

## Iwerne Courtney & Stepleton Parish Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 18 December 2019      **Venue:** Shroton Village Hall

**Present:** Cllr Hewitt, Cllr Gibson Fleming and Cllr Barrett  
**In attendance:** 1 Village resident

Agenda item	Discussion points	Action
1. Apologies	Cllr Morris, Cllr Gredley and County Cllr Somper.	
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting	The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2019 having been previously circulated, were agreed; the presiding Chairman duly signed the minutes. Proposed by Cllr Hewitt.	
3. Declaration of Interests	None declared.	
4. Matters Arising	a. Cllr Hewitt reported that a village resident was prepared to look into aspects of fundraising and research of equipment for the future replacement of equipment in the Glebe Play Area. Cllr Hewitt proposed a meeting in early 2020 for likely supporters of this initiative.	Cllr Hewitt – SL Jan 2020
5. Democratic Period with Dorset Council news	a. Dorset Council News – No report available from Cllr J Somper (Beacon Ward). b. Mr T Sullivan addressed the meeting and was subsequently co-opted onto the Iwerne Courtney & Stepleton Parish Council as a Parish Councillor. c. Cllr Hewitt and Cllr Barrett commented on the excessive amount of dog poo in the Fairfield. Proposal for another Fairfield dog poo clearing session mooted. d. Council concluded a brief discussion about the public footpath across the Fairfield cricket pitch. Clerk to look into the process for changes to the Definitive Map for this footpath.	Clerk SL Jan 2020 Clerk – definitive map
6. Correspondence	a. Application to join the parish council – Mr T Sullivan was co-opted onto the Parish Council. b. NALC Consultation: Strengthening police powers to tackle unauthorised encampments. The Iwerne Courtney & Stepleton Parish Council support NALC's views for strengthening Police powers as determined at the points identified in a summary sent to the council prior to the meeting. c. Correspondence from residents regarding the 30 mph Speed Limit were taken at Item 8 Council Projects.	a. Clerk action for Legal & Democratic Services b. Clerk – NALC response
7. Parish Council Representatives	<b>Cllr Gibson Fleming</b> – Parish website assistance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrangements for a future meeting to determine what the Parish website might look like</li> </ul> <b>Cllr Morris</b> - Play Area representative – no report for this meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Gibson Fleming informed the council that the Ranston Estate was constructing a donation box in support of Cllr Hewitt's initiative for fundraising for new paly equipment.</li> </ul>	Cllr Gibson Fleming for dates Cllr Gibson Fleming

	<p><b>Cllr Hewitt</b> – Footpaths and Bridleways representative. –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Hewitt advised the council that he dilapidated stile and inaccessible steps on the Wessex Ridgeway (Beech Clump area) E11/7 (Dorothy's Leap) had been attended to and the finger post sign has been re-sited at the Cross by the Countryside Rangers .</li> </ul> <p><b>Cllr Hewitt</b> - Village Hall representative.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Hewitt advised the council of the highly successful and well supported Village Hall Christmas Dinner and the forthcoming pantomime arrangements.</li> </ul> <p><b>Cllr Gredley</b> – Dorset Council Highways representative – report sent to the Clerk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk advised the council of the developments in Farrington. Clerk to ensure the inclusion of adequate 'window' spacing for both proposed gateways for Dorset Council Highways.</li> </ul> <p><b>Parish Clerk</b> for DAPTC and A350 &amp; C13 Community Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dates for new councillor training sessions not yet on the DAPTC website. Cllrs Gredley, Sullivan &amp; Barrett for training in early 2020.</li> <li>• No activity report available from the A350 Community Group for this meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Parish Clerk</b> – The Glebe and Glebe trees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Hewitt advised the Parish Council of the Tree (Planning) Officer's instructions for replacing a felled Hawthorn at the perimeter of the Glebe Play Area. Cllr Hewitt has organised a replacement tree <i>Prunus Pandora</i> which will be planted as soon as practicable.</li> <li>• Clerk advised the council of the debacle surrounding the permissions for the scheduled work (in a conservation area) to a number of the Glebe trees. Email correspondence from Arboricultural Manager now advises the council that the Tree Planning Officers will not countenance the earlier recommendations made by the Arboricultural Manager for work to Glebe trees TPO/533/2015. The Parish Council remains apprehensive and concerned at the indications from the Tree Planning Officers regarding the retention of species at TPO/533/2105.</li> <li>• Clerk advised that the renewed grass cutting contract (Dec 2019 – Nov 2022) between Iwerne Valley Lawn Maintenance (IVLM) and the Parish Council is confirmed and in a renewed contract in place.</li> </ul>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk Jan 2020</p> <p>Clerk – contact Tree Planning Officers and copy to council insurers</p>
<p>8. Parish Council Projects</p>	<p><b>Proposed 30 M.P.H. Speed Limit</b></p> <p>Cllr Hewitt requested this matter remain an agenda item for the foreseeable future, particularly in light of the support expressed by village residents at the Democratic Period at earlier meetings and in recent correspondence with a village resident. Cllr Hewitt to respond to village residents concerning the continued discussions around a proposed speed limit. Correspondence from residents concerning the proposed 30 mph speed limit will be kept in the Chairman's folder and used in future council discussions.</p> <p><b>Road Traffic Gateways for Farrington</b></p> <p>Clerk advised the council of the current situation for the road traffic gates for Farrington. Clerk to contact Dorset Council Highways to ensure the inclusion of adequate 'window' spacing for both proposed gateways and to determine how best to clean existing gateways in the Parish. Clerk to place order for two road traffic gates after revised artwork for the gates is approved by the council. These gates will cost £2140.47 and will be shown on the council's Property &amp; Asset Register in due course.</p>	<p>Clerk – 7 @ Dec 2019</p> <p>Clerk – Highways &amp; Came &amp; Co correspondence</p>
<p>9. Finance Matters</p>	<p>a. Precept 2020 – 2021 council discussion No 1. Clerk to re-configure and allocate contingency funds as discussed and directed by the Parish Council for discussion No 2. 15 January 2020.</p> <p>b. Council authorised payment to Iwerne Valley Lawn Maintenance – Glebe grass cutting Nov 16 2019 <b>£45</b></p>	<p>Clerk</p>

	<p>c. Council authorised payment to Shroton Cricket Club – play area grass cutting <b>£200</b></p> <p>d. NOT USED</p> <p>e. Council authorised payment to Mr N Smith – Parsonage Bessells allotments October 2019 – September 2021 <b>£130</b></p> <p>f. Council authorised payment to Mr J Bird – hosting and security fees for Parish website <b>£71.28</b></p> <p>g. Council authorised payment to Mrs E Kingsbury – Clerks salary &amp; costs 17 July – 18 December 2019 <b>£1127.29</b></p> <p>h. Council authorised payment to HMRC PAYE 17 July – 18 December 2019 <b>£266.60</b></p> <p>j. Council authorised payment to Castle Gardens (Sherborne) for replacement tree on the Glebe <b>£ 85</b></p> <p>k. NOT USED</p> <p>m. Record of expenditure to 18 December 2019 signed by Chairman and RFO retention</p>	Clerk x7
10. Planning Matters	<p>a. 2/2019/0405/LBC - St Mary's Church, Stepleton House, A350 Troy Town to Okeford Road, Iwerne Stepleton, Dorset. Proposal: Remove existing window and replace with stained glass window of two lights and one tracery to fill the south opening in the Chancel and carry out associated internal and external alterations. This application was tabled at the 18 December 2019 Parish Council meeting where Cllr J Hewitt presented her comments and observations for this application. The Parish Council has no objections or further comments to add for this proposed development.</p>	Clerk – DC Planning
11. Other Matters for next PC meeting	None tabled.	

The Presiding Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:30 pm.

The date of the next meeting: Wednesday 15 January 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Shroton Village Hall.

Chairman .....

Date.....

Iwerne Courtney & Stepleton Parish Council

(To be signed and dated by the presiding Chairman after approval at the next Parish Council Meeting)

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