



DURRINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday 30th June 2023 at 7 p.m. in the Robinson Room, Village Hall, Durrington, SP4 8AD.

<p>Present</p>	<p>Cllr G Wright Cllr S Paines Cllr D Healing Cllr S Handley Cllr S Rennie Cllr I Silk Cllr P Galan-Bamfield Cllr P Paul Cllr C Butler Cllr A Stafford Cllr S Botham</p> <p>Jo Tudor Seven members of public attended the meeting.</p>	<p>Chairman Vice Chairman</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>Public Question time</p>	<p>Cllr Wright advised the meeting that one member of public would speak for all of the residents for around 4 and a half minutes.</p> <p>One member of public then explained to the Council why the proposed yellow lines at the corner of Church Street and Bulford Road should be reduced to 10 meters in length from 45 meters. The Residents asked the Council to support their proposal and make a formal request to Wiltshire Council for a reduction. The request was made on the basis that the Residents believe the traffic driving around this bend will now be able to drive faster as the parked cars provide a traffic calming measure. If the traffic speeds up the Residents believe there is more likelihood that an accident will occur, they also believe there will be more congestion around the village as people will have to find parking elsewhere, and for those exiting their driveways or the Ham the danger of a collision will be increased due to the asserted increase in speed and possibly volume of traffic.</p> <p>Cllr Wright thanked the member of public for their time and asked if anyone else had anything to say or would like to speak on any other matter. The public participation part of the meeting was closed.</p>	

Report from Unitary Councillor	<p>Wiltshire Councillor Graham Wright reported potholes have been improved and are still being fixed. The grass was cut today in the village, and it was cut well. Wiltshire Council will be short of its housing target by roughly 90 per year over the next 5 years.</p> <p>The rubbish bin at Poores Road has been removed. The bin was being used by a resident to dispose of large amounts of cat litter making it unavailable for its intended use and too heavy to empty. It is hoped the resident does not now move on to a new bin.</p>	
Minute No.	Minute	Action
25/23	ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES – apologies were received from Cllrs Smith and Wardell, and these were accepted.	
26/23	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - The Chairman confirmed that whilst all Councillors are interested in Village business, only pecuniary declarations are required. There were no declarations of interest.	
27/23	APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The council approved the minutes of the meeting on the 30 th of May 2023.	Clerk to put on website.
32/23 a	<p>PROPOSAL – The Chairman proposed to deal with agenda item 32/23 a. out of order so that the members of the public did not have to wait through the majority of the meeting before the matter was dealt with.</p> <p>The Chairman opened the debate explaining that the double yellow lines will be installed as they have already been approved by Wiltshire Council. The debate now in front of the council to be decided is whether or not the council support the proposal put forward by a number of residents to reduce the length of the yellow lines. If agreed another application must be made and this will take some time to process leaving the yellow lines in situ in the interim. The reduction could take another 18 months.</p> <p>Cllr Galan-Bamfield gave a statement about the procedure undertaken by Wiltshire Council to assess whether or not the road warranted yellow lines, explaining that a qualified engineer came to inspect the area. He then explained which houses in the location would be affected by the parking restrictions. Save for one house all other properties have adequate off-street parking. He also advised the council of a recent site visit when a Tesco home delivery van was forced to mount the pavement to pass a bus, thus confirming his opinion that the yellow</p>	

	<p>lines were justified and necessary from a safety point of view.</p> <p>Cllr Butler requested clarification that the distance of 45 meters was decided by a Wiltshire Council Officer based on experience having professionally looked into the problem. He considered that there was not sufficient evidence to overturn the professional decision.</p> <p>Cllr Paul advised that he found problems with the resident's suggestion as it did not fully meet Regulation 243 of the Highway Code and he supported the Highway engineer in this instance.</p> <p>Cllr Handley advised that living on the bend in question she had firsthand experience of the issues. She constantly sees buses having to reverse past her to allow the oncoming traffic to pass the parked cars. She saw an accident caused by a car speeding on the bend before the introduction of the 20mph speed limit.</p> <p>Cllr Rennie supported the residents request believing that the parked cars do slow traffic around that bend in the road.</p> <p>The Chairman asked for a vote on the matter.</p> <p>The council voted by a majority not to request that Wiltshire Council LHF1G shorten the yellow lines.</p> <p>The members of the public left the meeting after the vote.</p> <p>The Chairman reminded the council that the yellow lines can always be looked at again should the installation become problematic.</p>	
<p>28/23</p>	<p>CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Cllr Wright thanked the staff for rescuing plants and looking after the riverbank whilst the fencing was installed. He then mentioned that two quotes have been obtained for the installation of Solar panels at the Pavilion and the Village Hall. The reports will be sent to the councillors for a decision next month.</p>	<p>Clerk to circulate reports</p>
<p>29/23</p>	<p>REPORT FROM COUNCILLORS –</p> <p>Cllrs Stafford and Silk reported that a few members of the public are behaving badly at the River Park. Cllr Silk raised the issue that Councillors should attend in pairs if they wish to challenge any behaviour to ensure safety and accurate reporting of incidents. Cllr Galan-Bamfield confirmed he had visited the area recently and was impressed with the improvements. The main time for anti-social behaviour is at weekends and early evenings.</p>	

	<p>Cllr Wright reported that the recreation ground is ready for the vehicle show, whilst the Pavilion continues to be a hot spot for anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>Cllr Butler reported the grass had been cut at Fargo Road play park, he thought a Resident from Fargo Road as a Cllr would be an advantage to help obtain the residents views on the park. The question of the lease is still outstanding, and he suggested this be brought to the Garrison Commander to see if he can progress it from his side.</p> <p>Cllr Rennie confirmed the cemetery is looking good, the new notice board is installed and just needs the notices to be posted. Youth services are experiencing a huge uptake in the kids Friday club they are seeing sometimes 60 children a week. The Youth team needs more volunteers, and the Dispatch and Trader will have articles for this cause next month.</p> <p>The allotment sites are both improving but the benches at Millenium Park Allotments need to be moved as soon as possible to stop the young people climbing the fences to use the benches.</p> <p>Speedwatch – there is a meeting tomorrow, some residents have been out with the speed gun, Cllr Handley has her CSW training next week.</p> <p>External meetings: -</p> <p>Cllr Silk attended the World Heritage Site Parish and Town Council Partnership meeting. He said the Management plan review group are meeting in September. The Partnership are in the process setting up a charitable organisation. There is a great deal to reach agreement on before progress can be made. The facilitator of the WHS has offered to attend the next council meeting to preview the new website for residents within the World Heritage Site.</p> <p>The recent Area Board meeting took place in the Village Hall, and one grant was made.</p>	<p>Clerk to write to the Garrison Commander.</p> <p>Clerk to print out notices.</p> <p>Clerk to chase relocation.</p>
<p>30/23</p>	<p>REPORT FROM CLERK: -</p> <p>The Clerk reported the anti-vandal paint is being removed from the Pavilion as rather than stopping the climbers it gives the young people something to graffiti the walls with. The water leak is still not fixed, the clerk has hoping to progress this soon as the insurers accept it is one claim. The Clerk will be working from home three days a week from next week she can make appointments for necessary</p>	

	<p>meetings with Councillors but will not be automatically available in the office, it is hoped this will enable her to be more productive.</p> <p>She is looking into rolling anti climb barriers for the Pavilion roof and will report back at the next meeting. It was also suggested at the staffing subcommittee meeting that the office remain open for just 1 hour a day rather than 2. The council said it would like to see a proposal for this at the next meeting.</p>	Clerk to prepare proposal for reduced office hours.
31/23	<p>ACCOUNTS -</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation and cheques and debits for May 2023</p>	
32/23	<p>PROPOSALS –</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to approve the following: -</p> <p>b. Two new signs for the River Park.</p> <p>c. To approve the committee changes for Cllr Wright to be on the HR committee and Cllr Smith to be on the Staffing-subcommittee.</p> <p>d. To approve the amended CCTV policy.</p> <p>e. To approve the 25% contribution to a LHFIG traffic survey of Larkhill to assess if further crossings are necessary.</p>	<p>Clerk to arrange signs.</p> <p>Clerk to post on website.</p>
33/23	<p>PLANNING -</p> <p>There were no planning items to discuss.</p>	
34/23	<p>DISCUSSION -</p> <p>a. The proposal of a holiday club to use the facilities at the Recreation Ground was considered and rather than as the current overstretched youth team to run it, the council is looking to outsource the work. This will be looked at further so that a report can be prepared for full consideration in due course.</p> <p>b. The River Park fishing needs some form of control. The council will be looking at ways of gaining control so that people and animals are not hurt by discarded equipment. The current rules are confusing and many of those fishing do not have an EA licence. Cllr Stafford has put forward some</p>	<p>Clerk to investigate.</p> <p>Clerk and Cllr Stafford to prepare a policy for consideration.</p>

	<p>ideas and he and the Clerk will draft a fishing policy. It is also possible for the council to hire river Marshalls who can check on licences occasionally.</p> <p>c. The Civility and Respect pledge was discussed it was felt that there were very little downsides to taking the pledge and it was requested that after further investigation it should be brought back as a proposal.</p> <p>d. The public meeting on Thursday relates to land at Hackthorne Road, upon which developers would like to place 80 houses. Whilst it is outside of the building line and not recognised as a strategic site it was hoped that the councillors will attend the meeting to see exactly what is proposed. There were many concerns raised about the proposed development.</p> <p>e. The Pavilion graffiti is prolific at the moment but with the paint removed it is hoped it will reduce. The barriers will be looked into to stop climbers and the police have been asked to collect two bits of footage from the CCTV cameras but as, yet it still remains uncollected.</p>	<p>Clerk to prepare report and proposal.</p> <p>Clerk to prepare report on proposed barriers.</p>
35/23	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>The Chairman confirmed he had received a letter from the owners of Millenium Park confirming they have not had a response to the pre planning application sent to Wiltshire Council.</p> <p>The Clerk read out a letter from a resident concerning the speed of cars along Meads Road and requesting that the speed limit here is reduced to 20mph, as his cat was recently hit by a car and injured.</p>	<p>Clerk to respond</p>
36/23	<p>The meeting then moved into CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS under section 100 (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to discuss the next items on the grounds that they involve the disclosure of exempt information.</p>	
37/23	<p>THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – 25th July 2023</p>	

_____ **CHAIRMAN** _____ **DATED**