

# West Dean Parish Council

An Ordinary Meeting of West Dean Parish Council was held at 7.30pm on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at King George's Hall.

**Present:** Cllr J. Gimpel (Chairman), Cllr. P. Hargrave, Cllr Urquhart, Cllr J Greene, Cllr W Seabrooke, Cllr C. Devine, Mrs A Ellis (Clerk).

**Apologies:** Cllr C Warry, Cllr. M. Cordingley,

**63/13 Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest

**64/13 Minutes:** The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 04/09/2013 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**65/13 Crime Update:** There were no crimes in the area since the last meeting.

**66/13 Finance:** a) Clerk gave schedule of expenses below

	<u>Cheque No</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Playground committee – fete proceeds	462	£1143.00
King George's Hall – fete proceeds	463	£575.00
Timberform Ltd for new play train	464	£3019.20
Barry Kitcher of Forest Edge Travel – fun bus	465	£145.00
A Ellis – clerk fee	466	£136.64
ATF Supplies – bark mulch for playground	467	£1012.80
Playsafety Ltd – RoSPA recreation ground inspection	468	£88.80
Community First – insurance for added playground equipment	469	£67.50
A Ellis – Clerk expenses, printer cartridge & stamps	470	£10.70
A Ellis Clerk Fee	471	£136.64
P Hargrave – materials for playground repairs	472	£196.37

The following were added during the meeting:

The Poppy Appeal – donation	473	£100.00
Jane Gimpel expenses from spring clean	474	£21.21
Busy Bees	475	£150.00

## **67/13 Transport, Roads and Footpaths:**

a). **Parking at Dean Station:** Cllr Devine has sent a strongly worded email and called for a site meeting after Wiltshire Highways refused permission on the basis of poor visibility for cars leaving the lane. Date of site meeting TBC. Cllr Greene reported that 3 Rivers have also offered their support in favour of the proposed car park, but at the moment the issue needs to be resolved with Highways or there will be no way forward.

### **Footpaths**

b) Footpath 8 – Cllr Gimpel to send the owners of Dean House an email to ascertain their thoughts following Cllrs. Gimpel and Warry's meeting in the summer.

c) Footpath 22 – Cllr Warry awaits final user statements before submitting

## **68/13 Planning:** a) New Applications

13/05255/FUL – Shardeloes. A new application has been submitted relating to a boundary wall to the property. When circulated an agreed statement of response will be submitted. The opinion so

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far seemed to be that the proposed height and use of modern brick is still unacceptable and that the examples cited by the applicants of walls around the village did not in any way relate to the proposed development.

13/05395/FUL – The Old Livery – application for rear extension. The Chairman did not recognise this property as belonging to the parish of West Dean, saying that she thought the boundaries had changed. Clerk to contact the planning department to clarify.

Woodside Farm – Cllr Gimpel reported on the ‘informal hearing’ concerning planning permission for a residential building being erected at this location. There was a good turnout of those objecting to the development, however the hearing ran out of time and will be continued in January 2014. Date to be confirmed.

**69/13 Village Maintenance:** After the river clearance a number of suggestions have been made:

a) Further work is planned with the hire of machinery from Jarred Bundy – at a cost of £100 – operated by Dick Gruzelier. This was accepted as a good idea to tidy up the banks. It was also agreed that further work in the spring would be needed to help with maintenance.

b) Cllr Greene expressed her concern about the health of this part of the river after such a drastic clearing; she will investigate any possible funding to help restore and maintain the balance of wildlife.

c) The Hiddlestons at Red Lion House have said that if someone could provide geese then they would look after them. Geese will graze the banks and keep the watercress under control. The watercress has been one of the main causes of the river flooding. Cllr Hargrave to research the cost of geese and housing for them.

d) Cllr Gimpel to follow up the possibility of the Environment Agency carrying out 1 weed cut per year.

**70/13 Autumn Newsletter & Emergency Plan Letter:** Work on the WDPC Newsletter is under way and final articles were agreed and assigned. The Emergency Plan letter would go out with the newsletter and distribution was agreed. Cllr Gimpel to print both and hand out for delivery. It was also agreed that the Emergency Plan letter be adapted to send to local businesses. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Greene.

**71/13 Southern Wiltshire Area Board:** Cllr Urquhart reported on the last meeting. Of note was funding for the village hall kitchen.

Cllr Devine was thanked for his backing of the station car park. He gave an update on council priorities.

Discussion of high speed broadband was raised again. West Dean Cllrs stated that BT has been slow to advertise their progress.

**72/13 – West Tytherley and Frenchmoor Parish Council:** Apologies were received from Robin Garrett. Cllrs Gimpel and Greene reported on their meeting concerning 106 money, which took place with Cllrs Garrett and Mavrogordato, before the last West Tytherley Council meeting. Legislation dictates the allocation of the money is divided between children’s recreation grounds in residential areas and to open recreation spaces. Hillside Close is in part in Hampshire and it needs to be confirmed whether or not HCC have adopted the road. If they have, the option to have some play equipment on the island is to be explored. 3 quotes to go to Test Valley BC via West Tytherley PC.

West Dean does not have an open recreation area in the Hampshire part of the village that fits the 106 money allocation criteria, West Tytherley are however redeveloping their pavilion. It was suggested by WDPC that they use the money (approx £3900) for this and give a donation to West Dean for their playground. WTPC discussed the matter at their PC meeting and agreed to make a donation to West Dean’s recreation ground subject to checking their reserves. The matter will be discussed again at the next WTPC meeting; Cllr. Hargrave is going to attend.

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**73/13 WESTDEANVILLAGE.co.uk:** Lists for useful content have been compiled. Cllr Urquhart will now speak to the web designer and help move this forward.

**74/13 Correspondence:** a) Cllr Seabrooke suggested that West Dean should have a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). The Clerk confirmed that both Wiltshire and Hampshire have these which are available on their websites and are large documents. Cllr Seabrooke to investigate whether the parish could have one and research content. b) Village Cluster Youth Work meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> November was discussed and no-one could attend. It was proposed that this was not necessarily a Parish Council matter but for that of the wider community. Cllr Greene to ask another WD resident whether they could represent the village. c) Cllr Gimpel read out a letter from Laura Harris who asked for a donation for improvements at the Busy Bees Toddler Group. It was agreed that the £100 request was very modest considering the proposed changes and additions planned, and a donation of £150 was agreed.

**75/13 Date of Meetings:** The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 7.30pm. The previously undecided meeting date in March will now be on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

The meeting ended at 9.20 pm

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