

**Minutes of the meeting of Minterne Parish Council held on Wednesday November 30th 2016
at Minterne House at 7.30pm.**

Present. Hon. Henry Digby, Chairman, Mr. P. Goodfellow, Mrs. C. Howard – Johnston, Mrs. H. Smith, Mr. C. Saunders, Mr. G. Stevenson, Mr. A. F. Horsington, District Councillor, Mr. T. Yarker, District Councillor and the Clerk, Mr. P. Horsington. Two members of the public attended.

30. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr. S. Tite, Mrs. J. Haynes, County Councillor & PCSO S. Pilcher.

31. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on September 14th 2016, having been circulated, were signed as a correct record.

32. Declarations of Interest

There were none declared.

33. Open Session

Mr. Baker, Middlemarsh expressed his concern, that now the A.352 through Middlemarsh had been resurfaced, traffic tended to be faster than the existing 40 MPH. Mr. Baker asked that the Council support a request for a 30 MPH through Middlemarsh, as there is no footpath and School children have to walk through the village to catch the School bus on the C.12 by the Sawmills site. It was agreed to consider this request under Highway issues.

Mr. S. Allen informed the meeting that due to theft in the early hours, he has had to erect fencing and be on site at the Stables, Middlemarsh. These comments were noted.

34. Police & Community matters

In the absence of PCSO Pilcher, the Chairman reported that the Police were otherwise occupied, due to Poaching incidents in the area.

Mr. Yarker, District Councillor suggested that the Police are asked to monitor the speed through Middlemarsh from 8.00 - 8.30am, whilst the children are leaving for the bus. This was agreed.

35. County and District Councillors' reports

In the absence of Mrs. Haynes, County Councillor, the meeting was informed that the County Council elections will take place in 2019.

Mr. Yarker, District Councillor stated that the consultation on the Unitary proposals has closed, a report is to be submitted to full Council of the West Dorset District Council and all the Councils involved are expected to have voted by the end of January, with Parliament expected to approve the proposals by the end of April 2017.

Mr. Yarker stated that the WDDC's Local plan needs further revision.

Mr. A. F. Horsington reported that WDDC now has its full complement of Planning Officers and the backlog of 400 planning applications, has now been reduced to 40.

The Chairman thanked the District Councillors for their reports.

36. Financial matters

The Chairman presented the financial statement to date, with copies being given to members.

The Council noted that the account balances at 31st October 2016 were £2,733.26p, with £561 precept now received at the end of September.

The Council noted and agreed the Website domain name of Minternemagnapc.gov.uk, which had been accepted by the Cabinet Office, and agreed, on the suggestion of Mr. Stevenson, to ask for a rolling gallery, with further photographs to be added. It was noted that the Clerk had received training.

The Council considered donations and agreed to donate £50 Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance & £50 Ryland Trust, Holnest.

Payments received – £561 WDDC half precept

Payments made – £216 Vision ICT Ltd, £50 Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance & £50 Ryland Trust, Holnest. The payments were approved and authorised.

It was agreed to consider the Budget and precept for 2017/18 at the next meeting.

37. Planning matters

The Council noted that from April 2017, all planning applications from WDDC to Parish Councils will be only notified electronically. This was noted.

The Council noted that application WD/D/16/001614 at Radio Transmitter DT0048 for removal of 3 no. existing antennae and the installation of 3 no. new antennae had been granted.

38. Rights of Way

Mrs. Howard - Johnston stated that there were still some overgrown paths in the Parish, which needed attention. This was noted.

39. Highway issues

The Council fully supported the request for the 30 MPH on the A. 352 through Middlemarsh, and the Clerk was instructed to write to Dorset County Highways, copied to Mrs. Haynes, County Councillor.

40. Flooding issues

The Chairman reported that he had attended a meeting on flooding issues.

41. Website

The Clerk reported that he has to obtain copies of members Registers of Interests from WDDC to be added to the Website, to conform with Government legislation under the Transparency Code. It was noted that all signatures will be redacted.

42. Correspondence

The Council noted a War Memorial newsletter & Clerks Direct.

43. Items for report, or for the agenda of the next meeting

Mr. Stevenson asked about the creation of a potential National Park in Dorset. The Chairman reported that there are suggestions for a Jurassic National Park in Dorset, which is being driven by two prominent members of the public. At present, this is at a very early stage.

44. To confirm the date of the next meeting

The Council confirmed the date for the next meeting for Wednesday January 25th 2017 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance, and declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed.

Date