Minutes of Winterbourne Parish Council meeting for May 19th 2011 Held in the Glebe Hall, Winterbourne Earls at 7.45pm

Present were – Cllr T Atkinson, Cllr J Randle, Cllr C Tarver, Cllr P Johnson, Cllr V Harrod, Cllr P Biggins and Mrs Melanie Thomas (Clerk)

Unitary Cllr M Hewitt and 2 members of the public

		Action
1.	To receive apologies	
	Cllr D Baker, Cllr R Baker, Cllr C Penn	
	A warm welcome was made to the newly elected Councillor, Peter Biggins.	
2.	Declarations of Interest	
	None.	
3.	Minutes	
	A copy of the minutes for the last meeting held on April 20th 2011 were submitted, and duly approved by Cllr Atkinson.	
4.	Matters arising from the last meeting	
	Report from Area Board meeting of 28 th April from Cllr John Randle – a report was given by Cllr Randle following his attendance at this meeting and which concerned amongst other items the Wiltshire Council Local Development Framework, the Core Strategy and the Waste and Recycling Collection arrangements which were reported as coming into force in March 2012. It was agreed that the Parish Council would consider the item of the Core Strategy at a future meeting as a major agenda item and would review the current Parish Plan to address any strategic gaps with regards to housing.	
	Consideration of quotations for grit bin placement – two quotations and works were considered in regard to the placement of a grit bin in Hurdcott – it was decided to accept the quotation from the Parish Council current maintenance contractor – Clerk to instruct the necessary works.	Clerk
	Note was made of a small grit bin that is currently in storage – Cllr's were asked to consider a suitable location for this bin and before the Winter season when it will be needed. A suggestion was made of the corner of Earls Court Manor – Clerk to further investigate.	Clerk
5.	Finance	
	The Clerk distributed a spreadsheet of the income and expenditure of the Parish Council for May which was accepted by the Parish Council.	
	• Invoices for approval: Clerks expenses £143.53 (to include 2010/11 telephone annual cost), AoN Insurance Ltd £1,127.36, Clerk office/heating/lighting annual allowance £200.00	
	Renewal of Parish Council insurance: the Clerk notified the Council members that the renewal cost had been successfully re-negotiated with the amount to be	

	paid to be the same as the previous year – all in agreement to accept this revised figure.	
6.	Reports from Unitary Council member and to include the Bourne Valley Alliance meeting	
	Various items noted and which included staffing costs and allowances of WC employees.	
	Note that as the next meeting of the BVAPC is due to be held on 19 th May 2011 a report would be given at the June meeting.	
7.	Planning	Clerk
	S/2011/548/Full – No objection S/2011/553/Full – No objection S/2011/574/Full – No objection	Cieik
	Clerk to report agreement of the above to WC.	
8.	Highways and Footpaths	
	Fly tipping in Tanners Lane – note that there had been a recent incidence of fly tipping at this location and which appeared to be an ongoing problem at the site. Confirmation given that the matter had been duly reported to the police authority and relevant department at WC for the removal of the deposited items.	
	30mph speed limit and related items – update and confirmation from Cllr Hewitt:	
	- pedestrian crossing in Winterbourne Earls noted as being pursued.	
	- the extension of the 30mph limit on the A338 to Hurdcott – Parish Council encouraged to repeat representations through the Traffic Regulation Order process that is due to take place in the Summer of 2011.	
	- the request to extend speed limits on The Portway and Down Barn Road – as these roads are C roads, note made that the appropriate time to make representations on these will be when the C road review is undertaken.	
	Cllr Hewitt was thanked for his valued work in relation to this matter.	
	Parking concerns at the lay-by, Winterbourne Earls – following recent communications from a Parishioner and agreement that the matter has not been resolved with the placement of white lining – the Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council had written to the Amesbury Area Community Manager, Karen Linaker to request that the matter be notified to the Area Board and in particular Inspector Sweet in order that enforcement of those offending can be carried out on a regular basis – confirmation given of a reply and that the above had been instigated – further updates to be given and as the matter has been noted as being allocated to a specific issue that will feature as part of "Your Local Issues" on 2 nd June 2011.	
9.	R2 funding discussion of possible projects	
	The amount of funding available for use by the Parish Council was confirmed by	Clerk

	the Clerk – after discussion of the item it was agreed that the Clerk should obtain further information as to what projects/items would be suitable/allowed for the use of the funds and distribute this to the Council members for further thought, in addition together with an up to date R2 statement of funds available.	
10.	Parish Clerk:	
	Proposed contract and consideration of working conditions – note that as the Clerk is now classified and accepted as being employed by the Parish Council, a formal contract was proposed and that being the model contract as set out by the Wiltshire Association of Local Councils. It was confirmed that the Chairman had verified the contract and following distribution to all members of the Council this was then agreed – Chairman and Clerk to sign accordingly.	
	In addition an agreement was made to contribute £200.00 per annum to the Clerk for the use of office space and to cover the cost of heating and lighting expenses occurred as part of the role of Clerk.	
11.	Parish Steward Scheme	
	Note that the recently made improvements to the Scheme had been welcomly received by the Council members.	
12.	Amenity Matters and including the Allotments	
	Note made that the Clerk had written to each allotment holder to notify of the Parish Council decision to prohibit the use of any water sprinkling system. Note made that the water usage at the site is currently being monitored on a weekly basis. Further that there had been a recent act of vandalism at the site with the police authority having been duly notified – it is hoped that following request from the Parish Council that a regular police presence would be made at the site to deter further occurrences/offenders.	
	Note made that the vegetation either side of the entrance/exit to the allotment site was in need of cutting back – agreement made that the Clerk should contact the maintenance contractor to organise the necessary works.	Clerk
13.	Correspondence	
	None noted.	
14.	Any other business	
	Consideration made once again of the question of whether a refuse bin is needed in Hurdcott, located on the A338 opposite the bus shelter – agreement made that a refuse bin would not be purchased but that the situation would be monitored by Cllr Tarver with a possible review at a future date.	Cllr Tarver
	Note made of the need for additional appropriate dog fouling signage along with backing plates – Cllr Atkinson to organise and in liaison with Cllr Randle.	Cllr Atkinson/Cllr Randle
	Note made of the need for further Neighbourhood Watch signs – Parish Council agreed to purchase the necessary signs – Cllr Harrod to organise the purchase and distribution to the relevant areas.	Cllr Harrod

The meeting finished at 9.04pm. Date of next meeting: Wednesday June 15th 2011 at 7.30pm in the Ron Burton room of the Glebe Hall, Winterbourne Earls