous Meetings

17/18/153

- a) Lulworth Estate representative had indicated that regular maintenance of the hedge at the junction of Church Road and Main Road, rather than complete removal, would be preferred. **Resolved** that Dorset Highways be contacted for removal of the hedge.
- b) Cllr Quinn suggested that Cllr Laura Miller was willing to facilitate talks between the Parish Council and Aster Housing should it be necessary.
- c) Cllr Davey mentioned the Cove gate has been left unlocked causing a safety issue. He asked Cllr Brooks for the County Council view on the operation and liability of the gate. Currently all business owners on the Cove road hold a key for access. The padlock can be easily replaced but Cllr Davey wondered whether the regulation order would need to be amended.

Cllrs Quinn, Cllr Brooks and Lt Col Berman left the meeting at 8:40pm

Training

17/18/154

Training dates were circulated to Councillors.

Highways

16/17/155

- a) Double yellow lines extension and the road surface were discussed earlier in the meeting.
- b) Tuesday 20/Wednesday 21 February 2018: Proposed road closure of A352 at Wool level crossing between the hours of 11:30pm and 6:30am. Objections to be received by 30 January 2018.

Footpaths

16/17/156

- a) Fencing and footpath quotes are needed for the Hazard footpath. A post and rail fence was suggested as being adequate. **Resolved** to request whether JF Watkins & Sons can install a post and rail fence. Lulworth Estate have been putting steps in at the beach and may be able to install them at the Hazard footpath. **Resolved** to request whether Lulworth Estate can install steps at the Hazard footpath.

Correspondence

16/17/157

- a) A county court claim form had been received for alleged charges to the Parish Council for an enquiry made to them about a bus shelter licence. **Resolved** that the Clerk write to the Manager at Humphries Kirk asking for the charge to be cancelled.

Dates of the Next Parish Council Meeting

16/17/158

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 5 February 2018 at 7:30pm at West Lulworth Village Hall.

With no further business, the meeting was closed by the Chairman at 9:00pm.

Chairman: Date: