

## Yeohead & Castleton Parish Council

### Minutes of the meeting held at Poyntington Village Hall on Thursday January 5th 2017 at 7.30 pm.

The following were present: Councillors Mason, Buckland, Dimond, Kellaway, Hunt, Perryman, WDDC Gould, DCC Cllr Hall, the Clerk

- 16.54      **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Simnett
- 16.55      There were no **declarations of interest in items on the agenda.**
- 16.56      **The minutes of the meetings held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016** were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.
- 16.57      **Presentation from Network Rail:** Mr Damian Haynus, Liability Negotiations Adviser for this area explained Network Rail's proposals for the level crossing at Wyke Farm, Castleton. In the interests of a safe and efficient railway, Network Rail are keen to divert existing rights of way from level crossings that are deemed to be high risk. Because of the speed and frequency of trains, the crossing at Wyke Farm is considered high risk, and so plans have been drawn up to divert the public footpath through a private underpass. The proposed new route will be comparable to the existing one in length and will largely follow a farm track. The farmer and landowner are happy with the plans and Network Rail will pay for stock protection measures. The Council had no objections to the proposal at this stage and the Chairman thanked Mr Haynus for coming to the meeting.

#### **Adjournment session:**

WDDC Cllr Gould reported that the consultation on the future structure of local government has been completed and presented to the secretary of state. We should know the results by the next parish council meeting. Road works will soon be started on the A30 by the Barton Farm access to incorporate a set of staggered traffic lights. Cllr Gould also reminded the Council that a review of the Local Plan is on the horizon with a consultation on the number of new houses allocated in the Sherborne area. It was agreed that the challenge is to match infrastructure with new housing.

DCC Hall told the meeting about a consultation paper on the future of Dorset Police. This has now been circulated to councillors. Cllr Hall also informed the meeting that the grit bins have now been filled, and any that have been missed should be reported.

- 16.58.1      **The financial report for the year 2016-17** to date was received and accepted. Payments in accordance with budget were approved: Clerk salary: £260.50; HMRC (PAYE): £65.00; Hire of Poyntington Village Halls £15.00, Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance £200.
- 16.58 2      The budget for 2017-18 totalling £5925 having been agreed at the November meeting, the Council decided on a precept for 2017-18 of £5940, which allows for a contingency amount to cover some highways and possibly other services no longer supported by the County Council.

## Planning Matters

### ***Planning matters dealt with since the last meeting or at this meeting:***

- 16.59.1 **Sherborne Old Castle, Castleton WD/D/16/002377/ 2660** Installation of parking meter and associated signage; No objection
- 16.59.2 ***Planning Matters awaiting decision by WDDC***  
**Townsend Farm, Poyntington WD/D/16002117** Change of use barn to dwelling, Prior approval application, No objection
- 16.59.3 **Farm Close Cottage, Poyntington WD/D/001944** Erect extension, No objection
- 16.59.4 **Fossil Barn, Poyntington WD/D/001432** Conversion with extension of barn to dwelling. The Council has no objections to the proposed building per se, but does object to the application on the grounds that it is against planning policy
- 16.59.5 **Manor Cottage, Poyntington WD/D/16/001445** Alterations to internal layout, Listed building, No objection
- 16.59.6 **The Manor, Poyntington WD/C/16/00242** Tree work, No objection
- 16.59.7 ***Applications withdrawn***  
**Land at Washingpool, Poyntington WD/D/16/002006** Stables for 2 horses and storage, Objection. Withdrawn 13.12.16
- 16.60 **Meetings attended:** The Clerk reported that she had met with the Clerk from Sherborne Town Council to discuss the possibilities of co-operation between the town and surrounding parish councils, to provide local services which may be devolved from the district and county councils in future.
- 16.61 **Underdown Lane, Osborne** Cllr Dimond reported that the holes in the lane have not been attended to and are bigger than ever. The Highways Department has inspected the lane and the Clerk will contact them to find out what is planned.
- 16.62 **Removal of village payphones** The Clerk has applied to WDDC and BT to adopt the Poyntington kiosk. Residents in Osborne have not registered any objections to their payphone and kiosk being removed.
- 16.63 **Goathill Name Plate** The Council agreed to pay £250 for the replacement of the village sign in Goathill which has disappeared. This is one of the budget areas that Highways has passed to parish councils.

### **Correspondence:**

The Clerk has received a letter of thanks from Bradford Abbas Parish Council for the donation towards the repair of the finger post at Bradford Road/Grants' Hill. Cllr Mason has received an email from some Poyntington residents re large amounts of hardcore being deposited by Hopkins in a village field adjoining the main road. Cllr Gould offered to look into the matter.

Items for the next Agenda: None

The meeting finished at 8.45pm

The next meeting of Yeohed & Castleton Parish Council is scheduled for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 7.30pm in Osborne  
Subsequent meetings - May 4 Poyntington (AGM), July 6<sup>th</sup> Osborne, September 7<sup>th</sup> Poyntington and November 2<sup>nd</sup> Osborne.

