

Yeohead & Castleton Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting held at Osborne Village Hall on Thursday March 2nd 2017 at 7.30 pm.

The following were present: Councillors Mason, Dimond, Kellaway, Hunt, Perryman, Simnett
DCC Cllr Hall, the Clerk, RWLO Hart and one member of the public

- 16.64 **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Buckland, WDDC Cllr Gould
- 16.65 There were no **declarations of interest in items on the agenda.**
- 16.66 **The minutes of the meetings held on 5th of January 2017** were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.
- 16.67 **Proposed right of way diversion at Wyke Farm:** The Castleton Rights of Way Liaison Officer, Mr Jim Hart, told the Council that he had recently attended a site meeting with Network Rail and Dorset County Council. He informed the Council that the right of way that approaches the level crossing from the Thornford direction is a bridleway, and the proposed diversion is an extension of the footpath from the other side. This could potentially prevent riders and cyclists crossing the railway by means of the new diverted path. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to Network Rail to express the Council's concern about this. If the designation of the diversion ensures that it can be used by cyclists and riders as well as walkers, the proposal will be supported by the Council. The Clerk will also write to Thornford Parish Council to alert them to the proposal.

Adjournment session:

DCC Cllr Hall reported that the Dorset capital works programme has recently been published. Structural repairs are to be made to Osborne Bridge, but it is not yet clear which bridge this is. The A30 is to be resurfaced this summer. After the consultation on proposals to reorganise local government in Dorset, 6 of the 9 councils voted to create 2 new unitary authorities. This has now been submitted to the Secretary of State, who will make the decision. The traffic survey on the A30 has been conducted with the result that average speeds, after taking off the highest 15%, were 42 and 44 miles per hour, which are not high enough for traffic control measures to be put in place.

- 16.68 **The financial report for the year 2016-17** to date was received and accepted. Payments in accordance with budget were approved: Clerk salary: £260.30; HMRC (PAYE): £65.20; Hire of Osborne Village Halls £15.00

Planning Matters

- 16.69.1 ***Planning matters dealt with since the last meeting or at this meeting:***
Agricultural Building, east of Keepers Cottage, Gainsborough, Sherborne
WD/D/17/000069 Change of use of agricultural building to dwelling house; Prior approval application, No comment from Parish Council; Approved
Planning Matters awaiting decision by WDDC
Townsend Farm, Poyntington WD/D/16002117 Change of use barn to dwelling, Prior

- 16.69.2 approval application, No objection
Farm Close Cottage, Poyntington WD/D/001944 Erect extension, No objection
- 16.69.3 **Planning Matters decided by WDDC**
Sherborne Old Castle, Castleton WD/D/16/002377/ 2660 Installation of parking meter and associated signage; No objection; Approved
- 16.69.4 **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; Approved
- 16.69.5 **Manor Cottage, Poyntington** WD/D/16/001445 Alterations to internal layout, Listed building, No objection; Approved
- 16.69.6

16.70 **Meetings attended:** The Chairman and Clerk had attended a meeting at Sherborne Town Council to discuss the possibilities of co-operation between the town and surrounding parish councils, regarding local services which may be devolved from the district and county councils in future. 19 local councils were represented and a further meeting will be held in 3 months' time.

16.71 **Underdown Lane, Osborne** All the relevant agencies, including Natural England have inspected the holes in the lane. A license will be required for the work on the active badger sett to make the lane safe. The Clerk will contact Highways for a progress report.

16.72 **Goathill Name Plate** The Council has ordered and paid for the sign

16.73 **WDDC Online Consultation** Sending of planning applications on paper will cease on the 1st of April

16.74 **Parish Council Laptop** The Parish Council is now obliged to have a .gov email address which must be downloaded onto a parish council laptop. The old council laptop no longer works so the Council agreed to the purchase of a new one.

16.75 **Clerk Training** The Council agreed to share costs of training for the Clerk with Queen Thorne Parish Council next year, in line with the council budget.

16.76 **Correspondence:**

Brochure on the proposals for reorganisation of local government

16.77 **Items for the next Agenda:** Condition of the old stables building adjacent to Ivy House, Osborne
 The meeting finished at 8.55pm

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

