

Iwerne Courtney & Stepleton Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 16 September 2020 **Venue:** Remote meeting

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

In attendance: County Councillor Somper, Mr Mike Potter (Dorset Council), Mr Brian Austin (Dorset Police), Mr Trevor Clements (A350 & C13 Group), Kim Cowling and Mr David Sidwick (Conservative candidate for PCC).

Agenda item	Discussion points	Action
1. Apologies	None taken. The Parish Council and its guests introduced themselves and the organisations represented at this meeting. Item 6a refers.	
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting	The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2020 having been previously circulated, were agreed; the presiding Chairman duly signed the minutes. Proposed by Cllr Barrett and seconded by Cllr Sullivan.	
3. Chairman's Address	<p>Cllr Hewitt advised the council:</p> <p>a. Immediate remedial action to Glebe Crack Willow tree SGL/442808/5. A large limb was reported semi-detached from this tree. Cllr Hewitt instructed the Parish Clerk to contact the Dorset Council Arboricultural team designated to complete the planned maintenance in 2/2020/0115/CATREE (essential requirements). A village resident, subsequently, informed Cllr Hewitt, that he was taking photographs of this tree with the intention of sending them to his solicitor as he remained extremely concerned at the council's ability to deal with this situation and complete the planned maintenance schedule for the Glebe trees. The Arboricultural team completed the immediate removal of the detached branch and the planned maintenance of this tree as well as completing the planned maintenance work on a further Crack Willow tree SGL/442816/8. The Arboricultural team will return to complete the remainder of the planned Glebe tree maintenance schedule as soon as possible and as safely to do so.</p> <p>b. The untimely death of a village resident (2 September 2020) raised questions as to the accessibility of the code for the activation of the community defibrillator. The Parish Clerk was instructed to contact the Community Heartbeat Trust (CHT) regarding an accessible cabinet for this kit and instigated the request for an investigation by the CHT into the lack of information for the use of the defibrillator during this emergency. Cllr Hewitt is minded to engage with community leads to initiate a focus group to take on the ownership, funding and training for this vital equipment on behalf of the community. Cllr Hewitt took this opportunity to thank the emergency services and stated that she was extremely proud of the way the immediate neighbours and community pulled together during this emergency. The defibrillator is not owned by the Parish Council. The purchase of a replacement battery for the community defibrillator will be taken at Finance Item 10 H.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Hewitt/Clerk</p>
4. Declaration of Interests	None taken	

5. Matters Arising	<p>a. Motorcycles on the A350 – The Parish Clerk was 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>	
6. Democratic Period - Dorset Council and Parish Council	<p>Cllr Gibson Fleming addressed the meeting informing the guests and public of this on-going issue and the impact it has on people's lives living on the A350. Cllr Gibson Fleming related an earlier incident (September 2019) where he was assaulted by a motorcyclist when trying to speak to them about the noise and impact this is having on the immediate community. Concerns for farm workers, livestock, horse riders, walkers and cyclists were duly explained, as was the need for better monitoring and enforcement action for this type of driving activity. Mr Mike Potter, Dorset Council Road safety Team advised the council that motorcyclists using the highways as race tracks is not isolated to North Dorset roads. There are concerns in other areas of Dorset throughout the summer when similar roads are plagued by racing motorcyclists in the summer evenings. Mr Brian Austin, (Dorset Police Enforcement) further explained that motorcycle racing was the bane of his and his teams' lives and that is was a small minority of motorcyclists who behaved in this way. Mr Austin went on to explain that enforcement action for this type behaviour is extremely difficult to implement and that limited resources hampered any effective policing. Mr Austin explained that his team tackle the issue of speeding motorcyclists by use of signage, education (including social media) and enforcement with any engineering solutions reviewed by Dorset Council i.e. friction strips on bends. Uniformed officers attend and talk to motorcyclists at bike events such as the Poole Quay Bike Nights and work with biker groups advocating safe driving. Mr Austin advised the meeting that his team also manage specific operations targeting road user groups including motorcyclists and provide intervention measures with vehicle examiners targeting adapted exhausts and advised the meeting of the proposed operation on the A350 20 September 2020 and report enforcement action on the 'no excuse' Facebook page to promote Dorset's 'no excuse' policy. The work of the enforcement team will continue; however this is seriously hampered by the lack of resources, both physical and human and has been impacted on with the Covid-19 scenario. Mr Austin's department is reviewing the developments of noise enforcement cameras as being trialled by the Department of Transport. Mr Austin's department support the use and growth of Community Speed Watch (CSW) teams across the county. Mr Trevor Clements (A350 & C13 Community Group) was well aware of this problem and reminded the council and guests that this type of irresponsible motorcycling behaviour was indictable crime and quoted details of the Police Crime Plan priorities around the reduction of people being seriously harmed on the county's roads, increasing satisfaction in policing and effective neighbourhood policing all of which focus on protecting people, including those living on the A350 and C13. Mr David Sidwick (Conservative candidate for PCC) advised the meeting that it was his intention (as a prospective candidate) to prioritise antisocial behaviour that seriously affected community safety and protections on Dorset roads. Miss Kim Cowling explained her concerns as a resident living on the A350 and urged the Parish Council to ensure this matter of speeding motorcyclists on the A350 remained on the Parish Councils working agenda. The Parish Council endorsed Cllr Gibson Fleming's concerns and welcomed any initiatives/methods of trialling audio cameras to record infringements. Cllr Hewitt thanked the guests for their attendance and participation in the meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk to be provided with additional information from Dorset Council and Dorset Police traffic survey and statistics.</p> <p>Information for the Parish Council</p>

	<p>County Cllr Somper provided the meeting with the following headlines (Clerk had not received her monthly report):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Senior Leadership Team of Dorset Council will remain working at home for the foreseeable future. • Changes in the Dorset Cabinet – Chairman Jill Hayes, Gary Suttle – Finance, Highways Cherry Brook and Knock Lacey-Clark. • Details of the closure of the road at Dinah’s Hollow for maintenance work to be issued by the end of September 2020. • School transport being provided with additional buses and strict social distancing. • Vulnerable resident’s initiative to identify local champions to further assist in the Covid-19 scenario. • Changes in Planning Policy anticipated – Clerk email 11 September 2020 Item No 8 refers Dorset Council Planning Directorate and the delivery of services. 	
7. Correspondence	Council acknowledged receipt of the Clerks collective emails sent 24/7, 3/8, 17/8, 22/8, 1/9 and 11/9.	
8. 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council agreed to hold fundraising monies for the refurbishment of the Play Area. This is money raised through a crowdfunding account and will be periodically passed to the RFO for processing and ‘ring fencing’ in the council’s business account. • Cllr Gredley was thanked for his work and support in refurbishing/maintaining a piece of play equipment recently damaged. • Council urged to review the Annual Play Area Inspection Report 2020 – on www.shroton.org Council documents. <p>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>	
9. Parish Council Projects	<p>Village Traffic Calming</p> <p>This matter was not discussed at the September 2020 council meeting.</p>	

10. Finance Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Council members acknowledged receipt of AGAR 2019-2020 for reference and information. b. Council approved payment to Iwerne Valley Lawn Maintenance – Glebe grass cutting 7/7 & 1/8 £90 – processed out of council 18/08/20 c. Council approved payment to Bird Management Solutions – Wasp Nest in Play Area £48 – processed out of council 10/8/2020. d. Council approved payment to Mr. E Hunt for Play Area maintenance work materials £62.34 – processed out of council 18/08/20. e. Council approved payment to N W Adams – Annual Play Area Inspection 2020 £137.82 f. Council approved payment to Iwerne Valley lawn Maintenance – Glebe grass cutting 1/9 £45 g. Council approved payment to Mr. J Bird – Hostinger domain renewal £19.20 h. Council approved payment to Community Heartbeat Trust – defibrillator battery £282 i. Record expenditure to 16 September 2020 signed by Chairman for RFO retention. 	
11. Planning Matters	No items tabled.	
12. Other Matters for next PC meeting	a. Speeding motorcyclists on the A350.	

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7:53 pm.

The proposed date of the next meeting: Wednesday 21 October 2020 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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