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*District Councillor Catherine Langham's report.*

In her absence the Chairman read her report.

*The last NDDC meeting at Nordon took place on 24<sup>th</sup> March and from now on, Full Council and Planning meetings will take place at Durweston Village Hall. I have already attended two meetings at this venue and it seems to work very well. Other meetings will be held at South Walks House, Dorchester although Licensing Sub-Committees will take place either at Durweston or other locations close to the case in question.*

*The Planning, Housing, Development Control, Planning Policy, Revenue and Benefits departments and Tree Officers are still based in the new part of Nordon but the original building has been shut down. These departments will all move to Dorchester in due course but can be accessed on the Blandford telephone number until further notice. There are plans for a "hub" in the North Dorset area but a final decision has not yet been made as to location.*

*Due to the impending General Election, a decision by Sajid Javed on Local Government Reorganisation in Dorset has been put on hold until after June 8<sup>th</sup>.*

2017.28 *Finance*

VH advised :- A cheque was signed for the insurance premium. The bank reconciliation to 8<sup>th</sup> May had been circulated to Councillors.

Payments

<u>ICL Web Design</u>	<u>£ 226.78</u>
<u>Came and Company insurance</u>	<u>£311.96</u>

Receipts

<u>50% precept- reduced by budget 2017/18</u>	<u>£ 962.50</u>
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2017.29 *Questions from the public*

A member of the public reported a deep gully which had caused damage and puncture to a car in North Road. PH agreed to report the defect to Dorset Highways. The condition of the road at the top of Zig Zag hill was poor and whilst most of the road leading to Zig Zag hill was in Wiltshire the top part was in Dorset. PH will ascertain the boundary for this area and report defects here also.

Paul Whetham was questioned regarding the pond maintenance and he advised that by pulling the weeds regularly it weakened them, but it is best carried out in the Autumn rather than the Spring. Professional people had been used in the past at a cost of £800 but the work of the volunteers was exactly the same. All the life in the pond had arrived naturally and since the liner the pond had retained more depth to the water. He said any static pond will have a build up of algae.

A member of the public pointed out that parking was an issue around the pond and was quite dangerous. Although notices were not welcome in Ashmore a temporary one was suggested to remind people to park sensibly. There was an issue with parking around the pond by the parents delivering and or collecting children doing a Duke of Edinburgh walk. PH said it was illegal to park close to a junction and he would tell those he saw and perhaps write to the heads of schools involved for them to remind parents to park sensibly.

2017.30      *Correspondence*

Village of the Year Channel 4 – Penelope Keith with an award of £10,000. Entries to be submitted by May 14<sup>th</sup>.

PH asked for opinions on whether to apply as a village for the award and for the programme to be made in Ashmore. The consensus was that appearing in the programme would bring unwelcome attention to the village and therefore a decision was made not to apply.

2017.31      *Any other business*

AF commended the Chairman on building the Web Site and encouraged everyone to register and enjoy it.

GF asked if the sign outside Mullins Cottage was permanent and the Chairman assured her that it was not permanent.

The Chairman reported that Colin Elford did a litter pick collecting 14 bags of rubbish and suggested that as a village, regular litter picking is carried out. Dorset Waste Partnership will loan litter pickers, hi-viz vests and heavy duty gloves, advise on risk assessment and collect the rubbish from designated areas. Catherine Langham is a keen supporter of parish litter picking. Volunteers will be needed and PH will organise the event.

The Chairman reported that in April, the Kelway-Bambers' announced their plan to open a camp site towards the bottom of Halfpenny Lane on a temporary basis. A planning application would not be required because it would be in use for no more than 28 days this year. If the temporary site was successful they would be likely to make it a permanent site for which a planning application would be required. In the event that a planning application is made for a permanent camp site, it would be helpful to have a record, of the effect of the temporary camp site on the village and wider area, against which to consider the application. From comments made to me the matters to be recorded might be the following.

Additional traffic during the weekends, litter and hygiene, noise (music etc) light pollution generally and the effect on the AONB's attempt to bid for Dark Sky Reserve Status. Effect on security in the village. Effect on the wider area of the ANOB. Any others matters?

If agreed, the questions are then how to record the information and who does the recording. Any comments and/or suggestions?

AR asked PKB (whose family own the land) if she was monitoring the site herself and she assured AR that Pitchup dealt with the bookings and there was a code on the gate which will limit the site to people booked in.

A member of the public said the Pitchup website suggested there would be caravans, but PKB said tents and motor homes only.

She was asked about the licence and said it was for 28 days, at weekends from 19<sup>th</sup> May. She said she did not know how many would use the site and there were no bookings yet.

2017.32      *Items for the next Agenda*

Defibrillator

*Date of next meeting*

Monday September 4<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 7pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8 pm