

West Dean Parish Council

An Ordinary Meeting of West Dean Parish Council was held at 7.30pm on 4th September 2013 at King George's Hall.

Present: Cllr J. Gimpel (Chairman), Cllr. P. Hargrave, Cllr C. Warry, Cllr J Greene, Cllr W Seabrooke, Cllr Robin Garrett (West Tytherley and Frenchmoor Parish Council), Cllr C. Devine, Mrs A Ellis (Clerk).

Apologies: Cllr H.Urquhart, Cllr. M. Cordingley,

49/13 Declarations of Interest: Cllr. P. Hargrave and Cllr J Greene as members of the Playground Committee declared an interest as matters of the allocation of fete money to be discussed.

50/13 Minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th May 2013 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

51/13 Crime Update: Vernon Gook attended the meeting to give a crime update. In general crime in our area has been low over the summer, a few thefts from vehicles at beauty spots, but burglaries and oil thefts down. Discussed was the bulk-buying of oil by West Dean and other villages, and it was agreed that it would be useful to let Hampshire Police know when they deliveries are arranged. Clerk to contact Sandi Lamb concerning this.

52/13 Finance: a) Clerk gave schedule of expenses and explained that the Parish Council is paying the Playground Improvement invoices, the Playground Committee are paying the Parish Council the amount minus the VAT, and the clerk will claim back the VAT on behalf of the Parish Council.

	<u>Cheque No</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Jamie Cowie Shaw for village bench	448	£285
HBL Builders & Contractors for playground works	449	£3,564.05
Forest Edge Travel for Fun Bus 12/06/2013	450	£30
Go the Whole Hog of Botley for Hog Roast	451	£595
Playground Services Ltd for Nest Swing	452	£2066.40
Nicholas Lawrence for River Clearance	453	£200
A Ellis Clerk Fee	454	£170.80
ATF Supplies for Playground Bark Mulch	455	£1012.80
Christine Warry for Village Spring Clean expenses	456	£49.33
A Ellis Clerk expenses	457	£12.89
A Ellis Clerk Fee	458	£136.64
Alan Impey for Turf around village hall bench	459	£27.84
Pat Hargrave - 2 keys for padlock on Recreation Ground	460	£7.00
Jane Gimpel expenses	461	£67.98

Clerk confirmed Cllr Greene and Cllr Urquhart and now signatories for bank account. Fete finance discussed, it was decided that the village share of £1715 to be paid into Parish Council account and then divided by way of cheques - £1143 for Playground Committee and £575 to St George's Hall Committee towards a new kitchen.

53/13 Transport, Roads and Footpaths:

a). **Parking at Dean Station:** Cllr Gimpel and clerk met Martin Aldam who is the Senior Transport Planner for Wiltshire Council. He has just provided an update after the Highway Development

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Control Officers visited the site. They concluded that “intensifying the use of the lane would not be supported on safety grounds.” Clerk to forward details to Cllr Devine so he could take up the issue on the Parish Council’s behalf.

Footpaths

b) Footpath 8 – Cllr Warry reported that she and Cllr Gimpel have now met with the owners of Dean House to explain the history of this footpath. It has not yet decided whether or not they support the idea of the footpath running along the bottom of their field. Cllr Warry to ask HCC why they need all the extra information concerning details of use of the footpath from 1951 to date.

c) Footpath 22 – Collection of user statements still ongoing. The possibility of trying to get this footpath put on the HCC “C List” seems unlikely, but Cllr Warry looking to see whether it could feature under the terms relating to “The New Forest and SW Hampshire”.

d) Footpath 15 – Cllr Warry reported that to install kissing-gates would cost £200 - £300 and two would be needed. Landowners to be revisited to confirm they are still happy to go ahead with this.

54/13 Planning: a) New Applications

S/13/02118/FUL – Shardeloes. Cllrs present agreed that although the garage would be acceptable, an objection to the planning application should be submitted on the grounds that the walled gates would look out of place and affect the street scene and character of the area. Reference should be made to the Village Design Statement. Cllrs to draft response.

13/02807/FUL – The Old Vicarage – there was unlikely to be any objection to this application.

b) Updates on previous applications: 13/00218/FUL – Extension to 14 Hillside Close - application approved with conditions

Woodside Farm – no update; still shown as “appeal in progress”

55/13 Village Maintenance: It has been clarified with Hampshire that they have responsibility for the bridge over the village green. There is a chance that they may help with a weed cut once a year. However a river clearance is now needed and it was proposed that a date be set. 12th October was raised as a possible date, to be confirmed with those who have the resources / machinery to help. Cllr Hargrave to arrange and put together posters / flyers.

56/13 Autumn Newsletter: To go out at the end of October. Proposed items to include: Playground update; River clearance; Broadband; Station parking; Village hall kitchen; Level crossing; “Clarence”; Fish ‘n’ Chips; Carols on the Green. To be sent to the clerk.

57/13 Southern Wiltshire Area Board: Cllr Green reported and distributed Agenda and Draft minutes. It was proposed we get West Dean youths involved in activities. Cllr Seabrooke raised go-carting as a possible activity. Further research and liaison with the Youth Development Coordinator suggested.

Cllr Devine reported that the new Business Plan will become more accessible – details to be confirmed. High Speed Broadband was discussed and Cllr Devine confirmed that the BT rollout will now include everyone in Wiltshire, and that to date no other Commercial Company has declared they can move forward with an alternative scheme. It was suggested to Cllr Devine that a leaflet from BT explaining their current position should be distributed as not many will look online for updates.

58/13 Emergency planning exercise: Clerk to email Cllrs list of skills and resources we seek from West Dean Residents to be included in the Village Emergency Plan. A form / letter to be written by the clerk for inclusion with the Autumn Newsletter.

59/13 – West Tytherley and Frenchmoor Parish Council: A meeting on 8th October will look to find a way forward with The Maltings 106 money. Using the money in Hillside Close has been suggested as an alternative to using the money for the Playground improvements.

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Apologies given to Cllr Garrett for their September Parish Council meeting. Cllrs Gimpel and Greene to attend October meeting; Cllr Hargrave November; and Cllr Seabrooke the December meeting.

60/13 WESTDEANVILLAGE.co.uk: Cllrs to look at other village websites to see what our own might include. Suggestions to be sent to the clerk. Cost of setting up website to be confirmed.

61/13 Correspondence: a) The cost for the proposed speedwatch device has been obtained but Cllrs agreed that West Dean did not want to be included in the purchase of this.

b) 20mph Speed Limit – a re-read of the policy was agreed as discussion did not reach a conclusion about whether part or all of the village should have this speed limit imposed.

c) The bulk-buying of oil through Community First was discussed and it was decided that there was unlikely to be any real benefit in trialling the scheme in West Dean in addition to that run by Sandi Lamb.

d) The de-cluttering of signs proposed by Wiltshire Council has been considered. Clerk to ask for “Unsuitable for wide vehicles” sign at the bottom of Dean Hill to be replaced by a sign with the same message but with the crossed-through lorry sign (as at the bottom of Frenchmoor Lane). Cllr Hargrave has photographed these signs and this to be sent with request. It was proposed that the Clerk at Whiteparish also be contacted so that an identical sign be placed at their end of the road.

e) Cllr Seabrooke raised the new voice on the Level-Crossing as a possible concern for residents living close by. It is yet to be determined whether or not this is a problem, considering the changes being brought in for safety reasons. Jumping the lights has been a concern, but Cllrs agreed a full-width barrier would have been a better alternative. It is not known how this issue could be raised.

62/13 Date of Next Meeting: The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 6th November 2013 at 7.30pm.

The meeting ended at 9.35 pm

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