

Yeohead & Castleton Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting held at Poyntington Village Hall on Thursday 4th January 2018 at 7.30 pm.

The following were present: Councillors Mason, Buckland, Dimond, Kellaway, Perryman, and Simnett, the Clerk, DCC Cllr Penfold and WDDC Cllr Gould, Castleton RoWLO Hart.

- 17.72 **Apologies for absence:** None
- 17.73 There were no declarations of interest
- 17.74 **The minutes of the meeting held on November 2nd 2017** were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.
- 17.75 **Matters arising:** None
- 17.76 **Adjournment session**
Cllr Penfold said that there had been no issues over Christmas. She was informed that there are still potholes in Washingpool, Poyntington that require attention. Cllr Gould outlined the current position regarding local government reorganisation. The Secretary of State has said that he is minded to approve the Future Dorset Plan to move from nine to two local authorities. The consultation period, which finishes on January 8th, has had a positive response from most including West Dorset District Council, with only Christchurch, of the main councils, opposed to the plan.
- 17.77.1 **The financial report for the year 2017-18** 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 Hall £15.00, Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance £200
- 17.77.2 The Council discussed the budget for 2018-19 and decided to set the donations to churchyards and play areas maintenance at £650 each. An increase had been agreed at the previous meeting following a request from Revd. Enever. The Clerk explained that there may be some surplus at the end of this financial year if the budgeted amounts for a parish project and highways/environment remain unspent. The Council decided that it would be unwise to factor this in to next year's precept calculation in view of the increasing demands on parish council budgets. The budget and a precept of £6277 were approved.
- 17.78 **Planning Matters**
- Planning matters dealt with since the last meeting or at this meeting:***
- 17.78.1 **Lynwood ,Castleton** WD/D/17/002708 Use as dwelling house, certificate of lawfulness
No comments.
- 17.78.2 **The Dairy Farm, Osborne** WD/D/17/002625 Erect agricultural building; No objection, Approved 04.01.18
- 17.78.3 **Lower Farmhouse, Osborne** WD/D/17/002394 Replace chimney; No objection, Approved 01.12.17
- Applications determined by WDDC or awaiting decision.**
- 17.78.4 **1 Washingpool, Poyntington** WD/D/17/002169 Erect single storey extension, No objection, Approved 10.11.17
- 17.78.5 **Sewage Works, Castleton** WD/D/17/002121 Erect motor control centre kiosk; No objection, Approved 10.11.17
- 17.78.6 **Mill Close Farm, Osborne** WD/D/17/002039 Demolish Gazebo, erect study/studio, alter driveway and excavate to create rear terrace; No objection – request that studio building should not overhang VH land. Approved 15.11.17
- 17.78.7 **West Down Farm, Corton Denham, (Poyntington)** WD/D/17/001295 Change of use from office to dwelling; No objection, Approved 14.11.17
- 17.79 **Meetings attended:** None
- 17.80 **Review of the Council's Financial Regulations** The previously circulated draft

regulations based on the NALC 2016 model regulations were approved.

17.81 **Rights of Way**

17.81.1 The Council discussed the request for a bench on the Quarr Lane restricted byway. The Council decided to write and inform Mrs Greene that it has no objection to the installation of a bench (to be supplied by Sherborne Town Council), but will take no responsibility for it. The Parish Council further recommends that the exact location of the bench should be agreed with Mr Dave Ackerly of Dorset CC and the installation and maintenance should be agreed with the landowner, Sherborne Castle Estates.

17.81.2 RoWLO Hart told the Council that following his recent report on the state of Castleton rights of way, Dorset Rangers had been very quick to carry out all the suggested remedial works. The Council agreed that this was commendable.

17.83 **Update on problems with agricultural vehicles in Goathill** There have been no recent problems but Cllr Buckland will continue to monitor the situation.

17.84 **Update on repairs to the Poyntington B3145 signpost** The Clerk had chased DCC, who apologised for the fact that the first repair order has been mislaid. The work should now be completed within one month.

17.85 **Update on Poyntington power and phone/internet supply**

17.85.1 SSE has responded to enquiries/complaints from the PC and Mike Firth. The problem of interruptions to the power supply in the area are now being more closely monitored and work to improve the equipment will take place in 2018.

17.85.2 DCC Broadband team suggest that everyone should upgrade to fibre broadband where this is available. More work will be done on the infrastructure during 2018-19 which should improve connection in the village.

17.86 **Correspondence:**

Thank you letters received from Goathill and Poyntington PCCs. Email correspondence with Osborne PCC.

17.87 **Items for the next Agenda:** None

17.88 **Dates of future meetings:**

1 March Osborne
3 May Osborne (AGM)
5 July Poyntington
6 September Osborne
1 November Poyntington