

Fontmell Magna Parish Council

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 28th November 2017 at St Andrews Primary School, Fontmell Magna at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr H Horstead (Chairman), Cllrs M Ayre, M de la Perrelle, G Roberts, M Humphreys, L Williams.

In attendance: M. Wheatley – Clerk, Cllr Graham Carr-Jones – County Councillor and 48 members of the public

Public Questions:

The Chairman confirmed that the meeting had been called to discuss DCC Highway's proposals regarding the one-way system on the A350/C13 which were going to be presented to the DCC Cabinet on 6th December 2017.

A briefing paper had been prepared by Robin East and Roger Thomas. This paper had been circulated and is attached to these minutes. Robin East outlined the various options which had been put forward by DCC and after some discussion asked those present to indicate by a show of hands which option they preferred. Robin East confirmed that whilst DCC Highways had said there were 6 Options his view was that there were only 4 options as outlined in the briefing paper. All of those present except for 3 confirmed that Option (a) as outlined in the briefing paper i.e. for the one way system to stay as an advisory system with HGV's being advised to go north on the A350 and south on the C13 was the preferred option provided that better signage was erected and relevant mitigation measures were put into place for Melbury Abbas. It was acknowledged that this Option was the least worst Option and was no more than a "sticking plaster" and the only solution was to implement a proper North/South route.

Robin East also confirmed that DCC Highways were in the process of resurfacing the A350 and that the traffic management measures including gates for the village would be installed shortly. The works would take place at night and the road would be closed for sometime but all of the villagers would have access to their properties. Robin East also confirmed he had discussed whether the speed through the village could be reduced to 20mph but had been told that this was not permitted on an A road and in any event it would not be supported by the police. He would however continue to fight for West St. to be made a 20mph zone.

Robin East confirmed that the report on North/South connectivity had been published and was available on the Dorset for You website.

28/11/01 Apologies for Absence. Cllr Catherine Langham District Councillor.

28/11/02 Declarations of Interest. There were no declarations of interest.

28/11/03 A350/C13. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to support Option a as outlined in the briefing paper provided the signage in Shaftesbury and Blandford was improved and appropriate mitigation measures were put into place for Melbury Abbas.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.42 pm.

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Chairman, Fontmell Magna Parish Council