

**51. Financial matters**

The Chairman presented the financial statement to date, with a copy being given to members. The Council noted that the account balances on September 18th 2015 were £1,780.57p.

**Payments received** – none

**Payments made** – none

The Council considered the appointment of an Internal auditor and on the recommendation of Mr. Goodfellow, agreed to appoint Mrs. Karel Beard, The Pure Drop, Glanvilles Wootton.

The Council discussed the Precept for 2016/17 and after considering the need to have a Website, on the proposition of Mr. Goodfellow, seconded by Mr. Digby agreed to precept £1,100 for the year 2016/17.

The Council considered donations and agreed to donate £50 to the Dorset & Somerset Ambulance and £50 to Future Roots, Rylands Farm, Holnest - a local Charity.

**52. Planning matters**

The Council noted the situation at the Stables, A.352, Middlemarsh, following the judgement, that Mr. Allen should not reside or operate any business from the property, and he had until January 18th 2016 to clear the site. The Council noted that he was no longer resident on site, but the clearing up of the site was obviously not completed. After discussion, the Clerk was instructed to write to WDDC and ask for an update on the situation.

The Council noted that application WD/D/15/001323 for Mr. Stuart Allen at the Stables, A.352, Middlemarsh for Change of Use of former stables and store to holiday cottage & store, including garage & games room had been refused.

The Council noted that application WD/D/15/001034 at the Old Stables, Middlemarsh for Perrett Fencing Ltd to erect workshop to include storage and office for use of existing fencing company Perrett Fencing Ltd had been granted.

The Council noted that applications WD/D/15/001758 LBC & WD/D/15/002092 at Blackberry Farm, Hartley Street, Hermitage to demolish part of existing outbuilding & replace with timber structure with slate roof etc. had been granted.

The Council noted that application WD/D/15/002579 at Reynards, Middlemarsh for the removal of existing fencing, posts and hedging and replace with 1.8 metres high close board fence had been granted.

The Council noted that application WD/D/15/001703 at Brookfield, Middlemarsh to remove existing earth/rubble bank with fence and replace with feather edge fence (retrospective) had been granted.

The Council noted that application WD/D/15/0022340 at the Old Sawmills, Tiley Knap, Middlemarsh for construction of car park & associated engineering works had been refused.

There were no new applications to consider.

**53. Rights of Way**

Mrs. Howard - Johnston reported that there is a gate which opens rather than closes. This was noted.

**54. Highway issues**

Mr. Tite reported a deep pothole on the A.352 beyond Minterne north direction. It was noted that it had been repaired following the last meeting, but need to be repaired again. Mr. Saunders also drew attention to the surface of the A.352 in Middlemarsh, opposite Hill View Farm, again this had been reported. It was agreed to contact County Highways.

**55. Flooding issues**

Mr. Tite and Mrs. Smith agreed that there were no issues to report.

**56. Correspondence**

The Council noted Clerks Direct.

**57. Items for report, or for the agenda of the next meeting**

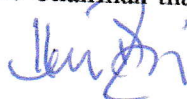
The Clerk was instructed to get information for the Council, reference the Government requirement for pension & auto enrolment for employees.

**58. To confirm the date of the next meeting**

After discussion, the date of the next meeting was confirmed for Wednesday May 11th 2016 following the Annual Open meeting, this being held at 8.00pm

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance, and declared the meeting closed at 8.37pm.

Signed.



Date

11/5/16



**Minutes of the meeting of Minterne Parish Council held on Wednesday January 27th 2016  
held at Minterne House at 7.30pm.**

**Present.** Hon. Henry Digby, Mr. P. Goodfellow, Mrs. C. Howard – Johnston, Mrs. H. Smith, Mr. C. Saunders, Mr. S. Tite, Mr. A. F. Horsington, District Councillor, Mr. T. Yarker, District Councillor, PCSO Alison Donnison and the Clerk, Mr. P. Horsington.  
One member of the public attended.

**45. Apologies**

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

**46. The Minutes** of the previous meeting held on November 18th, were signed as a correct record.

**47. Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declaration of Interests.

**48. Open Session**

Mr. Baker asked for an update on the situation with Mr. Stuart Allen at the Stables, A.352, Middlemarsh, and was informed that as the date of January 18th 2016 has passed, by which the Judgement of the High Court had determine that Mr. Allen should not reside or operate any business from the property. It was reported that he was no longer living on the premises, but the clearing up of the site was obviously not completed.

**49. Police & Community matters**

In the absence of PCSO S. Pilcher, the Chairman welcomed PCSO Alison Donnison, who explained that she is now working with PCSO Pilcher.

PCSO A. Donnison reported that there had been one charge of criminal damage, three poaching crimes, one laptop stolen, plus one theft from a house at Cerne Abbas.

The Council considered an offer to have a portal link on the Cerne Abbas website, with the costs involved. After discussion, on the proposition of Mr. Goodfellow, seconded by Mrs. Smith, it was agreed that the Clerk should bid for a grant via the Dorset Association of Local Town & Parish Council to NALC. This would involve buying a laptop computer, printer/ scanner and paying to have a website set up & monitored. There would be a charge of £105 for any domain name.

The Council noted an Email received from Mr. Baker, which had informed the Council that the notice board at Middlemarsh had fallen over. Mr. Goodfellow reported that it had been temporarily repaired by Mr. Stevenson, who will complete its repair, on his return from holiday.

**50. County and District Councillors' reports**

In the absence of Mrs. Haynes, County Councillor, her Email informed the meeting that the greatest challenge for the County Council is the reduction in the Government grant to Dorset of 48% making the County the worst affected in the whole of the Country. The County Council had budgeted for a reduction of up to 20%, this new figure means that the County Council will have to find an additional £7.8 million of savings in under a month, unless the Government can be persuaded to add to their grant.

Mrs. Haynes, also stated that a higher precept by the County Council can be levied, (up to 2%) but this amount would be ring fenced for Adult Social care. There are proposals to reduce the subsidised Bus services.

Mr. T. Yarker, District Councillor gave his report which included that the staff at WDDC are now fully integrated and the proposal to have a Local Partnership with the other Councils in Dorset has been voted down. All nine Council within the County would have had to agree to the proposals, but East Dorset were not content to be involved with Poole / Bournemouth Councils.

Mr. Yarker informed the meeting that there has been a formal petition by 'Public First' to the District Council to bring back the Committee system of decision making rather than the present system of Cabinet decision. As there has been a sufficient numbers of signatories, the District Council are obliged to hold a referendum, which will cost of £190K.  
applications.

Mr. A. F. Horsington stated that the planning application for Wind turbines at Slyers Lane, at Charminster is being considered by WDDC on Thursday January 28th.

←The Chairman thanked both District Councillors for their reports.