

Iwerne Courtney & Stepleton Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 15 July 2020

Venue: Remote meeting google. meet.google.com/fau-xvtb-zdx

Present: Cllr Hewitt, Cllr Gibson Fleming, Cllr Gredley, Cllr Barrett and Cllr Sullivan

In attendance: County Councillor Somper, Mr Martin Coleman and Miss Claire Watson

Agenda item	Discussion points	Action
1. Apologies	None taken	
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting	The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2020 having been previously circulated, were agreed; the presiding Chairman duly signed the minutes. Proposed by Cllr Barrett and seconded by Cllr Gredley.	
3. Declaration of Interests	Cllr Barrett Item 10a.	
4. Matters Arising Clerk has sought advice from the Dorset Council Arboriculture Manager.	<p>a. Re-opening the Play Area July 2020. This matter was taken at Parish Council representatives – Cllr Hewitt for the Play Area at Item 8.</p> <p>b. Motorcycles on the A350 – Clerk instructed to coordinate attendance of representatives from Dorset Highways Road Safety Team, Dorset Police and a member of the A350/C13 Community Group for the 19 August 2020 council meeting to discuss the practice of racing around the bends on the A350 by motorcyclists. The council considers this seasonal activity to be a serious road hazard to drivers, farmers, horse riders and cyclists and a highly unreasonable intrusion on the lives of residents living and working along the A350.</p> <p>c. Donation of a Horse Chestnut tree on the Glebe – Cllr Sullivan revisited this matter, and asked the council if it supported any of the locations identified for potential planting of this donated tree on the Glebe. The council is unconvinced for the need to plant another large tree on the Glebe and remains mindful of the future costs of maintaining and insuring such a specimen. Cllr Sullivan to contact the donors and thank them for their generous offer and advise them of the council's decision.</p> <p>d. The water weed in the River Iwerne (Glebe Stream), Main Street – Clerk having previously described the confusion over responsibility for maintenance of the river bank and water course of the River Iwerne provided the council with Riparian Ownership information and explained that such ownership is often not clearly recorded and can be rebutted by additional information. The Clerk understands that No 1 The Glebe, Iwerne Courtney (registered at the Land Registry under title number DT234937) is accountable for half the soil up to the centre line of the water in the River Iwerne, and is required to maintain the banks and bed of the watercourse which includes any trees and shrubs growing on the bank and any flood defences that exist on it. Ownership of the other half of the soil (opposite bank) is unclear at this time.</p>	<p>Clerk action and Shroton Lines</p> <p>Clerk action and Shroton Lines</p> <p>Cllr Sullivan</p> <p>Clerk to Dorset Council for further information.</p> <p>Cllr Hewitt for owner of No 1 The Glebe.</p>

<p>5. Democratic Period - Dorset Council and Parish Council</p>	<p>The July 2020 report from County Councillor Somper was circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Somper had not joined at the start of the meeting. Cllr Somper spoke at the end of the meeting after Planning Matters – main points:</p> <p>The Dorset Economy During May and June Dorset Council distributed over £100m in grants from National Government to support local businesses. Dorset was given the 5th largest sum in the UK to distribute and it is an outstanding achievement by the small team of Officers, that this work was completed well before some of our neighbouring authorities. Dorset Council received a further £6m of discretionary grants which has now been allocated to those businesses that fell between the gaps and I'm happy to say that several businesses in the Beacon Ward were successful in receiving some monies. The Council, and in particular, Cllr Gary Suttle (Portfolio Holder responsible), the Leader of the Council, Cllr Spencer Flower and Simon Hoare MP, continue to lobby further funding.</p> <p>Highways - Temporary pavement widening, pedestrianisation and one-way schemes have been introduced in towns to facilitate social distancing and queuing for newly re-opened shops. Dorset Council will be bidding for funding for more long-term schemes including "green re-set" proposals. In the meantime, work continues on maintaining local roads, including planned resurfacing. There is a consultation currently underway on walking and cycling routes (link below) this will help the Council with identifying suitable places for any new or improved infrastructure. https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/your-council/consultations https://dorsetsafestreetsmap.commonplace.is/</p> <p>County Lines - Dorset Council is working with Dorset Police responding to increased anti- social behaviour and, in particular, activity around county lines. Residents are urged to be on the lookout for signs of increased county lines activity and report concerns to the police. Look out for unusual behaviour such as youngsters with more cash than usual, unknown vehicles or taxis taking young people.</p> <p>Dorset Libraries - will begin a phased reopening from July 8th. There will be a focus on the safety of visitors and library employees and there will be an order and collect service for existing users. Customers will be able to order their chosen categories and books and other items to collect at an allocated time from local libraries. The order line can be accessed either online at www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/libraries from 8th July or by telephone for those without digital access on 01305 228400.</p> <p>Trees – The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) are carrying out a consultation on the future of England's trees, something that is hugely important to the protection of the environment and improvement and support to bio-diversity. Take part in the consultation and help design a new England Tree strategy. This will ensure that trees are established and managed for the many benefits they provide for people, the economy, the climate and nature itself. https://consult.defra.gov.uk/forestry/england-tree-strategy/?fbclid=IwAR3K373VFL_gfn7M1vjXgOYAoT4yjimunol_uAxt5-6U-FALO6u2Jw17_c1U</p> <p>The Chairman invited Mr M Coleman to discuss his concerns regarding the proposed planning application 2/2020/0767/HOUSE. Mr Coleman advised the council that he considers the proposed application to be unacceptable particularly to the loss of privacy (1st floor extension windows), the loss of light due to the proposed size of the development with the potential for encroachment, specifically so close to his adjoining property. Mr Coleman considers the proposed application out of proportion for the village character and that the proposals do not protect or enhance the local landscape. Cllr C Barrett stated that the proposed application proposals would adversely overlook her property, that she would lose light and historical views</p>	
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	<p>due to the proposed size of the development. Miss C Watson agreed with the concerns of Mr Coleman and Cllr Barrett and added that the area behind the Victorian cottages is already overshadowed and the proposed extension would make the area darker. The Chairman thanked the residents for their attendance and contributions and encouraged them to stay to hear the council discuss the planning applications at Planning Matters.</p>	
6. Correspondence	<p>a. Letter from Rt. Hon. Simon Hoare MP – ‘a huge, sincere and heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you who have done, and are doing, so much to provide support and comfort for our communities’ ...</p>	Clerk copied to council prior to meeting
7. Parish Council Representatives	<p>Cllr Gibson Fleming – Parish website assistance – no report for this meeting. Cllr Hewitt – Footpaths and Bridleways representative – no report for this meeting. Cllr Hewitt – The Glebe Play Area - the council discussed the Covid-19 regulations and logistics for re-opening the play area on 21 July 2020. Cllr Barrett asked to complete Risk Assessment for access strategy, Cllr Gredley requested to inspect an item of play equipment (rocking horse), Cllr Hewitt to inspect other play equipment and play area surfaces. Clerk to produce posters for re-opening with Covid-19 guidelines and safety advice and inform the council’s insurance company of the proposed date for re-opening the play area. Cllr Gredley – Dorset Council Highways representative – no report for this meeting. Cllr Sullivan – The Glebe and Parish trees – no report for this meeting. Cllr Hewitt - Village Hall representative – no report for this meeting. Parish Clerk – DAPTC & A350/C13 Community Group – no report for this meeting.</p>	<p>Cllr Barrett action Cllr Gredley action Cllr Hewitt action</p> <p>Clerk x 2 actions plus Shroton Lines</p>
8. Parish Council Projects	<p>Village Traffic Calming This matter was not discussed at the July 2020 council meeting.</p>	
9. Finance Matters	<p>Finance papers and books delivered to Chairman prior to the date of the meeting for review and signature of Items a – d on 15 July 2020. RFO to collect, sign at Items b – d 16 July 2020 and dispatch to AGAR authority on completion.</p> <p>a. Chairman signed Section 2 Accounting Statements 2019-2020. b. Chairman and RFO signed Certificate of Exemption AGAR 2019/2020 Part 2. c. Chairman and RFO to signed Receipts & Payments Book for FY ending 31 March 2020. d. Chairman and RFO signed revised Property & Asset Book June 2020 on inclusion of Farrington Road gateway e. RFO to display notice for the period of the Exercise of Public Rights from 17 July - 2020 f. Council approved payment to Iwerne Valley Lawn Maintenance – Glebe grass cutting 4/6 & 25/6 £90 g. Council approved payment to DAPTC Annual Subscription 2020/2021 £146.90 h. Council approved payment to Mrs. E Kingsbury Clerks salary and costs 19 March – 15 July 2020 £1060.23 i. Council approved payment to HMRC (PAYE) 19 March – 15 July 2020 £253 j. Record of expenditure to 15 July 2020 signed by Chairman for RFO retention</p>	<p>Clerk action Proposed Cllr Barrett and 2nd Cllr Sullivan</p>

10. Planning Matters	<p>a. 2/2020/0767/HOUSE - Hambledon House, Fairfield Road, Shroton, Dorset, DT11 8QA Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015. Proposal - Erect first floor and single storey extension. Cllr Sullivan provided comments and observations for council discussion. The council discussed the proposed application, objected to the planning proposals and instructed the Clerk to inform Dorset Council Planning Process team of its findings. The Parish Council objects to this application on the following grounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The council considers aspects of the application's overall size for the proposed development to be unwarranted for its location and in particular, out of character when considering the row of six Victorian cottages (Ivy Porch Cottages) behind the proposed development site and the cottage and listed houses on either side of Hambledon House. The council suggests the proposals are not sensitive to or supportive of the unique village design and local heritage location. ii. The council also considers the significant increase of building mass for the proposed work to be excessive for a development on a relatively small plot of land in a conservation area and Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. iii. The council is supportive of the residents of the Victorian cottages behind the proposed development site, particularly with the adverse effects for the potential loss of light, loss of privacy (due to being overlooked by the rear windows of the first floor extension), the detrimental impact from encroachment the application currently indicates, together with the obstruction and potential loss of historic views currently enjoyed by the residents of the Victorian cottages. iv. The council considers the current proposals do not enhance or preserve aspects of the immediate local area, and would have a detrimental effect on long distance views of the village from the path down from Hambledon Hill, which provides a view over this part of the village. The council further suggests that the size and profile of the proposed front extension would have an undesirable and urbanising impact on the location i.e. open approach and descent routes from the ancient hill fort of Hambledon Hill. 	<p>Clerk Planning action</p> <p>Clerk Planning action</p>
11. Other Matters for next PC meeting	a. The Parish Council will meet in August 2020 to discuss the speeding motorcyclists on the A350 issue.	

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7:56 pm.

The proposed date of the next meeting: Wednesday 19 August 2020 at 7:00 pm.

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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