

## WEST PARLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2011, in the Committee Room, Parley Sports Club Stock's Lane, Christchurch Road, West Parley.

**Present:** Cllr. R Daw – Chairman.  
Cllrs. M Lane, P Timberlake, J Wilson, C Hampton, J Robinson, P Jefferies, P  
Dampney, Mrs B Manuel, Mrs E Ross.  
Sgt. Tim Travers – Dorset Police.  
**Apologies:** Cllrs. S Willcocks.

106. **THE MINUTES** of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2011, having been circulated, were agreed and signed.

#### 107. **DORSET POLICE**

Sgt. Tim Travers appraised members of criminal activity in West Parley for 3 months ended 9<sup>th</sup> March 2011. Crime levels overall are extremely low when compared to the national average, making East Dorset one of the safest areas of the country in which to live.

#### 108. **PARISH PLAN**

John Cullen, Chair of Parish Plan Steering Group, attended meeting to update Councillors re progress of Parish Plan. Results of questionnaire discussed at length; Cllr. Robinson enquired as to whether independent assessment had taken place – transpired that collation had taken place 'in house'. Volunteers now engaged in drafting submissions on individual topics for inclusion, ie. History, Environment, Airport, Housing & Development etc., thereby providing a snapshot of the past and a vision for the future of West Parley. John Cullen will attend Annual Parish Meeting to update those present with progress, enabling interactive discussion to take place.

### ITEMS FOR DECISION

#### 109. **FINANCE**

i. The Parish Council authorised signing of cheques as per schedule.

ii. Auditors Briefing Note re Reserves discussed in detail. In recognition Cllr. Lane proposed, seconded Cllr. Timberlake, that '£30K contingency fund be established and earmarked 2010/11 Accounts' See attached.

Voting: 8 in favour, 2 abstentions.

Clerk

iii. Cllr. Manuel reported that installation of replacement Children's Play Area was to commence first week in April First phase will include climbing/platform/swing facilities, and whilst Parish Council is very pleased with progress to date given withdrawal of Playbuilder funding, ideally one further piece of equipment is required. Play area working group proposed a surface level trampoline, which would be suitable for use by a wide age range; Memorial Hall Committee have offered to conditionally support application to EDDC for grant funding towards this purchase and following discussion members of Parish Council resolved to defer a decision re further funding pending result of any application.

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iv. Letter received from Service Wise (dog bin emptying service) advising increase of some 4.5% in charges commencing 1.4.11. Following discussion Cllr. Lane proposed, seconded Cllr. Dampney, that 'Parish Council accepts increase in view of rising price of fuel and disposal costs'.

RESOLVED unanimously proposition be accepted.

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**110. WEST PARLEY FETE 2012**

Cllr. Manuel reported that Rev. Charles Booth had personally requested that Parish Council join with the Church & Residents Assoc. In forming committee to organise a village fete to celebrate Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Cllr. Daw reiterated success of 2010 Fete, and members unanimously confirmed Parish Council would be happy to join committee. Cllr. Manuel will advise Rev. Booth accordingly. Cllr. Manuel

**111. PACT Group**

Cllr. Manuel reported on Colehill Community Safety initiative whereby any traffic offences (parking on pavements, double yellow lines etc) are to be reported to PCSO who will then put notice on windscreen of offending vehicle, noting registration number. If same person persists in committing these minor offences, further action will be taken. Cllr. Manuel sought, and received, unanimous Parish Council support for similar initiative in West Parley. PACT Group support will also be sought at April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**ITEMS FOR DEBATE**

**112. REGALIA FOR CHAIRMAN/EMBLEM FOR PARISH COUNCIL**

Cllr. Manuel raised the matter of provision of Chairman's Regalia/adoption of emblem for Parish Council, as we have been asked several times recently to have this included on literature for initiatives that Parish Council supports etc. Some years ago a design was approved and costings sought, which proved prohibitive. Cllr. Hampton declared a view that such expenditure would be totally insensitive in present national financial crisis, and Cllr. Robinson agreed that it might not reflect well on the parish in current climate. Clerk will make enquiries and return to future meeting in this regard. Clerk

**113. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Members agreed content of leaflet, which will be printed by Cllr. Daw and delivered to all households in West Parley by Tudor Distribution w/c 8.4.11. Noted

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**114. PARLEY WOOD MAINTENANCE CONTRACT**

Cllr. Timberlake reported on progress of Moors Valley Countryside Management who have widened footpaths, removed holly, brambles etc., making the wood more easily accessible & user friendly. Funding has also been made available by ETAG to enable foot bridges to be replaced (DDA compliant).

**115. PLANNING**

Planning Minutes 16<sup>th</sup> February & 8<sup>th</sup> March 2011 explained, noted and signed. Cllr. Wilson reported building had appeared on land north of Ridgeway without planning permission – Parish Council to report to EDDC Enforcement. Noted

**116. TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS**

Orders issued by EDDC February/March 2011, noted as per schedule. Noted

**117. REPORTS BY MEMBERS**

i. Cllr. Timberlake had attended ETAG meeting where future of Forestry Commission had been discussed

ii. Cllr. Robinson reported that a log had been placed on the grass verge opposite Parley Pharmacy. This was clearly to discourage parking on the verge; however, this land forms part of the highway and we are advised that should a vehicle be damaged by unofficial deterrents, those responsible could be held liable. DCC are looking to install 'dragons teeth' along the edge and re-seed the damaged area. Noted

**118. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

This was arranged for Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2011, 7.30pm Committee Room, Parley Sports Club, Christchurch Road, West Parley.  
The meeting closed at 10.00pm.