

SUTTON WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 3rd May 2017

MINUTES

Present: Chairman: Iain McNeil
Councillors: Claire Aartsen, David Smith, Sandy Millard
Clerk: Marianne Wheatley

Residents: Rod Swift, Brian Hill, Gill Severn, Ian & Yvonne Pinder, Jane McNeil, Dora Sherringham, Alan Malsher, Martin Jelbart, Dave & Jan McDonald

1. Apologies – Cllr Ellis, County Cllr Croney, District Cllr Jespersen and Dick Hood apologised for their absence.

2. Election of Chairman and Acceptance of Office

The Chairman stood down from office and was duly re-elected on the proposal of Cllr. Smith, seconded by Cllr. Millard and he signed the Acceptance of Office.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2017 were read and approved and following the meeting signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising

i) **Stiles** – The Chairman confirmed that the Clerk had contacted the Fontmell Magna Councillor responsible for footpaths and the Councillor had spoken to the owner of the land near Pipers Mill and the owner had confirmed that he would have a look at the stile in question once lambing had finished with a view to allowing dog access. With regard to the two stiles on the footpath to Fontmell Magna the Clerk had contacted both owners and had the go ahead to investigate further. As suggested by Sherry the Clerk approached the Dorset Community Fund. They do not have any grants available at this time for such works. The Clerk had also contacted the Rangers and they had indicated that they would be prepared to install the gates for free if the Parish Council could raise the funds to buy the gates. Dora Sherringham offered to pay for one of the gates and Cllr. Smith agreed to pay 25% of the second gate. The Parish Council agreed to pay the balance. The Clerk confirmed she would contact the owners of the land with a view to progressing the matter.

ii) **A350/C13** –The Chairman reported that he together with Cllrs. Millard and Smith recently met with Andrew Brown from DCC Highways who is co-ordinating the A350 works project. He seemed receptive to the view that the speed on the A350 through the village should be 30mph and not 50mph. Indeed the Parish Council had received an email from Andrew saying that Sutton Waldron might be pleasantly pleased with the proposals regarding Sutton Waldron. There will be public consultation meetings which were going to be on 15th May 2017 and 17th May 2017. These however have been postponed because of the General Election and it is anticipated that these meetings will now take place in June 2017. Notwithstanding Andrew Brown's email the Chairman encouraged everyone in the village to attend one of the meetings to express their views. The more people who attend and confirm that they do not want a 50mph limit on the A350 through the village the less likely it is that this will be imposed. Sutton Season's refers to the consultation meetings on 15th & 17th May 2017 this is because the meetings were postponed after the newsletter had been printed. The Chairman confirmed he would put up notices to confirm the dates of the new meetings.

5. Correspondence

i)&ii) **Reports from County Councillor and District Councillor** – reports had been

circulated to the Councillors. The County Council elections are taking place on 4th May 2017. The Chairman confirmed that as a result of the General Election not only had the consultation meetings on the A350 been postponed but so had the decision by the Secretary of State regarding the Unitary Authority. In summary the main items that are relevant to SW are as follows:

Durweston Bridge Repairs: Following concerns expressed by a number of villages and a meeting with chief engineers. It has been agreed to delay these works until the A350 works are completed. It was anticipated that the bridge works would be delayed until next year, however, they will need to happen in summer of 2018 and the works are expected to take 4 months to complete.

Iwerne Minster 20mph Zone: A project that has, over the past 10 years, been pursued by the village through the regulatory system is due to be implemented later this year. The Chairman confirmed that Iwerne Minster were paying for the replacement of the signs in the village.

Accessing services at Nordon

District Council Services are now based at South Walks House in Dorchester this includes, senior management, Legal, Financial Services, HR, IT, Business Improvement, Democratic Services, Digital Access, Economy, Leisure & Tourism and Elections. The Reception office at Nordon is fully staffed and operational during office hours so you can still access services at Nordon including Housing, Planning, Building Control and Revenues and Benefits and the duty officer services will continue to be operated.

The following services will still operate out of Nordon:

Housing, Technical Services including Facilities, Building Control, Community Safety, Environmental Health, Planning Policy, Planning, Trees, Conservation, Land Charges, Revenues and Benefits.

There will be change of location for council meetings

All NDDC meetings will now take place at South Walks House, with the exception of Full Council and Planning or any meeting with high public interest. These will take place at Durweston Village Hall.

6. Planning Applications

There were no planning applications sent through for comment since the last meeting.

The Parish Council had however been notified that with effect from 1st April 2017 it will not be notified of applications for tree works. Site notices will also not necessarily be posted. We have been referred to the Dorset for You website to review the register of applications and conservation area notifications. The Clerk will endeavour to review this register on a regular basis. However the Chairman asked the residents to notify the Clerk if they saw any notices and wished to object to the tree works being proposed. The Clerk confirmed she would see if an alert could be set up on the planning and tree websites to notify her of any applications.

7. Finance

i) The Clerk had circulated for approval the Income and Expenditure Account and Bank Reconciliation as at 31st March 2017 and sections 1 & 2 of the External Audit Report. The said Income and Expenditure Account and Bank Reconciliation as at 31st March 2017 and sections 1 & 2 of the External Audit Report were approved unanimously.

The Internal Auditor Martin Jelbart had carried out the internal audit and had nothing to report.

- Credit with the Bank as at 31 March 2017 was £2080.44.
- Some of the VAT for the year has already been claimed and the remainder will be reclaimed shortly.
- 1st tranche of Precept (£1200) was paid into Parish bank account in April 2017.

ii) Approval was sought to renew the insurance policy with Zurich – the premium is £211.33; the premium last year was £198.35. The cover is as per last year. The

premium has gone up as a result of a 3% increase on the building and contents sums insured to reflect the Rebuilding Cost Index and the Retail Price Index. It was agreed that the insurance should be renewed.

iii) The following Bills to be paid were approved:

- Clerk's salary for March to May 2017 - £315
- Bookkeeper - £73.00

8. Any Other Business

i) Rod Swift expressed his concerns regarding the speed of cars coming turning into and driving along Church Lane. The children in the village had started playing on the road in go-karts and whilst they seemed to be playing safely he was concerned at about the speed of the cars coming into Church Lane and Napiers Way. It was agreed that the Parish Council would send out a letter to the residents asking them to reduce their speed on these roads.

ii) Cllr. Millard expressed her concerns about the amount of fly tipping on Sutton Hill. The Chairman confirmed he would look at putting up appropriate signs to be put up to discourage people from fly tipping.

9. Reports

i) Church

Rod Swift referred people to the back of Sutton Seasons which gave details of the forthcoming Victorian Weekend. He also confirmed that the missing finials on the church railings were currently being manufactured and they should be fitted by the end of the month.

ii) Village Hall

The plant sale was due to take place on Saturday and any plants should either be left outside the hall or dropped in from 10am on Saturday.

iii) Footpaths

The Chairman indicated that John Body was no longer willing to be the footpaths officer and therefore the residents should report any problems to the Clerk.

10. Date of next meeting - The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 13th September 2017 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.05pm

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated.....