

The parish council had objected to application 2/2017/0269 and it seems that nothing significant has changed to give any grounds for a different decision by North Dorset DC. The parish council continues to oppose a mast in this location on the grounds of appearance, height, visibility and visual impact (Health concerns are not grounds on which an objection can be made). NDDC will be asked to insist that a full planning application is required to allow for a full local consultation and that any decision should be taken by NDDC planning committee rather than officers.

127/17 - Fingerposts – update on progress: Letters have been ordered for the post between Droop and Wonston. MW is trying to get a grant application form from the AONB team

128/17 - Footpath and highways matters – update: It is still expected to repair the footpath from the Antelope to Coney Lane before the winter, but stock-free access across the fields is needed. Speeding was discussed at a number of points in the meeting and is summarised here.

Holwell has some impressive new traffic calming road markings. Is this something we might like to consider at the Common, north of Woodrow, and Park Gate? Could Park Gate benefit from a “give way” priority system? DM noted that speeding and parking were being considered as part of the Neighbourhood Plan. It was also noted that Holwell has an active Speedwatch group which may have helped instigate the speed awareness measures. PB will discuss with Paul Starkey, our community Highways officer. It may be appropriate to invite him along to a parish council meeting.

129/17 – The Keep: KH noted that work on clearing the scrub and grass continues, albeit at a slower pace without the horses to help. Flowers are germinating and there is a profusion of butterflies.

130/17 - Recreation Field– a) pavilion update to include progress on building – The minutes of the committee meeting of 26th June had been circulated and were noted. Work is almost complete and SM noted how handsome and impressive the building was. In order for the building to be handed over, Align need to issue a certificate of practical completion. SM discussed this with Snooks at a meeting on 28th June. An air test is needed (now done), and an EPC certificate produced – SM is chasing the architect for this. There is also the significant issue of the water from the showers pooling in places rather than flowing away. Snooks are looking at practical solutions and should report back to SM shortly. Snooks will also have to complete the defects list before the retention monies are released. **ii) report and update from Chairman on other matters –** JG reported that we had been successful in being nominated as one of the three beneficiaries of the Tesco “Bags of Help” scheme at the Blandford store in July. We are guaranteed at least £1,000 towards fitting out costs, this could rise to £2k or £3k depending on how many “votes” we get compared with the other two beneficiaries. There has also been an issue with dog fouling – the owner of the property has agreed to repair the hole in her fence – the situation will be monitored.

131/17 - Neighbourhood Plan - i) draft minutes of Neighbourhood Plan Committee of 6th June 2017 to be noted: The minutes were noted **ii) update on progress:** 25 sites for development have come forward. These are being assessed against relevant criteria and it is hoped that a public consultation can be held in September to get feedback on progress so far.

132/17 – Village hall – report: DM reported the hall is being painted this weekend

133/17 – DCC/NDDC Cllr Batstone: A decision on the new unitary authority is due on 21st July and the result is expected to be positive. Her “safeguarding” role is extending to disaster recovery plans (in the wake of the Grenfell Tower fire), reducing road deaths and domestic abuse. She is also working on economic growth in North Dorset with the enterprise hub in Sturminster Newton.

134/17 - Public open session: Covered in minute 128/17 above

135/17 – Correspondence to note: It has been reported that the shop is for sale and the short lease on offer might be a deterrent.

136/17 – Other matters: None

137/17 – Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st August 2017.

138/17 – Close of meeting: With no further business to discuss SM closed the meeting at 9.05 pm.

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