

**Minutes of Town Council Meeting held in the Town Council Office
On Wednesday 15th December 2004 commencing 7-50 p.m.**

Present Councillors P Ashcroft, W Batty-Smith, M Butterworth, J Cox, D Grimes, M James, D Neal, J O'Hare, D Short, and J Cowley Chairman, D J Hine (Clerk)

In attendance D Cllr G Carr-Jones and 2 members of the public

To receive apologies C Cllr Mrs R Ash, Cllr R Penfold

Declarations of Interest None

Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting having previously been circulated to Councillors were approved and signed by the Chairman.

OPEN FORUM No comments

Proposed Expenditure

In accordance with S O No. 40 it was proposed by D Grimes and seconded by J Cox that the following expenditure be approved

I Davies. Fell Laburnam tree 65.00
J Foster-Pegg Land Registry fees 135.00

The Clerk explained that some of the Town Council property was not registered at the Land Registry and Mr Foster-Pegg had advised that this was done for the sake of security.

Sign Cheques

In accordance with S O No.40 it was proposed by J Cox and seconded by W Batty-Smith that the following cheques be signed

D J Hine £401.26
S & A Builders Maintenance 70.50
B V Pubs 15.82
Direct Office 28.17
Gartells (P F Grant) 58.75
NDDC Rent Pond Close 11.75
I Davies 65.00
B Telecom 155.12
J Foster-Pegg 135.00
Dike & Son 31.53

Provision of Broadband.

After a short discussion, during which the Chairman thanked M James for his work on the project, it was proposed by J Cowley and seconded by W Batty-Smith that Broadband be connected to the computers in the Town Clerk's Office and the Community Office. Agreed. M James will set out for the Clerk what steps now have to be taken

M James and The Clerk

Bus Shelters

Having taken advice from Mrs M Boon of DCC it was agreed to obtain prices for a clear PVC Low Dome cantilever type shelter.

Clerk to obtain
Next Agenda

Notice Board

D Grimes pointed out that on the 23rd October 2002 it was agreed to have a Notice Board on the outside of the Town Council office provided grants could be obtained to cover the cost and he felt that it was time this decision was activated. The T C already have a £100 grant from DCC and a quotation for the supply of a board for this amount. D Grimes therefore proposed and D Short seconded that a Notice Board be fixed to the outside of the Town Council office subject to planning permission being obtained if this is necessary. Motion carried on a vote of 6 in favour.

The Clerk will liaise with the Community Office Chairman regarding the size.

Clerk to action

Make Precept

It was proposed by W Batty-Smith and seconded by P Ashcroft that the precept on the NDDC be for £49,000 for the year 01.04.2005 to 31.03.2006. All agreed

Councillors' Reports/Questions

D Neal reported that he had attended the Community Lunch which he felt was successful. He also attended the N Dorset DAPTC meeting which had been addressed by W Batty-Smith as Chairman of the NDDC Development Control Committee. As the subject of Parish Plans had been brought up he asked that this be put on the next Agenda.

Next Agenda

D Neal also asked why Stalbridge was not going to have a NDDC "drop in day" regarding Council Tax levels as were being held in the other 4 Towns.

Clerk to write

Stalbridge have agreed to host a meeting of the N Dorset Area DAPTC.

Clerk to arrange

W Batty-Smith reported on the meeting between NDDC and DCC Highways. Apparently none of the schemes promised for last year have been carried out including the improvement to the sight line at the Landshire Lane/A357 junction. However, these will definitely be carried out in 2005/6.

Correspondence

D C C Highways re. request for dropped kerb in High Street, this will be put near the Nat. West Bank. Work to be carried out fairly rapidly.

DCC Traffic Management re Bagber Crossroads. Unfortunately it is not possible to improve the visibility splay but increased signing will be put in place. Letter to be sent asking if the DCC had the power to compel the landowner to keep the hedge trimmed back and also if there was any way of compulsorily purchasing the necessary piece of land.

Clerk to write

Minutes of Henstridge Airfield C. Cttee. Given to D Neal

Letter from Mrs Peak suggesting a seat is placed in the High Street. Reply to the effect that the TC do not agree that a seat would be a good idea in the High Street

Clerk to write

Invitation from Sturminster Community Learning Centre to view their new premises at The Sidings on Tues. 14th Dec. or Thurs. 16th Dec.

NDDC Economic Dev. Policy advising that £200 has been allocated to Stalbridge towards the cost of Christmas promotional activities. Letter to Lighting Cttee with congratulations on their efforts.

Clerk to write

NDDC Chief Exec. Advising that our letter re. Woodmills and Larks Meadow open spaces have been passed to the Enforcement Officer and Environment Policy Manager for action
Clerk to chase for replies.

Clerk to action

English Heritage re. The Cross advising that they are unable to carry out a valuation for insurance purposes. Clerk to contact Chartered Surveyor and obtain cost

Clerk to action

Letter from Mr Easton of Larks Meadow re bridleway and damage to TC fence posts

N Murray Rural Housing Enabler. She would like to attend a meeting and introduce herself.

Clerk to arrange

NDDC Tree Officer. Copy of letter to Adbruf acknowledging receipt of application under a Tree Preservation to fell two trees and carry out work on another

NDDC Financial services re. Precepts

Notes of Town and Parish Liaison Meetings

NDDC C Exec. Re. Henstridge Airfield. Guiding Principles to support planning policy for the airfield are being drafted. Meetings will be held to discuss these and they have been requested to hold one in Dorset. Sth Som. Have also been asked to invite DCC Highways to an open meeting with regard to traffic impact on Dorset.

Clerk to write and advise that the Stalbridge Hall would make a suitable venue for such a meeting and also to confirm to Sth Som. D C that we wish to be treated as a consultee on all planning applications for the Airfield.

Report from Ms J Rabbetts as Parish Transport Representative. Ms Rabbetts reminds everyone to let her know if they have any problems with Public Transport so that she can get some action.

NDDC Liveability Invitation to Green Flag Awards presentation

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

M James advised that for personal reasons he is unable to continue as a Town Councillor and will be resigning as from 31st December 2004. The Chairman expressed his regret and thanked him for his work in particular with regard to the IT provision.

The Dog Fouling signs have been destroyed at JFPA. Clerk to ask Dog Warden to visit early in the morning.

Clerk to action

W Batty-Smith advised that if a disabled person who has a reduced fare travel pass needs a carer to accompany them, then the Carer can also apply for a reduced fare travel pass.

Further letter to be sent to the owner of 19 Park Road re. rubbish on Pond Close.

Clerk to write

J Cowley asked that the provision of a sign to the Station Road Car Park be progressed and also the possibility of signs indicating the direction to Stalbridge Weston and Stourton Caundle.

Clerk to action

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-35 p.m

**Minutes of Town Council Meeting held in the Town Council Office
On Wednesday 17th November 2004 commencing 7-55 p.m.**

Present Councillors P Ashcroft, M Butterworth, J Cox, D Grimes, M James, D Neal J O'Hare, R Penfold, D Short and J Cowley Chairman, D J Hine (Clerk)

In attendance C Cllr Mrs R Ash and Mrs I Tanner

To receive apologies D Cllr G Carr-Jones and Cllr W Batty-Smith

Declarations of Interest None

Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting having previously been circulated to Councillors were approved and signed by the Chairman with the following amendments

W Batty-Smith also attended the meeting with DCC Representatives at the Station Road junction.

SO88 should have the additional words "together with information as to where important documents etc. are kept" inserted after Town Possessions

OPEN FORUM

Mr N Brown advised that the proposed Trailway has been awarded a grant of £10,000 from DCC. It has also been suggested that a gate be fitted at the end of the SPS Track to discourage vehicles from using it.

Mrs Tanner asked if the Town Council would pay some of the expenses of the Open Evening on 3rd December. (see proposed expenditure)

Mrs Ash said regarding the Parish Liaison Meeting that she felt that Stalbridge was very much overlooked in favour of Sturminster Newton.

Proposed Expenditure

In accordance with S O No. 40 it was proposed by J Cox and seconded by D Grimes that the following expenditure be approved

R B Legion Poppy Wreath Section 137 12.00
Bob Jones Heating Eng. Service Boilers 94.00
Hospitality Allce. For 3rd December 35.00

Sign Cheques

In accordance with S O No.40 it was proposed by D Grimes and seconded by J Cox that the following cheques be signed

D J Hine salary (incl. 2.5 wks hol. Pay) 401.26
Bob Jones 94.00
S & A Builders. Inspections 98.70
John Singleton JFPA 437.50
Direct Office 160.72
R B L 12.00

P W L B £6,817.05

Discuss provision of Broadband

After some discussion it was agreed to put this item on the next agenda. The Chairman thanked M James for his work in this connection
Next Agenda

Possible provision of Bus Shelters

There is a meeting with a representative from DCC on the 18th November.
Next Agenda

Consider permitting planting of memorial trees on The Pound

An approach has been made by a resident for permission to plant a shrub/tree on The Pound as a memorial. Whilst this would appear to be a nice idea it was felt that it could well escalate over the years. It was therefore proposed by D Grimes and seconded by M Butterworth that the Town Council turn down this request. All agreed.

Fix date of Budget Meeting

It was agreed that the preliminary meeting regarding the Budget for 2005/6 would be held after the Planning Meeting on 1st December. It was agreed that this discussion would be held in private. R Penfold tendered his apologies for this meeting.

Councillors' Reports/Questions

D Grimes as Tree Officers advised that there are now 13 young trees left in Wood Lane. He also asked that the question of the provision of a Notice Board on the outside of the Town Council premises be placed on the next agenda. Agreed.

Next Agenda

D Neal reported on the Liaison Meeting that the Section 106 Developers Contributions appear to be allocated to Sturminster although it has now been acknowledged that Sturquest is purely for Sturminster Newton. Stourton Caundle may well be interested in joining in with Stalbridge on a future project.

With regard the Christmas Celebrations on 3rd December there will be a Policeman and 2 special Constables on duty together with volunteer marshals from the Football and Cricket Clubs. With regard to the insurance of lighting The Cross, it was suggested that Mr Foster-Pegg check with the T C's Insurers.

P Ashcroft reported on a meeting held by the proposed Developers of the School site with the Parents. The inadequacies of the present site were emphasised including road access. The proposed new site will be in Barrow Hill. They will provide space only for a Pre-School unit and it is hoped that there would be some Community use. The proposed site is some 7 acres compared with 2.2 acres at present and although the building would be much bigger it would not cater for any increase in the number of pupils. They would want to build some 30-40 properties on the Duck Lane site

Correspondence

Letters from 14, 15 ,16,17, 19, 20 and 21 Larks Meadow objecting to part of the proposed Cycle Path/Trailway.

Copy of letter from N Brown in reply to them.

Letter from Robert Walter MP supporting HGV restriction in Stalbridge Weston and requesting information on progress. Send copy to C Cllr R Ash

Letter from DCC Highways advising that the broken bollard will be replaced but put further into the road.

Notification from NDDC advising of meeting re. Delegation of Planning applications on 29th Nov. At 6-45 p.m. J Cowley, P Ashcroft and M Butterworth will attend.

Invitation from Portland T C to Civic Carol Service on 10th December

Agenda and Minutes for N D Area meeting of DAPTC to be held in Sturminster on 25th November. D Neal and J Cowley will attend

Letter from Stalbridge School PTFA Secretary complaining about dog fouling of footpath from Station Road to Duck Lane. (Clerk's note. I have contacted the Dog Warden who has visited the area and put up more notices etc.)

Letter from NDDC asking for details of any Christmas Promotional Activities.

Clerk to reply

Letter of thanks from Stalbridge Lunch Club for grant.

E Mail from Regional Adviser regarding grants available for Local Heritage Initiative and advising of a meeting to be held in Gillingham on 30th November. Request further details

Clerk to write

Letter from M Williams DCC in reply to our letter re. Signalised Junction advising that he cannot improve on the timescale for a preliminary design.

Letter from NDDC re. Public Conveniences asking (for research purposes only) if the Council might be prepared to consider taking over ownership and management of the toilets in Stalbridge

It was agreed to say no.

Letter from NDDC, Gill Smith. Re. Henstridge Airfield advising that a meeting has been requested with Sth. Somerset to discuss latest proposals

Notification from NDDC of Community Partnership Presentation Evening at Shaftesbury on 1st December

Letter from NDDC re. Pond Close advising that at present no decisions have been reached on the medium and long term future of the area or adjoining land and therefore they are unable to consider any variation of the lease at the present time.

Letter from DCC Highways re. Bagber Crossroads advising that our correspondence has been forwarded to Traffic Management section asking if they can justify a small improvement scheme at this junction (i.e. moving hedges back)

Letter from Christmas Lights Group advising of arrangements for Christmas Celebrations

Letter from NDDC advising of Budget & Capital Workshops.

Letter from John Foster-Pegg re. Possibility of a mirror to assist vehicles leaving the road to the Church on to the A357. Suggest he re-contacts DCC as we believe it is highway not a private road as stated.

Copy of letter from R A Kinnibrugh Duck Lane to Dorset Engineering re. Lighting of footpath

C Exec Circular 20-04 from DAPTC

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

With regard to a light on Footpath from Thornhill Road to Lower Road. Clerk will check the position. Advise Mr Hann

The Chairman asked the Clerk to confirm that she would be using part of her holiday entitlement to cover payment for the period she has been ill. Confirmed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10-20 p.m.

Minutes of Town Council Meeting held in the Town Council Office On Wednesday 20th October 2004 commencing 7-50 p.m.

Present Councillors P Ashcroft, W Batty-Smith, J Cox, D Neal, J O'Hare, R Penfold D Short and J Cowley Chairman, D J Hine (Clerk)

In attendance

To receive apologies D Cllr G Carr-Jones, Cllr M Butterworth, D Grimes & M James

Declarations of Interest None

Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting having previously been circulated to Councillors were approved and signed by the Chairman with the following additions:

Item 7. J Cowley distributed copies of the new Standing Orders as originally proposed before the meeting

Item 9. Afteras possible attend, W Batty-Smith suggested Councillors attend in a private capacity.

With regard to the Minutes of the Planning Meeting of the 6th October J Cowley felt that the report of the meeting with DCC reps. held on 30th Sept. at the Station Road junction should include the following:- " The meeting was attended by Cllrs M Butterworth, D Grimes, D Neal, R Penfold and the Chairman J Cowley and the Town Clerk. C Cllr Mrs R Ash also attended the meeting as did Mr J Else representing High Street Traders (with the permission of the DCC representatives). During the meeting Mr K Bealing, a School Bus Driver made an unsolicited appearance and gave details of the difficulties he experiences when approaching the junction from the South on the A 357 and

endeavouring to turn into Station Road caused by vehicles parked near the Post Office.”
All agreed.

OPEN FORUM

Mrs Murray expressed concern that a request for a Grant from the North Dorset CAB had been turned down. She was advised to suggest to the CAB that they make a further request for a Grant before the Budget Meeting for 2005/6 in December.

Proposed Expenditure

In accordance with S O No. 40 it was proposed by W Batty-Smith and seconded by P Ashcroft that the following expenditure be approved

D J Hine Conference travel exes 59.00
R Sharp Repair to Mower 30.00
(if we are going to sell the mower to Mr Sharp this
will not have to be paid)
It was agreed to sell the mower to Mr Sharp for £70

Sign Cheques

In accordance with S O No.40 it was proposed by W Batty-Smith and seconded by P Ashcroft that the following cheques be signed

D J Hine salary 401.26
Conference travel 59.00 460.26
Direct Office 14.04
R Sharp The Ring twice and footpath 125.00
Stalbridge Estate Rent 1,475.00
British Gas 17.97
S & A Builders. Maintenance inspections 56.40
BMV Pubs 15.52
R Sharp NDDC grass 250.00
Henstridge A C Cttee 12.50
Sturquest Comm. Lunch 3.50

Proposed Additional Standing Orders

J Cowley proposed the following additional Standing Orders

SO 88 The Standing Orders for the Town Clerk, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman should contain details of the Inventory, Deeds etc., and information on where important documents are kept.

SO 89 The Chairman or Vice Chairman in the absence of the Chairman, to be informed of all correspondence addressed to the Town Council within 72 hours of receipt.

The Clerk pointed out that she felt that both the above proposals should apply to all Councillors as to restrict the information to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman would accord them privileges over the rest of the Councillors to which they were not entitled.

After some discussion the following new Standing Orders were agreed

SO 88 An up to date copy of the Inventory of Town Possessions to be placed with all copies of the Standing Orders. Proposed by D Neal and seconded by W Batty-Smith. This was agreed by all Councillors, with the exception of the Chairman, who did not vote.

SO 89 All correspondence including e-mails and Planning Applications will, on receipt, be placed in a tray in the Town Clerk's office and be available for all Councillors to read. Proposed by D Neal and seconded by W Batty-Smith. All agreed with the exception of the Chairman who did not vote.

Proposed Rail to Trailway (Mr N Brown)

The footpath officer, Mr N Brown, addressed the meeting and gave details of proposals of Stalbridge Trailways and cycle path links with the exception of I to K marked on the plan, Vale Road to Blackmore Road to Jarvis Way. The Town Council's thanks for his efforts were recorded. It was proposed by W Batty-Smith and seconded by P Ashcroft that a statement supporting safe and easy access to the countryside not currently provided be sent. All agreed.

Clerk to write

Problem of Beech Trees at the Entrance to Park Road

An e-mail was received from the County Council, who stated at the present time they accept responsibility for tree No 2 on the highway verge. Mr Hughes, 2 Park Road to be informed of the County Council's decision. (see also correspondence)

D Neal to action

Councillors' Reports/Questions

The Clerk gave a short report to Councillors with regard to her attendance at the Annual Conference of Local Council Clerks. She has brought back a copy of the Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977 which has various information with reference to a possible new Burial Ground. Further details have been obtained regarding the implications of the Freedom of Information Act, further parts of which will come into force on 1st January 2005. A summary of the Law relating to meetings with some of the issues regularly raised is very useful should any problems arise. A Guide to becoming a Quality Council makes interesting reading and this is something that should be discussed in detail by Councillors. The booklet will be circulated and the item put on a future Agenda. During a seminar with the Chief of Police for Warwickshire he emphasised that the Crimestoppers Number should be publicised and people encouraged to use it. The Community Office

have been asked to do this. Various contacts were made with other Clerks, which is always a most useful part of the Conference as the Clerk's job is a very lonely one.

W Batty-Smith advised regarding Development Control procedures that if the Town Council object to an application an official Planning Reason must be quoted. If Dev. Control disagree with a Town Council's recommendation, they will be advised of the reasons in advance of any decision being made.

With regard to the new regime on Licensing, W Batty-Smith recommended that if a casual licence is required for a function over Christmas application should be made as soon as possible.

As the local representative with regard to Postal Problems W Batty-Smith asked to be advised of any problems as at present he understood that some areas are not getting mail daily because of lack of staff.

D Neal reported on the recent Henstridge Airfield Consultative Cttee meeting. Figures for air movements for the period March to September were 3684 of which 206 were rotary aircraft (these do not include the air ambulance) On the Open days there were 252 movements on the March day and 281 on the 28th August. 22 complaints have been received from 5 people of these 4 were disputed and 5 others in doubt. Two Open Days planned on 27th March and 1st June 2005. The fly out time in June will be slightly later than usual. With regard to the proposed Wind Farm whether or not this would mean some alteration to air routes is being investigated.

R Penfold attended the Sturminster Newton Civic Day which was most enjoyable. A visit was made to Sturminster Mill and a good lunch provided. Unfortunately it also rained rather a lot. He felt it was a worthwhile public relations exercise.

It was reported that the bollard outside the Post Office has been damaged.
Clerk to report

Rubbish still on Pond Close area from Park Road property, further letter to be sent
Clerk to write

D Neal had taken some photos of The Cross. Letter to be written to English Heritage asking for advice regarding value for Insurance purposes.
Clerk to write

Correspondence

Copy of letter from Dorset Race Equality Council to DAPTC drawing attention to the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000 and the implications thereof.

Letter from S W Regional Assembly enclosing details of the Regional Spatial Strategy Consultation document for comment.

Letter from Nick White the Creative Consultant for a new rural community development project asking if Stalbridge wishes to be involved

Letter from Wicksteed Leisure re. Disability Discrimination Act and the October 2004 provisions suggesting checks on Play Equipment

Letter from Parking Services advising that Stalbridge is patrolled on a regular basis but some additional visits will be arranged concentrating on the High Street

Letter from DCC advising that a Waste Local Plan for consultation has been published for Bournemouth, Poole and Dorset. Also letter advising that the next meeting of Dorset Waste Forum on on 30th November at Ferndown.

Allotments Survey Form for completion

Supplementary Guidance Notes for Liveability Fund

Letter from Williams Nursery with suggestions for replacement tree on The Ring. Obtain cost of Crateagus. Clerk to contact

Notification of Community Lunch in Sturminster Newton R Penfold will attend, cheque for £3.50 agreed

Letter from DEFRA re. Clean Neighbourhoods

Letter from Dorset Regiment re. Freedom, suggesting this is held in abeyance until announcement regarding future of the regiment. Agreed

Letter from NDDC re. Grant towards cost of Community Office. It was agreed that as the cheque for £650 was made payable to the Community Office, this would be treated as the TC grant to the C Office for 2005/6

Notification from DAPTC of subscription for 2005/6 (£442.09) and of AGM 30.10.04

DCC Update on Parish Maintenance Units

E mail from J Mann, DCC Highways. Re. Park Road Beech Trees. The County accept that the tree outside No.2 is a Highway Tree but that it is not causing a highway problem and therefore they will not be doing anything. If the Owner of No. 2 wishes to do something, then he may after he has obtained permission from County & District Councils. The tree outside No.1 belongs to No.1 and as the branches overhanging the pavement are a hazard they will ask the owner of No.1 to get them cut back. Send copy to David Hughes (see Agenda item 8)

Letter from Wessex Water re. Roadway to SPS. They will be following up what appears to be unauthorised use of the track by two properties. They will also be monitoring the

effect of works on the ditch to the flooding of the track and if there is a problem they will contact the property owners.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs Cox requested that the very important letter be sent to the residents of Lark's Meadow regarding the damage to the Town Council's fence on the boundary of the Jarvis Field Play area.

Chase up letter regarding visibility at Bagber Crossroads

Send letter to NDDC, Kevin Morris, regarding the state of the bund at Woodmills

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.05 p.m.

Minutes of Town Council Meeting held in the Town Council Office On Wednesday 22nd September 2004 commencing 7-50 p.m.

Present Councillors P Ashcroft, W Batty-Smith, M Butterworth, D Grimes, D Neal J O'Hare, D Short and J Cowley, Chairman, D J Hine (Clerk)

In attendance C Cllr Mrs R Ash, D Cllr G Carr-Jones and 2 electors

To receive apologies Cllrs. J Cox, M James and R Penfold

Declarations of Interest None

Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting having previously been circulated to Councillors were approved and signed by the Chairman.

OPEN FORUM

G Carr-Jones asked if any of the Councillors present knew anything about the possibility of an application being made to the Liveability Fund for a Youth Shelter. He was advised that R Penfold had mentioned the project.

Proposed Expenditure

All expenditure for this month normal expenses

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Sign Cheques

In accordance with S O No.40 it was proposed by W Batty-Smith and seconded by D Grimes that the following cheques be signed

D J Hine salary 437.56
R Sharp The Ring 55.00
R Sharp NDDC Grass 250.00
B Telecom 173.52
J Singleton 437.50
Direct Office 7.04
HLB Audit 411.25
Four Counties (Toner) 70.18
S & A Builders Inspections 70.50
BMV Pubs 13.78
S Electric 97.72

The Clerk advised that the Annual Audit for year ended 31st March 2004 has now been completed. There were no matters which required attention. The Annual Return is now presented for approval and acceptance by the Council.

It was proposed by D Grimes and seconded by M Butterworth that the Annual Return be accepted. All agreed.

Possible Provision of Bus Shelters

Reply received from DCC advising that grants are available for the provision of Bus Shelters subject to various criteria. C Cllr R Ash elaborated on the criteria and suggested that the Highways Dept., should also be approached with regard to what planning permissions etc., are required. It was agreed to look at the site during the next site visit morning.

Next Planning Agenda

Consider additional Standing Orders

Copies of the two additional standing orders proposed were provided to Councillors with alternative wordings.

Next Agenda

Possible provision of Broadband to computers

It was agreed to ask Four Counties for a quotation for making arrangements for the office computers to be connected to Broadband. Clerk will liaise with M James in this regard.

Clerk to action

Councillors' Reports/Questions

P Ashcroft reported on the School Governors' meeting she had attended in particular with regard to the new school proposals. Although all parties (LEA, Diocese, Governors and Developer) are keen to go ahead permission must be sought from the Dept. of Education to sell the school playing field. The present site is owned by the Diocese and the Governors and if and when a new school is built the new site will be transferred into similar ownership. The School A G M is being held on Wednesday 20th October and P Ashcroft recommended that as many Councillors as possible attend but in a private capacity. If this is in order, the TC meeting scheduled for that evening will be held on the 19th October.

D Neal reported on the Area DAPTC meeting attended by himself and J Cowley which discussed several things including Dorset's Renewable Energy Strategy & Action Plan.

W Batty-Smith advised regarding the Bund at Woodmills and the problems therewith that the area is still owned by the Developer and the NDDC have been asked to take enforcement action to compel the Developer to bring the area up to a standard acceptable to the NDDC who will then take over the area.

D Neal advised that the remains of the fallen tree limb have been removed from the Park Wall area that is leased to the T Council. Clerk to get wall repaired.

Clerk to action

D Neal advised that Pond Close needs cutting again.

Clerk to arrange

D Neal asked if there had been any reply to the TC's request for more regular attendance by Traffic Wardens. As the answer was No, it was agreed to write again.

Clerk to write

As no action appears to have been taken regarding the overhanging Beech trees at the entrance to Park Road, it was agreed to write again to DCC

Clerk to write

It was agreed to Contact the Devon & Dorset Regiment again regarding the proposed Freedom of the town

Clerk to write

Correspondence

Environment Agency. Invitation to annual Flood Warden Seminar on 8th October

Letter from A Brooks NDDC re. Land at Pond Close. He will be taking instructions on the TC's request regarding allotments but in the meantime enclosed details of Section 126 of the L G A 1972 for perusal

Letter from NDDC enclosing draft statement of Licensing Policy for consultation

Acknowledgements from Mr R Walter, MP and DCC re HGVs accessing Stalbridge Weston

Letter from Mr D Diaz DCC re. Town Centre Traffic Management. Advising that a Stage 3 safety audit has been carried out. The Clerk advised that a meeting with regard the possible provision of Traffic Lights has been arranged for Thursday 30th Sept. at 9-30 with M Williams of DCC who said that he would be asking Mr Diaz to attend as well.

DAPTC Model Code of Conduct for All local government employees enclosed for consultation.

NDDC Street Closure Order for Friday 3rd December for comments. None

Rail to Trail Campaign News Sheet No. 5

Notification of meeting of Henstridge Airfield Cttee on 20th October. Given to D Neal

Reply from Rev. Ridding regarding the repairs to the Bier House. It was agreed to write to Mr Pope and give him two weeks to remove the old mowers etc.
Clerk to write

Reply from DCC Traffic Management re. HGVs accessing S Weston. He is contacting the Legal Dept regarding the implications of applying for a time restriction.

Letter from Insp. Budden re. Pilot scheme to increase community contact by way of a dedicated Special Constabulary Section Officer. Reply pointing out that we do have good contact via the Community Office visits
Clerk to write

Copy of letter from C Cllr Mrs R Ash to Mr Westwood DCC re. HGVs accessing S Weston

Letter from DCC Engineering Consultancy advising that the request for Street Lights on PF 22 Station Road to Duck Lane as been agreed but TC must advise all those affected. To be visited on next Site visit morning.
Next Planning Agenda

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

J Cowley requested a further letter be sent to DCC regarding lack of visibility at Bagber Crossroads and asking for urgent action bearing in mind that there will be additional traffic along these roads from Oct. 4th when the A357 will be closed at Lydlinch
Clerk to write

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-25 p.m.

**Minutes of Town Council Meeting held in the Town Council Office
On Wednesday 25th August 2004 commencing 8-00 p.m.**

Present Councillors W Batty-Smith, J Cox, D Grimes, M James, D Neal, J O'Hare
R Penfold, D Short and J Cowley Chairman, D J Hine (Clerk)

In attendance C Cllr Mrs R Ash and 2 electors

To receive apologies Cllrs P Ashcroft and M Butterworth

Declarations of Interest None

Minutes of last meeting

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OPEN FORUM No comments

Proposed Expenditure

In accordance with S O No. 40 it was proposed by W Batty-Smith and seconded by J Cox that the following expenditure be approved

J Harvey manufacturing 2 new animals £400.00
Gartell & Son PF Grant £2,521.78
Soc. L C C Conference (allowed for in Budget) 265.00
NDDC P.App. for Comm. Learning 110.00
Lunch Club (allowed for in Budget) 100.00

Sign Cheques

In accordance with S O No.40 it was proposed by W Batty-Smith and seconded by D Grimes that the following cheques be signed

D J Hine salary – new rate plus backpay £444.20
Soc. L C C Conference 265.00
R Sharp The Pound (3 times) 165.00
R Sharp NDDC grass 250.00
S Gardener Monthly/3 monthly inspections 84.60
D Office 29.60
J Harvey manufacturing 2 new animals £400.00
BMV Pubs advert 13.78
Gartell & Son £2,541.70
NDDC 110.00
Stalbridge Lunch Club 100.00

Repairs to Bier House and other maintenance

It was agreed to write to the PCC to ask if the Bier could be kept on display in the Church. It was also agreed to ask the PCC to make arrangements for the Bier House to be cleared of all rubbish, old mowers etc., in order that repairs can be carried out. A quote received in the sum of £120 + VAT to repair the bottom of the doors with metal sheet and also for £25 + VAT to put a proper cover on the well. It was proposed by W Batty-Smith and seconded by D Grimes that these prices be accepted. All agreed.
Clerk to confirm

Bus Shelters

The question of the provision of a Bus Shelter in Jarvis Way was again discussed. It was agreed to enquire if this would be eligible for a grant from the Liveability Fund. DCC Public Transport department to be asked about provision of Shelters and also First National Bus.
Clerk to action

Future of Pond Close

After some discussion it was agreed to ask NDDC if part of Pond Close could be used for Alotments. Also the owner of 19 Park Road to be asked to remove the hedge cuttings and other garden rubbish deposited on Pond Close.
Clerk to action

Request to floodlight The Cross

It was proposed by W Batty-Smith and seconded by M James that the request by the Christmas Lights Group to floodlight The Cross be agreed. All Agreed.
Clerk to write

Councillors' Reports/Questions

J Cowley asked if anyone wished to go to the CPRE Bulding Better Housing exhibition in Wimborne.

D Grimes asked about the condition of some of the new Wood Lane Trees. He was advised that the administering of some poultry manure has been suggested.

R Penfold advised that so far the Liveability Fund had approved a grant to Pimperne regarding their footpaths

J Cox asked that a check be made to ensure that the Town Council's wreath for Remembrance Sunday was on order
Clerk to check

The Clerk reported that she had advised NDDC that the Laburnam tree on The Ring is to be cut down as it is mainly dead. A new tree must be planted in its place. Ask Mr Williams for a recommendation.

Clerk to arrange

R Penfold ask if the Union Flag could be flown on 3rd September as it is Merchant Navy Day.

Clerk to contact Mr Gibbs

Correspondence

NDDC letter with questionnaire on Public Conveniences. Reply as agreed

North Dorset CAB letter requesting grant Reply saying we provide the office etc. in lieu

DCC reply to our letter requesting Signalised Junction suggesting a site meeting. Contact regarding date and time.

Sturminster Town Clerk. Copy of letter to Stur. Carnival Secretary re. Signs. Sturminster Carnival Sec. Reply to our letter complaining about signs.

Rev. Ridding. Letter of thanks for Churchyard Grant

DAPTC List of training sessions and confirmation of Clerks' new Pay Scales

NDDC copy of their letter to BT Payphones requesting the retention of at least one telephone box in each village

Sturminster Town Council invitation to Civic Day and Cheese Festival. Accept on behalf of R Penfold

DCC Notification of closure of A357 at Lydlinch commencing 4th October

NDDC Notification of Parish Liaison Meeting on Thursday 11th November. Ask for Community Partnerships to be put on Agenda

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

R Penfold ask if Emergency Planning could be put on next Agenda

Lunch Club funding to be put on next Agenda if appropriate

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10-10 p.m.

**Minutes of Town Council Meeting held in the Town Council Office
On Wednesday 28 th July 2004 commencing 8-00 p.m.**

Present Councillors P Ashcroft, J Cox, D Grimes, M James, D Neal, J O'Hare and J Cowley Chairman, D J Hine (Clerk)

In attendance C Cllr Mrs R Ash and 2 residents

To receive apologies D Cllrs W Batty-Smith & G Carr-Jones, Cllrs M Butterworth, R Penfold and D Short

Declarations of Interest None

Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting having previously been circulated to Councillors were approved and signed by the Chairman.

OPEN FORUM

C Cllr R Ash took the opportunity to advise those present that the County Council has made a grant of £50,000 towards the proposed extension of the Stalbridge Hall in respect of the Youth and Community project.

On the question of the Heavy Lorries in Stalbridge Weston although various meetings had been held there appeared to be little progress and she suggested that perhaps a complaint to the Environmental Health Dept. on the grounds of lack of sleep due to noise might help. Also enquiries could be made of RSPCA with regard to movement of live poultry.

Proposed Expenditure

In accordance with S O No. 40 it was proposed by J Cox and seconded by D Grimes that the following expenditure be approved

R Sharp cutting Springfields hedge & clear away 166.00

Williams Nursery. Plants for troughs at The Cross 29.17

Sign Cheques

In accordance with S O No.40 it was proposed by J Cox and seconded by D Grimes that the following cheques be signed

D J Hine salary 390.53

R Sharp NDDC Grass £250.00

The Pound 55.00

Hedge 166.00 471.00

B Gas 18.66

Williams Nursery 29.17

D Office 14.04

J Singleton 437.50

St Mary's Church – churchyard 2,000.00

BMV Pubs 13.78

Pond Close 200.00

O A Wiles (rec'd from NDDC) 1,951.62

The Clerk provided Councillors with copies of the quarterly comparison of expenditure to Budget.

Consider implications of Disability discrimination Act 1995

A letter received from DCC advising that it would not be possible to place a ramp on the pavement together with a safety rail on edge of pavement to enable wheelchair access to the office. It was therefore agreed to accept the fact that, at present, the T C are unable to do anything about this. With regard to those with limited sight being to read the Notices of Meetings in the window it was agreed to purchase A4 plastic freestanding holders to place nearer the front of the window.

Clerk to order

Report of completion of check on Town Inventory and Risk Assessment

All items on the Inventory have now been checked and a list produced of various works required. The Bier House needs clearing out and the PCC to be asked if the Bier could go back in the Church and the various old mowers and other obsolete items removed. A new cover is required for the well inside the Bier House. It was suggested that the sums insured in respect of The Cross and The War Memorial be increased to £35,000 each. Clerk to ask Insurance Company by how much the premium would be increased. It was thereafter agreed that the T C had carried out an adequate risk assessment on the Town's property.

Councillors' Reports/Questions

It was reported that at an informal meeting with the School Governors, Cllrs were advised that a planning application in the joint names of the Governors and a Developer would be submitted to NDDC in October regarding housing development on the present school site and provision of a new school on another site.

The Chairman and Clerk attended the launch of the Liveability Fund on 22 nd July and it had been suggested that a grant towards the purchase of a site for an extension to the Burial Ground may be considered.

D Neal reported that the open meeting of NORDOP on the 6 th July in Blandford although well supported by various information organisations had not been very well attended by the public. He also advised that the replacement spring animals are now in place in the Jubilee Play Area. He also advised that where a large limb of the very old Chestnut Tree had fallen on the wall, some children are now using this as access to The Park. D Neal also expressed concern that there were people with dogs in The Park.

It was agreed to put the question of future use of Pond Close on the next Agenda as this too could be suitable for a Liveability Fund grant

Correspondence

Letter from English Heritage re. The Cross advising that if nothing is to be attached to the Cross there is no objection to it being floodlit

Letter from DCC re. Disabled Access to 8 Ring Street. Advising that it would not be possible to fix a guard rail between the pavement and road at this point. See Agenda item

Letter from DCC re. HGVs accessing Poultry Farm at Stalbridge Weston. Advising that it is felt that a time restriction on lorries would not be practicable and that the owner is investigating ways of alleviating the problem. He feels it best to await the outcome of these. See comment in Open Forum

Letter from Mrs S Brooks complaining about illegal parking on the High Street. Copy to be sent to DCC parking dept.

Notification of Sturminster Newton Civic Day on 12 th September

Invitation to North Dorset's Civic Day on 17 th September

Letter from DCC re. Pedestrian Crossing asking for confirmation that local businesses are in favour of the crossing. It was agreed to write a further letter pointing out that as a result of a meeting with DCC and Local Traders what was requested should have been Traffic Lights with a pedestrian phase.

Letter from NDDC advising that there is to be a review of Public Conveniences and that the public are to be asked their opinion on the present provision

Copy of the NDDC Best Value Performance Plan 2004/05

Letter from DCC asking for Volunteers for the Dorset Local Access Forum

Invitation to Shaftesbury Civic Walkabout on 21 st August

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

P Ashcroft reported that the footpath from Thornhill Road down to Lower Road is very overgrown at the Thornhill end. Clerk to ask Mr Sharp if he will trim this.

With reference to the item in the minutes regarding the complaint that Age Concern took over the limited parking area in Station Road for some time, it was agreed to write to them and suggest that they use the Car Park if they wish to make a return visit.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.10 .pm.

Minutes of Town Council Meeting held in the Town Council Office On Wednesday 30th June 2004 commencing 7-55 p.m.

Present Councillors P Ashcroft, W Batty-Smith, M James, D Neal, J O'Hare, R Penfold, D Short and J Cowley Chairman
D J Hine (Clerk)

In attendance C Cllr Mrs R Ash and 4 residents.

To receive apologies Cllrs M Butterworth, J Cox and D Grimes

Declarations of Interest None

Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting having previously been circulated to Councillors were approved and signed by the Chairman.

OPEN FORUM

C Cllr Mrs R Ash congratulated J O'Hare on being appointed a Justice of the Peace which comment was endorsed by all those present.

With regard to possible traffic signals in the High Street mentioned during a site meeting on Monday C Cllr Ash had received a letter from Miss Selway of DCC confirming her message to the Clerk that any such request should be made in writing. On the subject of the HG vehicles in Stalbridge Weston, she had received an E Mail from the Owner of the

Chicken Farm, a copy of which she provided to the TC. She suggested that a further letter be written to the DCC addressed to Miles Butler, requesting a time restriction on HGVs using the Stalbridge Weston road.

C Cllr Ash also advised that the DCC are no longer considering the site in Landshire Lane as a suitable place for Travellers

Mrs I Tanner, Community Office Chairman, advised that the CO has purchased further shelving to match existing for displaying leaflets.

Residents of Larks Meadow complained about the condition of the open area and also the hedge alongside the footpath and the dirty condition of the re-cycling area. The complaints regarding the open area have already been passed to NDDC and W Batty-Smith advised that the area in question is the subject of a 106 Agreement which has not been finalised yet. He suggested the Clerk write regarding the dirty state of the re-cycling area.

Proposed Expenditure

In accordance with S O No. 40 it was proposed by W Batty-Smith and seconded by J O'Hare that the following expenditure be approved

P J Watts Audit fee 35.00

M Fagg re. Town Clerks Liaison Group 7.50

Sign Cheques

In accordance with S O No.40 it was proposed by W Batty-Smith and seconded by D Neal that the following cheques be signed

D J Hine salary part June 195.26

Postage 52.28

P J Watts 35.00

Vaughtons T C Insignia 45.99

R Sharp NDDC Grass 250.00

The Pound 55.00

S Electric 43.87

BMV Pubs advert re Web site 28.56

D Office 114.16

S & A Builders 56.40

M Fagg 7.50

The Clerk produced the Annual Return to the Auditors for signature by The Chairman and it was proposed by W Batty-Smith and seconded by D Neal that this be done. All agreed.

Disabled access to 8 Ring Street

J Cowley reported that he had met Mr F Simpson of DCC on site and discussed the problems, Mr Simpson will be contacting us with the costings regarding the provision of a guard rail to prevent anyone leaving the office and stepping straight into the road. Until a reply is received the matter will be held in abeyance.

Appoint representative to Liveability Fund appraisal panel.

R Penfold agreed to be the Town Council's representative

Councillors' Reports/Questions

J Cowley reported on a meeting at Stalbridge Weston with Mr S Howard of DCC, C Cllr, Mrs R Ash, Mrs Garton and Mrs Smith and the Owner/Manager of the Chicken Farm re HG vehicles (as previously mentioned by C Cllr Ash). It was agreed to write to Mr M Butler of DCC and request a time restriction of HGVs using the road.

Clerk to write

D Neal reported on a meeting held in Sherborne regarding possible trailway/cycleways in the Yeovil/Sherborne/Milborne Port area. It was not really much to do with Stalbridge, but we will be kept informed of any developments.

D Neal reported on the Community Lunch held in Stalbridge School. This went very well and was well attended. It was also suggested that another event be held but in the early evening. Hugh DeIongh pointed out that this was how Community Partnerships begin and advised that he will be visiting various smaller parishes in the area to establish if they are willing to join with Stalbridge and suggested that a member of the Council accompany him. D Neal agreed to do so.

D Neal reminded members of the NORDOP Open Meeting in Blandford on 16 th July from 2-30 to 7-30

D Short and J Cowley reported on the meeting held on Monday morning with Miss E Selway of DCC and some of the Traders regarding possible pedestrian crossing in the High Street. It was agreed to write to Mr Hopper of the Traffic Signal Unit requesting

some form of pedestrian operated signals to facilitate pedestrians and powered chair users crossing the road.

Clerk to write

Floodlighting The Cross has again been mentioned and it was decided to write to English Heritage and ask if this would be permitted.

Clerk to write

R Penfold expressed his concern that access to the limited time parking bay in Station Road had been blocked for some hours on 9 th June to allow the Age Concern Van to park there. The Van was only there for a short time but the area was blocked off for a long time. He felt that this in fact encouraged people to ignore the parking restriction in the High Street. He also felt that the Town Council should have been told of this plan beforehand.

Risk Management

Councillors agreed to check all the property owned by the Council i.e. buildings, seats etc., in accordance with the Inventory and also the Insurance Schedule on Wednesday 7 th July and report to the next Planning meeting

Correspondence

Letter from DCC Traffic Management with suggestions for dealing with parking problems in Duck Lane. The Planning & GP Committee had visited the area and it was proposed by P Ashcroft and seconded by R Penfold that the 30 minute parking bay be moved a short distance down Duck Lane to ensure that the dropped kerb area is kept free. That there be double yellow lines on the corner down as far as the door to Rectory Cottage and that from beyond the entrance to the Old Rectory as far as the entrance to the drive of Home Farm there be a time limit of 20 minutes on parking. All agreed.

Clerk to write

FAX from DCC Roads, Blandford, advising that the visibility splays at Bagber Crossroads were cut on Monday 7 th June. Although this has been done the visibility when approaching from Stalbridge is very limited and is dangerous to emerge. Write to DCC and ask for improvement.

Clerk to write

Letter from NDDC re Liveability Fund advising that this will be launched at Durweston on 2 nd July after which application packs will be available.

Letter from Allianze Cornhill re. Insurance of cycle tracks

Letter from Rev. Ridding regarding maintenance of churchyard. It was agreed to pay the C Yard grant of £2,000 at next meeting.

Clerk to action

Invitation to Wimborne Civic Walkabout. No one wishes to attend.

Copy of Community Strategy for Dorset from DCC

NDDC letter re. dates for Town & Parish Liaison Meetings

Clerk to action

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Ring beds are looking rather untidy. Clerk to contact Garden Society.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10-10 p.m.

Minutes of Town Council Meeting held in the Town Council Office

On Wednesday 2nd June 2004 commencing 7-50 p.m.

Present Councillors M Butterworth, J Cox, D Grimes, M James, D Neal, J O'Hare, R Penfold, D Short and J Cowley, Chairman
D J Hine (Clerk)

In attendance C Cllr Mrs R Ash, D Cllr G Carr-Jones and 4 residents

To receive apologies D Cllr W Batty-Smith and Cllr P Ashcroft

Declarations of Interest None

Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting having previously been circulated to Councillors were approved and signed by the Chairman.

OPEN FORUM

Mrs Garton asked if there was any progress regarding the heavy lorries in Stalbridge Weston. The Clerk advised that she had received a message from Mr S Howard of DCC asking her to contact him on this subject. She will contact Mrs Garton regarding the outcome.

G Carr-Jones complained that there has been a hole in the pavement near his property, Vale House, Lower Road, for some time and no-one appeared to want to fill it in. C Cllr Ash said she would report the matter to DCC the next day. Mr Carr-Jones also has some photos of the rubbish/litter etc., being left in Harpitts Wood and suggested these might be displayed to show residents what is happening in the hope that there will be an improvement. This to be arranged.

Mr Rout who lives the nearest to where an additional bus shelter could be sited in Jarvis Way pointed out that the Shelter would need to be very large to accommodate all the school children who catch the bus and that he feels a bus shelter would prove to be a meeting point for young people and he did not think this is a suitable place for such an item.

C Cllr Ash asked that everyone who objects to the proposed Travellers' site in Landshire write individual letters to DCC and voices their concerns, by the 7 th June.

Proposed Expenditure

In accordance with S O No. 40 it was proposed by D Grimes and seconded by J Cox that the following expenditure be approved

WT Construction. Hall Drive from Grant £3,876.35

Sign Cheques

In accordance with S O No.40 it was proposed by D Grimes and seconded by J Cox that the following cheques be signed

D J Hine salary 195.26

R Sharp NDDC Grass 270.00

R Sharp The Pound & Pond Close footpath 105.00

Mowing Pond Close 200.00

Stalbridge Hall Hire 11.00

Stalbridge Building Supplies Bracket 2.14

J Singleston JFPA Mowing 437.50

S & A Builders. Maintenance Inspections and

Repairs to fence 170.96

Direct Office 5.86

M & N Fear plumbing repair 32.31

Additional Bus Shelter

R Penfold advised that he is awaiting a quote from Mr R Dare.

Next Agenda

Councillors' Reports/Questions

D Neal reported on the Area DAPTC meeting. Janet Lees of NDDC spoke and emphasised the need for Community Partnerships. He asked that this subject be put in the next Agenda.

Next Agenda

There was also a great deal of criticism of NDDC in respect of non-Enforcement of Planning breaches

D Neal also attended the meeting of NORDOP and provided copies of the newsletter from the organisation which aims to represent the older residents in North Dorset. There is an open meeting in Blandford on the 16 th July.

The Chairman thanked D Neal for attending the meetings

M James advised that the Town Council web site www.stalbridgetowncouncil.gov.uk is now running and open to all. Clerk to put details in Blackmore Vale and Ring magazine.

Clerk to action

The Chairman advised that graffiti has been scrawled on the multi play item at Jarvis field Play Area. Its removal is being organised with our maintenance man.

Correspondence

Letter from M Evans, Business Support, DCC re. Possible Travellers' sites.

Quotation from Vaughtons for small Badge of Office. (Now ordered as agreed at meeting of 5 th May)

Details of proposed Traffic Order creating a "disabled" parking space in Gold Street

Reply from NDDC C Exec. Regarding P Application for Blackmoor House Take Away.

Letter from DCC Traffic Management regarding Duck Lane parking. The Planning & GP Cttee will visit Duck Lane on next site visits (12 th June)

Letter from Mr Bastow, DCC re. Beech Trees at entrance to Park Road. Investigations with regard to ownership still in progress D Neal asked for a copy to give to Mr Hughes

Letter from Sherborne Town Council inviting a rep. to attend a meeting on 24 th June regarding the Sherborne & Yeovil Countryside Project. D Neal and D Grimes will attend

Notification from NDDC of application to renew Public Entertainment Licence, Stalbridge Hall.

Copy of the Dorset Data Book from DCC

Request for funding of Focus on Youth Week in Sturminster from 26 th to 30 th July, from DCC Youth & Community Service.

Next Agenda

Acknowledgement of Order for Medallion from Vaughtons.

Reply from NDDC re. signing of Station Road Car Park

Request for funding from Winged Fellowship Trust

Letter from NDDC Mr K Morris re. Bund at Woodmills and condition. He is endeavouring to establish ownership of the area.

Letter from Mr P Gibbs, Flag Master, advising that the Laburnam tree on The Ring is tending to damage the Flag and asking is something could be done. It was agreed to ask Mr Davis if he could somehow "prune" the tree

Clerk to arrange

The Clerk provided Councillors with informal notes of meeting held with School Governors on 26th May

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There still appears to be a problem with long grass etc., obscuring the site line at Bagber Crossroads.

Clerk to write

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-50 p.m.

On Wednesday 5th May 2004 commencing 7-30 p.m.

Present Councillors P Ashcroft, W Batty-Smith, M Butterworth, J Cox, D Grimes, M James, D Neal, J O'Hare, R Penfold and J Cowley (Chairman)
D J Hine (Clerk)

In attendance D Cllr. G Carr-Jones and 4 members of the public

To receive apologies None

To elect Chairman and Vice-Chairman

It was proposed by D Neal and seconded by W Batty-Smith that J Cowley be re-elected as Chairman, all agreed. J Cowley accepted with the proviso that it would be for one further year only

It was proposed by J Cowley and seconded by W Batty-Smith that J Cox be re-elected Vice-Chairman. All Agreed.

To Co-opt new Member

It was proposed by D Grimes and seconded by D Neal that Mr D Short be co-opted to the Town Council. All agreed. Mr Short signed his declaration of acceptance of office.

Declarations of Interest None

Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting having previously been circulated to Councillors were approved and signed by the Chairman.

With regard to the Beech Trees at the entrance to Park Road, J Cowley advised that he had spoken again to Mr Bastow of DCC who is still endeavouring to confirm ownership of the trees.

OPEN FORUM

Mrs Garton asked if there had been a reply from Mr Doggrell advising if a restriction on HGVs using Stalbridge Weston during the night would affect his business. The answer was no. She went on to ask what action would now be taken. The Chairman advised that this would be discussed when the meeting was re-convened.

Traffic Stalbridge Weston

As Mr Doggrell had not indicated that a ban on HGVs using Stalbridge Weston during the night it was agreed to ask C Cllr Mrs R Ash if she would instigate proceedings to ban

heavy lorries from the road in Stalbridge Weston between the hours of 11 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Clerk to contact

Proposed Expenditure

In accordance with S O No. 40 it was proposed by W Batty-Smith and seconded by D Grimes that the following expenditure be approved

Four County Services £1,401.79

AlianzCornhill Insurance 1,949.19

With regard to the Insurance Premium the Clerk advised that this did cover an increased in value of the Town Council Office building, the Sports Pavilion and the Bier House but so far she had not been able to ascertain a price for re-building The Cross or the War Memorial. It was suggested that the CPRE may be able to help in this respect.

Clerk to contact

Sign Cheques

In accordance with S O No.40 it was proposed by W Batty-Smith and seconded by D Grimes that the following cheques be signed

D J Hine salary 390.53

APM exes & extension lead 8.20

ProPrint Headed paper 51.70

R Sharp NDDC Grass & The Pound 300.00

Four County Services £1,401.79

AlianzCornhill Insurance 1,949.19

DAPTC Annual sub. 430.46

British Gas 80.56

R Sharp 55.00

Loan repayment of £6,817.05 is due on 17 th May.

Elect Planning & GP Cttee & C O Chairman & Cttee

P Ashcroft is willing to remain on this Committee. It was proposed by J Cowley and Seconded by J Cox that M Butterworth be elected. All Agreed. It was proposed by W Batty-Smith and seconded by D Grimes that J O'Hare be elected. All Agreed.

Mrs I Tanner advised that she would be remaining as Chairman of the TC COC and that Mrs W Bailey and Mr P Cossington would be the Volunteer members. W Batty-Smith is Vice Chairman and it was proposed by J Cox and seconded by W Batty-Smith that D Grimes be the second TC member. All Agreed.

Appoint Footpath Officer, Tree Officer and various Representatives

Footpath Officer Mr N Brown

Tree Officer D Grimes

Internal Auditors M Butterworth and D Neal

Hall Committee M James

Playing Fields R Penfold

Youth Club J Cox

School Rep. P Ashcroft

Henstridge Airfield D Neal & R Penfold

DAPTC Area Rep. Decide before meetings

Councillors reports/questions

D Neal advised that he had attended a meeting of the Elderly Persons Forum and they hope to hold an Open meeting in July with the aim of getting many more new members. The Forum was set up to get all the various Agencies together with the public to find out what are the priority items needed by the older people in the area. When the meeting is finalised, transport with NORDCAT will be available to those wishing to attend.

J Cox advised that the Youth and Community Project is going ahead as planned and is now at the stage of applying for Lottery Funds.

J Cowley advised that negotiations are ongoing regarding a possible new Burial Ground.

The Clerk produced brochures and prices for Bus Shelters. R Penfold agreed to check with Mr Dare for a price and the Clerk will ask Henstridge PC who paid for their new Shelters.

Next Agenda

Re. Proposed Pedestrian Crossing. J Cowley is meeting Mr W Harvey of DAG and will ask for the photos of the junction to be returned and invite Mr Harvey to a meeting with the G P Cttee.

D Neal advised that the Footpath across Pond Close from Barrow Hill to Gold Street needs some attention.

Clerk to arrange

D Neal also expressed disappointment that the Planning Application for the Take Away shop in Blackmore House had been approved although the TC recommended refusal. He asked that a letter be sent to NDDC advising them of this. W Batty-Smith did point out that the Planning Committee had taken into account the T Council's view but that the majority of the reasons given by the TC for refusal were not in fact valid planning reasons. However, it was agreed to send a letter to the Chief Executive.

Clerk to write

It was agreed to purchase a small "medal" just inscribed Stalbridge Town Council to be worn by a Councillor when attending functions etc., held by other Councils.

Clerk to arrange

Correspondence

Letter from BT advising that they will be removing two public telephone boxes.

Letter from DCC Legal Services acknowledging our letter re. Travellers Site, Landshire Lane.

And Letter from DCC in reply to ours regarding the Travellers site. And Letter from DCC Business Support giving consultation details regard possible transit sites and temporary stopping places for Gypsies and Travellers It was agreed to reiterate comments made in our letter of the 16 th April.

Clerk to write

Letter from STUR-IT, Sturminster Newton Community Learning requesting letter of support and asking for Trustees

Clerk to write

Letter from new Rural Housing Enabler at Dorset Community Action

Letter from Mr S Chandler of New Road requesting a pedestrian crossing at the bottom of Station Road. Reply to the effect that his request will be added to ongoing campaign.

Clerk to write

Letter from Crime Prevention Panel suggesting either their presence at an annual fete or a special evening event.

Notification from DCC of proposed road closure re. Landshire Lane near Gibbs Marsh Trading Estate entrance, for 2 days 8th and 9th May.

Letter from Devon & Dorset Regiment accepting the T C proposal to confer the Freedom of the Town on the Regiment but this will not be able to happen until 2006.

DAPTC Notification of Larger Councils meeting the May, Weymouth

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

P Ashcroft advised that there are still various containers etc., on the formerly pig sty area at the entrance to Bibbern Row. It was felt that these should be removed. Enforcement Officer to be advised.

Clerk to action

The Chairman advised that the Library in Stalbridge is looking for support to have a further computer installed for public use. It was agreed to write to the County Librarian.

Clerk to write

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-45 p.m.

Minutes of Town Council Meeting held in the Town Council Office

On Wednesday 7th April 2004 commencing 7-45 p.m.

Present Councillors P Ashcroft, W Batty-Smith, M Butterworth, J Cox, D Grimes, M James

D Neal, J O'Hare, R Penfold and J Cowley Chairman

D J Hine (Clerk)

In attendance 8 Electors

To receive apologies C Cllr Mrs R Ash and D Cllr G Carr-Jones

Declarations of Interest None

Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting having previously been circulated to Councillors were approved and signed by the Chairman.

OPEN FORUM

Mr R Smith of High Street asked for confirmation that the question of parking in Duck Lane had been brought up again by the residents. This was confirmed. He pointed out that additional problems had been caused by the parking in Duck Lane of vehicles belonging to the Contractors who are working on The Old Rectory. However, as there is always some degree of disruption caused by parking of non residents he suggested that the answer was residents parking permits

Proposed Expenditure

In accordance with S O No. 40 it was proposed by W Batty-Smith and seconded by D Grimes that the following expenditure be approved

Gartell & Son (part PF Grant) 3525.00

Additional Hall Grant towards Driveway, £500 proposed by P Ashcroft and seconded by D Grimes.

Carry out maintenance work as listed

Sign Cheques

In accordance with S O No.40 it was proposed by D Grimes and seconded by W Batty-Smith that the following cheques be signed

D J Hine salary 390.53

Trav. Exes (meeting with C Exec) 8.04

Williams Nursery 5.90

S Electric 62.80

BMV Pubs 13.44

NDDC Business Rates 1443.95

Stalbridge Estate 1,475.00

Gartell & Son 3,525.00

Traveller's Site – Landshire Lane

W Batty-Smith had asked for this item to be placed on the Agenda as he had noted from reports in the Press that the County Council are considering using somewhere in Landshire Lane for a permanent site for Travellers. He proposed that the T C write to the Chief Exec. asking why there had been no notification to or consultation with the Town or District Councils on this matter. A great deal of money had been spent clearing and thereafter defending a site in Landshire Lane to keep Travellers off the site. The area left is not at all suitable especially with the increase in heavy traffic (including the DCC lorries) now using Landshire Lane. This was agreed.

Clerk to write

Request for Bus Shelter

A request for a Bus Shelter by the Bus Stop at the Lower Road end of Jarvis Way has been made on behalf of the school children who get very wet waiting for the bus. As the provision of one shelter would obviously trigger further requests it was agreed to obtain prices and look into setting up the viability of a rolling programme to provide additional bus shelters.

Clerk to investigate

Purchase Computer for Clerk's Office

The Clerk had obtained three quotations for the supply of a suitable Computer and Printer. M James had checked these quotations to ensure the specifications were suitable. There was very little difference in the prices and it was therefore proposed by J Cox and seconded by W Batty-Smith that the order be placed with Four County Services

Clerk to action

Councillors' Reports/Questions

W Batty-Smith reported that Mr A Dunne of the Disabled Action Group would like to meet with Councillors regarding the pedestrian crossing. Clerk to try and arrange with 7 p.m. on 28 th April.

Clerk to action

D Neal reported on the Airfield Committee meeting. The annual fee will be approximately £12.50 to cover the admin. Costs. There had been 1537 air movements during the winter and 27 Complaints/comments but only 5 of those were accepted as accurate. There is to be a Vintage Fly In on August 28 th.

D Neal also reported on a meeting of the North Dorset Elderly Persons Forum which is for residents of 55 years and over. The Forum has been established to discover what is needed by this group. It is funded by Age Concern and there will be monthly meetings.

J Cowley asked if there had been any further news regarding the Beech Trees at the entrance to Park Road if not, could a reminder be sent to Mr Bastow with copy of Mr Hughes.

Clerk to write

P Ashcroft had read the Dossier of Support for the Dorset Rail to Trailway route and proposed the Town Council send a letter of support. This was agreed.

Clerk to write

D Neal advised that there is a branch hanging on the Lime Tree on the Ring.

Clerk to action

Correspondence

NDDC Requesting details of our Tree Warden D Grimes

DCC Re, Street Light on Station Road to Duck Lane footpath. Advising that this is being evaluated under the new scheme and the Thornhill Road to Lower Road request has been added to this list

NDDC Details of RoSPA Play Area Inspections

NDDC Details of Design Awards Scheme

Wimborne Minster. Invitation to Civic Thanksgiving Service No one attending

Sturminster Rotary Club with publicity for Market Site Statue scheme

Mr & Mrs Fulford. Copy of letter to NDDC Development Control objecting to planning application for Blackmoor House

Letter from Hall Committee asking for an additional grant towards cost of re-doing the driveway to the Hall. (dealt with above)

Letter from Hall Committee asking for a new TC representative Appoint at Annual TC meeting

Hilary White, NDDC advising that she would be happy to come and talk to the TC about how the funds available under the Liveability Fund can be used. Ask if she can attend the Annual Parish Meeting.

Clerk to action

Dorset Police with details of Ironman Triathlon Event in Sherborne inviting participation in a meeting with regard arrangements for this event.

Insp Budden in reply to our letter regarding Barrow Hill/High Street junction advising that PC James Dimmack will contact us to discuss the issues raised.

DCC, M Brock in reply to report of broken cover outside School House, Church Hill, advising that it is the householder's problem

NDDC re. Review of Parish Boundaries asking for TC's thoughts re. Possible adjustment.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Bagber Cross Roads hedges are overgrown and obstructing the view of the road.

A lot of "fly posting" taking place using street light poles. As some of the posters are advertising the Guggleton Farm Arts Project write and ask them not to do this.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-25 p.m.

Minutes of Town Council Meeting held in the Town Council Office

On Wednesday 10 th March 2004 commencing 7-45 p.m.

Present Councillors P Ashcroft, W Batty-Smith, M Butterworth, J Cox, D Grimes, R Penfold,

D Neal (Chairman)

D J Hine (Clerk)

In attendance 4 members of the public

To receive apologies D Cllr G Carr-Jones, Cllr J Cowley.

Co-opt two Councillors

It was proposed by D Grimes and seconded by W Batty-Smith that Matthew James and Jim O'Hare be co-opted to the Town Council. All agreed. They both duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Declarations of Interest None

Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting having previously been circulated to Councillors were approved and signed by the Chairman.

OPEN FORUM No matters reported

Proposed Expenditure

In accordance with S O No. 40 it was proposed by W Batty-Smith and seconded by D Grimes that the following expenditure be approved

T C Comm Office A/c VAT refund 33.68

W Water 242.88

Bob Jones Htg. Eng. Repair to Boiler 23.50

Sign Cheques

In accordance with S O No.40 it was proposed by W Batty-Smith and seconded by D Grimes that the following cheques be signed

D J Hine salary 390.53

D J Hine Postage 27.60

R Sharp NDDC Grass 240.00

BMV Pubs 14.71

Comm. Office 33.68

Wessex Water 242.88

Bob Jones 23.50

B Telecom 169.70

Heavy lorries in Stalbridge Weston

The on-going problem of large lorries visiting the Chicken Farm at all times of the day and night was again discussed. The possibility of applying for a ban on these vehicles during certain hours at night was discussed. As this may inconvenience the running of Manor Farm it was decided to write to Mr Doggrell and ask if there was a period during the night time when a ban on lorries using the roads in Stalbridge Weston would not adversely affect him.

Clerk to write

Parking in Duck Lane

Copy of letter from DCC to Residents of Duck Lane regarding parking received. It is noted that Parking Services have been asked to increase enforcement of current restrictions. A letter to be written to Parking Services requesting them to increase enforcement throughout Stalbridge, not just in Duck Lane. Letter received from School Bus Driver asking that something be done regarding illegal parking on the Barrow Hill/High Street/Station Road junction as there are times when he is unable to turn from the A357 into Station Road because of obstructing vehicles. Copy of this letter to be sent to Parking Services.

Clerk to write

Request for Grant Sherborne CAB

It was felt that by making the Town Council office available free of charge for the CAB use that this is sufficient contribution to their work.

Maintenance Worker

It was proposed by W Batty-Smith and seconded by J Cox that we appoint Mr S Gardener as the Town Council maintenance worker as per his quotation. When writing, Clerk to ask him to look at the Spring Animals in the Jubilee Play Area on an urgent basis.

Clerk to write

Possible purchase of Computer for Clerk's office

It was agreed in principle that a suitable Computer should be purchased for use by the Town Clerk. The Clerk will obtain quotations M James will assist regarding specification

Next Agenda

Possible subsidy for Bus to Blandford S. Pool

There was very little Information on this proposal. Apparently it is something to do with Helen Reed of NORDCAT. Await further information

Councillors' questions/reports

The Signpost on the Ring appears to be rather loose

There have been some reports of irregular postal deliveries. Any instances of this should be reported to W Batty-Smith who is a member of Postwatch.

Correspondence

Letter from NDDC re. North Dorset Older People's Strategy Group requesting comments on draft strategy

Letter from NDDC enclosing Open Space Strategy and Supplementary Planning Guidance on Areas of Amenity Open Space, Play Areas and Commuted Sums

Letter from NDDC enclosing Draft Tourism Strategy for North Dorset 2004-07

Letter from NDDC enclosing Urban Potential Study

Letter from Mrs C Parsons resigning from Town Council Write and thank her for her work

Clerk to write

Letter from Dorset Police in reply to ours re. Police Surgery advising that an officer will be replacing PC Cannon

Reply from Devon & Dorset Regiment advising that our offer will be discussed on 12 th March

Notification from NDDC of Tree Works at The Old Rectory Fell one Larch

Reply from DCC re. Footway Larks Meadow to Jarvis Way. The link was approved, designed and constructed as a footway and as such the barriers are correct, however these will allow wheelchairs, bicycles etc., through. The absence of a specific ban will allow cyclist to ride on his footway but pedestrians do take precedence.

Reply from DCC re. Station Road near West Mill Lane. The area has been inspected and as a result a request for the warning signs to be renewed has been made, also the fact that water collects on the bend and that hedgecutting around the signs needs doing has been reported. Unfortunately no other work can be carried out at the present time.

Letter from NDDC advising of names for two new build properties in Woodmill Close.

Invitation from Chairman of NDDC to Civic Service and Reception on 31 st March

Application for Grant from Marie Curie Cancer Care. Agreed no at present time.

Notification from DCC of the withdrawal of some bus subsidies.

Request from The North Dorset Green Party to discuss GM Foods

DAPTC Chief Exec. Circulars including details of various Seminars

Crimes Statistics since 11 th Nov. 2003 together with a sample "message in a bottle" for emergency contact numbers

Invitation from Bridport TC to attend Mayor's Civic Night on 29 th April.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-55 p.m.

Minutes of Town Council Meeting held in the Town Council Office

On Wednesday 11 th February 2004 commencing 8-10 p.m.

Present Councillors P Ashcroft, W Batty-Smith, J Cox, D Grimes, D Neal, R Penfold

and J Cowley Chairman

D J Hine (Clerk)

In attendance C Cllr R Ash and Mr B Pitcher of DCC and 2 electors

To receive apologies D Cllr G Carr-Jones, M Butterworth and C Parsons

Declarations of Interest None

Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting having previously been circulated to Councillors were approved and signed by the Chairman.

OPEN FORUM

C Cllr R Ash introduced Mr Bill Pitcher of DCC who had come to advise on the criteria for establishing a disabled parking bay. He explained that they are allowed in a specific part of a street to enable disabled people to access their own property. Applicants must be eligible for the higher mobility allowance or higher attendance allowance but there is no age limit. They must have no means of providing a parking area on their own property or within 25m. They do not have an absolute right to the area as other disabled badge holders can use the bay.

Proposed Expenditure

In accordance with S O No. 40 it was proposed by W Batty-Smith and seconded by J Cox that the following expenditure be approved

R Sharp – Service Mower 45.00

Allianze Cornhill. Additional Insurance 104.14

Sign Cheques

In accordance with S O No.40 it was proposed by W Batty-Smith and seconded by J Cox that the following cheques be signed

D J Hine salary 390.53

R Sharp The Ring and Service 100.00

Youth Club Grant 500.00

Allianze Cornhill 104.14

Direct Office 16.61

British Gas 60.96

Stalbridge B Supplies 7.20

Elect Vice Chairman

A letter has been received from Mrs D Gibbs resigning from her position as Town Councillor, this has left a vacancy for a Vice-Chairman and Internal Auditor. It was proposed by D Neal and seconded by W Batty-Smith that J Cox be elected to both positions. All agreed.

Town Council Web Site

The proposed introduction to the new Web Site was gone through and edited as required.

Clerk to action

Pedestrian Crossing – the way forward

After further discussion it was agreed to send details of negotiations to date, including the number of electric wheelchair users to Mr Alan Dunn of Child Okeford who acts on behalf of the Disabled. It was also agreed to mention the proposals at the Community Partnership meeting on Wednesday 18 th.

Councillors' Reports/Questions

D Neal reported on attending the North Dorset Older People's Forum

There was a report that the School Bus was stopping on the wrong side of the road, near Sandhills. P Ashcroft will enquire as to the reason.

Correspondence

Letter from P R Newman Property Consultant regarding a proposal to re-locate the Primary School with a request for a meeting. It was agreed to write and say any meeting to discuss such a proposal would need to include the DCC and NDDC

Clerk to write

Copy of letter from Mr & Mrs Lee to Sth. Somerset D C Planning objecting to the proposed Wind Turbines at Cucklington

Letter from Sherborne C A B requesting a grant.

Next Agenda

Information from Environment Agency regarding Groundwater Flood Warning Service.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were also reports that some residents are putting out their rubbish over the weekend, rather than Monday mornings, which sometimes causes obstructions.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10-00 p.m.

Minutes of Town Council Meeting held in the Town Council Office

On Wednesday 14 th January 2004 commencing 7-41 p.m.

Present Councillors P Ashcroft, W Batty-Smith, M Butterworth, J Cox, D Grimes, D Neal

C Parsons, R Penfold and J Cowley Chairman

D J Hine (Clerk)

In attendance D Cllr G Carr-Jones and 3 residents

To receive apologies Cllr D Gibbs

Declarations of Interest None

Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting having previously been circulated to Councillors were approved and signed by the Chairman.

OPEN FORUM No comments

Proposed Expenditure

In accordance with S O No. 40 it was proposed by J Cox and seconded by P Ashcroft that the following expenditure be approved

NDDC Rent Pond Close (balance due to 31.12.04) £7.91

Sign Cheques

In accordance with S O No.40 it was proposed by W Batty-Smith and seconded by D Grimes that the following cheques be signed

D J Hine salary 390.53

Southern Electric 86.86

NDDC 7.91

The Clerk presented Councillors with the quarterly comparison of expenditure to budget up to the 31 st December 2003.

Parish Maintenance Units

The Clerk provided a list of the roads within the Town and Councillors agreed the allocation of roads to be monitored for condition. Clerk to provide all Councillors with a list of roads that are their responsibility.

Clerk to action

Devon & Dorset Regiment – Freedom of the Town

The Chairman asked Mr N Pope to explain what is involved in this project. Mr Pope explained that the procedure was that the Town Council (if all agreed) offered the Freedom of the Town to the Regiment and then the Regiment would decide if they wished to accept. If they do, then they will make all the arrangements the only thing that would be the T Council's responsibility would be to provide a buffet lunch for approximately 40/50 Officers and Dignatories. Mr Pope pointed out that Stalbridge had always had men serving in the Regiment and at one time had their own Company. It was proposed by J Cox and seconded by D Neal that the Town Council offer the Devon & Dorset Regiment the Freedom of the Town. All agreed.

Clerk to write

Larks Meadow Footway/Cycleway

As Mr N Brown had explained at the last meeting it would seem that although it was agreed this path should be designated as a cycleway the barriers now erected were not suitable. The County Council adopted the part on 8 th December 2003. It was proposed by D Neal and seconded by W Batty-Smith that the DCC be requested to remedy the situation. All agreed

Clerk to write

Floodlighting the Cross

It has been suggested that The Cross be floodlit all the year round, however, there would appear to be some difficulty in achieving this. It was agreed to contact Mr K Morris the Conservation Officer at NDDC to ask for his opinion on the matter and what permissions need to be sought

Clerk to contact

Provision of signs to Playing Fields

A quotation received from DCC Highways Dept. advising that to provide two signs at the junction of Barrow Hill and Park Grove indicating the whereabouts of the Recreation Ground would cost £364.27. They also advised that it did not seem a practical proposition to provide a sign on Post Office corner as there was no where obvious to put one. It was agreed that this was rather too expensive. Playing Field Committee to be advised.

Clerk to contact

Councillors' Reports/Questions

Re. Homewatch. As the Homebeat Officer PC S Cannon is leaving in March, D Grimes asked if a letter could be written to Insp. Budden requesting confirmation that the monthly surgeries held in the Community Office would continue. Agreed.

Clerk to write

Correspondence

Letter from Mrs C Batten tendering her resignation from the Council as she feels that she is, at present, unable to give the commitment the post deserves, however, she is willing to be involved in the proposed Community Partnership.

Clerk to write

Letter from DCC advising that the Definitive FP Map showed FP 14 in Purse Caundle rather than Stalbridge. This will be rectified.

Letter from Mr Bryant thanking the TC for their good wishes and advising tha he is now much better.

Letter from NDDC with details of travel and subsistence allowances for Town/Parish Councillors.

Legal Topic Note from NALC regarding election of Chairman. Clerk will file with Standing Orders.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-25 p.m.