

Iwerne Courtney & Stepleton Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 21 October 2020 **Venue:** Remote meeting – Google com/brp.woxf-jcn

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

In attendance: County Councillor Somper

Agenda item	Discussion points	Action
1. Apologies	None taken.	
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting	The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2020 having been previously circulated, were agreed; the presiding Chairman duly signed the minutes. Proposed by Cllr Barrett and seconded by Cllr Gredley.	
3. Chairman's announcements	a. The village defibrillator. Cllr Hewitt advised the council that three residents had contacted her concerning an earlier urgent request for village residents to take the lead for the maintenance and funding of, and community training for this emergency equipment. As the Parish Council does not own this equipment, the volunteers reluctantly withdrew their support because the legal implications for ownership and insurance were considered untenable for individual members of the community. Cllr Hewitt to contact the Community Heartbeat Trust; Clerk to contact local Clerks and the council's insurance company to determine informed good practice regarding ownership of this type of emergency equipment.	Cllr Hewitt/Clerk
4. Declaration of Interests	a. None taken	
5. Matters Arising	<p>a. Council action after 'Motorcycles on the A350' discussion 16 September 2020. The council discussed the previous meeting and decided to maintain its activities regarding influencing and emphasising the importance of this matter, particularly as the season for this intrusive behaviour draws to a close.</p> <p>b. Clerk described an enquiry about the administration and updating of the Parish website. Observations from Cllrs Barrett, Gredley and Sullivan were taken. Cllr Barrett booked to attend DAPTC website accessibility session and to advise the council of current requirements at the next meeting.</p> <p>c. Clerk requested the council consider a date for the Annual Parish Meeting 2020. Annual Parish Meeting will take place on 18 November 2020 at 6:30 pm and will be followed by the November monthly meeting.</p> <p>d. Cllr Sullivan to provide response template for the council's submission to the Planning White Paper and Government consultation.</p> <p>e. Cllr Hewitt requested council members to inspect the Parish rock salt bins as soon as practicable. Cllr Gibson Fleming requested to confirm the location of the council owned rock salt being stored on the Ranston Estate.</p>	<p>Clerk for March 2021 agenda – A350 & C13 CG, Dorset Police (E) Road Safety Team leads</p> <p>Cllr Barrett for Nov meeting Clerk – publicise and provide previous minutes</p> <p>Cllr Sullivan and Clerk to dispatch completed consultation document</p> <p>Cllr Gibson Fleming</p>

	<p>f. Clerk confirmed annual drains maintenance inspection was imminent. Cllr Gredley expressed a wish to accompany the Community Highways Officer (N). Clerk to reiterate to the need to examine the highway drainage at the entrance of access road to Everley Farm settlement (A350 junction, Stepleton bends).</p>	Clerk
<p>6. Democratic Period - Dorset Council and Parish Council</p>	<p>County Cllr Somper provided the Clerk with her monthly report for October 2020 prior to the meeting. The following points for note and reference.</p> <p>Planning White Paper - The White Paper proposes a wholesale review of the planning process, which will mean significantly less consultation and public involvement. The public will be consulted regarding the allocation of all land into one of three zones, Growth Areas, Renewal Areas and Protected areas. It is envisaged that that there would be limited local democratic involvement in proposed planning applications in two of the three zones i.e. Growth and Renewal, and any planning permission would be granted automatically. Any input from local communities would transfer to much earlier phase in the planning process, where communities and residents would be asked about which of the zones land should be allocated within the three defined areas.</p> <p>The likelihood is that there will be no further planning consultations with Parishes, thus removing the ability and facility for local councils and its residents, to comment on proposals with the Planning Committee regarding the sites as the identified zones for growth and renewal. The numbers of homes would be formed from a national formula with numbers allocated to areas from Central Government.</p> <p>Boosting broadband in rural areas - Dorset Council is appealing to parish councils to help spread the word that help is available to boost broadband in rural areas. Dorset has topped up the government's gigabit rural voucher scheme to enable even more communities to receive faster broadband. If a household or business receives broadband speeds of less than 100 Mbs (megabits per second) and they are in rural postcode (as defined by the Office for National Statistics) they are eligible for a voucher. With just the government scheme alone each household could claim £1,500 and a business £3,500 towards receiving a faster broadband service. However, with the Dorset Council top-up, this has been boosted to £2,500 per residential household and £6,000 for businesses.</p> <p>A350 and C13 - Dorset Council Cabinet have agreed proposals on work to stabilise the slopes at Dinah's Hollow on the C13 at Melbury Abbas. This is likely to require the C13 being closed for several months once a final decision has been made. Cllr Somper to be involved with these discussions, particularly as alternative options are investigated together with important mitigation measures being put in place to deal with the impact of the road closure on surrounding communities and businesses.</p> <p>Support for Community and Voluntary Sector - Dorset Council is making grants available from its Leisure Development Fund, for Parish Councils and community organisations. Grants of up to £5,000 are available to support initiatives which benefit the people in Dorset. The closing date is end of December and full details are available on the Dorset Council website.</p> <p>Welfare Checks to support Dorset residents through Covid-19 - Residents who have been told they must self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace are to receive welfare checks from Dorset Council and partners in the community response to coronavirus.</p>	<p>Clerk – Shroton Lines</p> <p>Clerk - information for village website, noticeboards, newsletter and postcards to promote this initiative.</p> <p>Clerk for website and Shroton Lines Nov 2020</p>

	<p>https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/emergencies-severe-weather/emergencies/coronavirus/test-and-trace-support-payment/nhs-test-and-trace-support-payment.aspx If you are aware of a resident/s already isolating at home because of Covid-19 who needs assistance there are several ways of contacting Dorset Council, details below.</p> <p>https://preview-dorset.cloud.contensis.com/emergencies-severe-weather/emergencies/coronavirus/community-response/i-need-help-or-i-know-someone-who-needs-help-coronavirus-information.aspx</p> <p>Cllr Gredley asked Cllr Somper if several months of road closures for the structural work at Dinah's Hollow was acceptable or necessary given the anticipated impact for communities and businesses along the A350 during these closures. Cllr Somper advised the council that the plans were at present in a proposal format and that considerable planning discussions were to yet to be approved.</p> <p>Cllr Sullivan asked Cllr Somper if it was time to reconsider or rejuvenate the decades old suggestion of a bypass to alleviate the continued problems of the C13 and the detrimental impacts on the A350. Cllr Somper advised the council that a national strategy looking into major roads connectivity to ports remains in progress.</p> <p>Cllr Gibson Fleming outlined a proposal from Wessex Internet for the council to consider. Cllr Gibson Fleming asked the council to support and promote an opportunity for the provision of high-speed full fibre internet connection upgrades for residents of the village. This would provide considerably faster internet connection than the current wireless service. In turn, and depending on the uptake and promotion of this initiative, Wessex Internet would donate £100 per installation to the Village Play Area fund. The council was supportive of the proposal. The Clerk suggested Cllr Gibson Fleming might wish to present his proposal at the Annual Parish Meeting on 18 November 2020. Cllr Hewitt informed the council that the Countryside Rangers had cut the Wildflower Area (opposite village hall) and offered the council's appreciation of this maintenance.</p>	<p>Cllr Gibson Fleming – November 2020</p>
7. Correspondence	<p>a. Council acknowledged receipt of the Clerks collective emails sent 23/9, 1/10, 12/10 and 18/10.</p> <p>b. Blandford Town Council – precept consideration for the maintenance and upkeep of public loos in Blandford.</p> <p>c. NALC – Review of national pay scales – Clerk to obtain advice on revised (April 2020) pay scales. The Clerk expressed concern as to the correct calculation of the revised pay scales (the previous calculation tools and guidance are no longer available). Clerk to seek professional support on how the council is to review her current employment contract and how establish the correct revised salary scale.</p>	<p>Council to consider at Dec 2020/Jan 2021 Precept discussions</p> <p>November 2020</p>
8. Parish Council Representatives	<p>Cllr Gibson Fleming – Parish website assistance – no report for this meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Hewitt – Footpaths and Bridleways representative – no report for this meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Hewitt – The Glebe Play Area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council previously agreed to hold fundraising monies for the refurbishment of the Play Area. <p>Cllr Gredley – Dorset Council Highways representative – no report for this meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Sullivan – The Glebe and Parish trees – no report for this meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Hewitt - Village Hall representative – no report for this meeting.</p> <p>Parish Clerk – DAPTC & A350/C13 Community Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk requested the council to consider the information from County Cllr Jesperson contained in the email round-up 18 October 2020. 	<p>Clerk action as crowdfunding develops</p>

9. Parish Council Projects	Village Traffic Calming This matter was not discussed at the September 2020 council meeting.	
10. Finance Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Clerk advised the council of the arrangements for 2020/2021 concerning Parsonage Bessells Allotments. b. Council approved payment to Iwerne Valley Lawn Maintenance – Glebe grass cutting 21/9 £45. c. Council approved payment to Dorset Council for Glebe trees works identified and authorised in application 2/2020/0115/CATREE £1,350 d. Council advised of the receipt of 2nd Precept payment. e. Record of expenditure to 21 October 2020 to be signed by Chairman for RFO retention. f. Clerk to arrange date for internal audit inspection April – October 2020 	Clerk action A - F
11. Planning Matters	No items tabled.	
12. Other Matters for next PC meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Council to discuss the review of national pay scales and review the current employment contract of the Clerk 	November 2020

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:25 pm.

The Annual Parish Meeting 2020 will take place at 6:30 pm prior to the November 2020 monthly meeting of the Parish Council.

The proposed date of the next meeting: Wednesday 18 November 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Chairman
Iwerne Courtney & Stepleton Parish Council

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

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