



# GILLINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL

## FULL COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Full Town Council meeting held on **Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018** in the Jubilee Room at the Town Hall, School Road, Gillingham commencing at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Cllr Mrs B Ridout (Mayor),  
Cllr Mrs A Beckley, Cllr R Evill,  
Cllr A Frith, Cllr M Gould,  
Cllr P Harris, Cllr M Hill,  
Cllr R Monksummers, Cllr Mrs V Pothecary,  
Cllr Miss N Purkis, Cllr J Robinson  
Cllr Mrs D Toye, and Cllr B Von Clemens.

**Members of the Public** There were four members of the public present.

**Members of the Press:** There was one member of the Press present.

**In attendance:** Assistant Town Clerk, Mrs C Ratcliffe.  
Planning Clerk, Mrs J Hawkins

**Apologies:** Cllr Mrs S Hunt (Deputy Mayor),  
Cllr Mrs S Cullingford, Cllr S Joyce and Cllr D Walsh.

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As arranged, Mr Steve White, Managing Director of Employ My Ability, gave a short presentation on the future plans for the Thorngrove Garden Centre. Employ My Ability already has a successful facility providing many different SEND (special educational needs) vocational training opportunities within a commercial setting at Moreton near Wareham. This will be replicated at Thorngrove and provide a facility where students will engage with personal timetables and work alongside tutor-trained industry professionals to develop an understanding of the skills required for the workplace, follow the Employ My Ability curriculum and access the wide variety of extra-curricular activities on offer, achieve recognised qualifications in Hospitality, Horticulture, Animal Studies, Retail Knowledge, Work Skills, Skills for Independence and Work, Personal Progress. ICT skills are included along with functional skills in Maths and English plus a holistic range of therapies to support students fulfil their potential and have a better understanding of the world around them.

Members were delighted to hear about the plans for Thorngrove and wished Employ My Ability every success with the new café facility, refurbished garden centre and teaching facility.

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## **Full Council Meeting – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 (continued):**

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Mayor, Cllr Mrs Ridout, informed members of the sad news that Mr Brian Nicholson, former Gillingham Town Councillor and Mayor of Gillingham in 1988-89 and 2001-02 had recently passed away. The funeral is scheduled for Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at the Parish Church. A minute's silence was held as a mark of respect.

### **486. To approve the minutes of the Full Town Council meeting held on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018.**

Cllr Von Clemens proposed that **“the minutes of the Full Town Council meeting held on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018 were approved as a correct record of that meeting”**. Cllr Frith seconded and the vote was unanimous. **RESOLVED.** The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

**487. Questions.** There were no questions.

### **488. Declarations of Interest: Members are required to comply with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, section 27 disclosable pecuniary interests.**

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests declared.

### **489. To receive written reports from outside bodies, if available, for consideration and approval:**

#### **a) Three Rivers Partnership (3RP) and Three Rivers Community Partnership Board of Trustees, the Gillingham Community Leisure Trust (GCLT)**

Cllr Von Clemens reported that no meeting had taken place and there was nothing to report.

#### **b) Gillingham Neighbourhood Plan Group**

Cllr Mrs Potheary reported that a confidential report has been received by the external examiner. No further comments could be made at this stage.

#### **c) Town Meadow Group**

Cllr Gould reported in the absence of Cllr Joyce. A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018 and a report will be available next month.

Cllr Mrs Ridout reported that there had been some safety concerns regarding the wooden bollards on The Town Meadow that are difficult to see in the dark. Perhaps some reflective strips could be placed on them.

Cllr Gould replied that the TMG were aware of the complaint and reflective strips will be placed on the bollards.

Cllr Mrs Ridout was pleased to hear that the planters on the Town Meadow will be entered in the South West in Bloom 'It's Your Neighbourhood 2018' competition later on in the year.

#### **d) The Blackmore Vale Tourism Company Ltd**

Cllr Von Clemens reported that the Blackmore Vale Tourism Company Ltd only meets twice a year and there was nothing to report this month.

#### **e) Gillingham Chamber of Commerce and Industry**

Cllr Von Clemens reported that the meeting scheduled last week had to be cancelled due to absence of the Vice Chair who was ill.

**Full Council Meeting – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 (continued):**

**489. To receive written reports from outside bodies, if available, for consideration and approval:**

**f) Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils**

Cllr Mrs Beckley, reporting on behalf of the Larger Towns meeting, informed members that no meeting had taken place this month and there was no report.

**g) Transport Forum**

Cllr Mrs Ridout had circulated her report prior to the meeting. Please refer to Appendix A. Since writing the report there had been an update to the two 'X2' bus services from Shaftesbury to Gillingham, one via Motcombe. To avoid confusion for passengers mistakenly boarding the Shaftesbury to Gillingham via Motcombe bus, thereby missing their train connection in Gillingham because of the extra time taken, South West Coaches have come up with the solution to make it clearer by adding the letter M after the X2 for all buses going to Motcombe.

Cllr Monksummers was disappointed that the new train franchisee – First MTR – does not appear to be addressing the problem of too few seats on the trains. It is very upsetting that there are no plans to rectify this.

Cllr Miss Purkis added that many trains are being cancelled and delayed.

Cllr Mrs Ridout remarked that she would refer the above comments to the Salisbury-Exeter Rail Users Group (SERUG).

**490. To receive the following Committee reports for consideration and adoption:**

**a) General Purposes Committee meeting held on Monday, 5th March 2018.**

Cllr Von Clemens proposed that **“the report of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 should be agreed and adopted”**. Cllr Hill seconded and the vote was unanimous. **RESOLVED.**

**b) Planning Committee interim meeting held on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and the Planning Committee meeting held on the Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018.**

Cllr Mrs Pothecary proposed that **“the report of the Planning Committee interim meeting held on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and Planning Committee meeting held on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018 should be agreed and adopted”**. Cllr Frith seconded and the vote was unanimous. **RESOLVED.**

**c) Staff and Salaries Committee meeting held on Monday, 19th March 2018.**

Cllr Frith proposed that **“the report of the Staff and Salaries Committee meeting held on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018 should be agreed and adopted”**. Cllr Harris seconded and the vote was unanimous. **RESOLVED.**

**d) Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018.**

Cllr Harris proposed that **“the report of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018 should be agreed and adopted”**. Cllr Von Clemens seconded and the vote was unanimous. **RESOLVED.**

**Full Council Meeting – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 (continued):**

**491. To confirm the appointment of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for Gillingham for the Council Year 2018/19 as per nominations received by the Policy and Resources Committee on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018.**

**Town Mayor**

Cllr Mrs Su Hunt, proposed by Cllr Alan Frith, seconded by Cllr Mrs Sharon Cullingford.

The Chairman, Cllr Mrs Ridout, informed members that although Cllr Mrs Hunt was absent from the meeting due to personal circumstances, she still wished to stand as Town Mayor during Council year 2018/19.

Cllr Mrs Cullingford who had previously seconded Cllr Mrs Hunt's nomination was also absent from the meeting due to illness and, therefore, a new seconder would be required.

Cllr Frith proposed that **"Cllr Mrs Hunt should be confirmed as Town Mayor for the Council Year 2018/19"**. Cllr Evill seconded and the vote was unanimous. **RESOLVED.**

**Deputy Mayor**

Cllr Barry Von Clemens, proposed by Cllr Alan Frith, seconded by Cllr Mick Hill.

The Chairman, Cllr Mrs Ridout, asked Cllr Von Clemens whether he still wished to stand as Deputy Mayor for the Council Year 2018/19. Cllr Von Clemens confirmed that he still wished to stand.

Cllr Frith proposed that **"Cllr Von Clemens should be confirmed as Deputy Town Mayor for the Council Year 2018/19"**. Cllr Hill seconded and the vote was unanimous. **RESOLVED.**

**492. To receive and approve a copy of the Quarterly Newsletter prior to circulation.**

Cllr Mrs Toye asked if a date for the bulb planting could be included in the article about volunteer bulb planting.

The Assistant Town Clerk replied that the article was written a few weeks ago. Due to bad weather, it has not been possible to arrange for volunteers to help with the bulb planting as originally intended. The article will be amended accordingly.

Cllr Roger Monksummers explained that one of the three external defibrillators has been fitted to the outside of the Electric Centre at the Kingsmead Business Park in Gillingham where it can be readily accessed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It was not possible to use the garden centre nearby as the premises are locked at night. A photograph of the defibrillator equipment located at the Electric Centre will appear in the local media shortly.

Cllr Mrs Potheary proposed that **"the Quarterly Newsletter with the amended bulb planting article is agreed and adopted for circulation"**. Cllr Hill seconded and the vote was unanimous. **RESOLVED.**

**493. To receive a report on the Mayor's Activities for the last month.**

Cllr Mrs Ridout presented her report. Please refer to Appendix B. Cllr Mrs Ridout added that she had received a letter from Prostate Cancer UK thanking the Town Council for the donation of £263 that had been taken at the Christmas Carol Service.

Cllr Mrs Ridout had been asked by the Town Crier of Sturminster Newton to pass- on his sincere condolences to the Town Council following the recent passing of the late David Wathen. The Town Crier for Struminster Newton would be honoured to assist Gillingham Town Council if his services as a Town Crier were ever required.

## **Full Council Meeting – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 (continued):**

### **494. Matters Pertinent**

- a) **Road Surfaces** - Cllr Frith complained about the top dressing of the road at Coldharbour and the appalling state of Wyke Road (B3081), especially near Slaughtergate. Cllr Mrs Ridout replied that this matter regarding top dressing at Coldharbour is being dealt with via the Traffic Management Working Party. The quality of the top dressing is being assessed and a road sweeper will be used to sweep up the excess chippings. Wyke Road (B3081) was scheduled to be resurfaced this year but the work has been put back to next year. Cllr Walsh, a County Councillor, has queried with DCC as to why the work has been postponed. A reply is awaited.

Cllr Monksummers commented that traffic has recently been diverted from the A303 through the town and queried whether the County Council can seek compensation from the Highways Agency towards road maintenance when diversions from the national road network are in place.

Cllr Gould remarked that the national road network is in a deplorable state and has been under-funded for years. There should be action to rectify this.

Cllr Mrs Beckley informed members that the Government has announced a large sum of money to be spent on making improvements but realistically it will not be a significant amount after it has been divided up between all the counties.

- b) **Frome Town Council** - An invitation has been received from Frome Town Council to attend a workshop -Breaking the Mould - on 12<sup>th</sup> April. The conference has come about because there has been a lot of interest in Frome and the success of the Town Council. The day will follow a format of interactive workshops, discussion panels and informal learning opportunities. Tickets available from Frome Town Council priced at £99 each.

The meeting closed at 7.58 pm.

#### **1. County Councillors' Reports, as follows:**

a) **County Councillor, Mr Andrew Cattaway**

Cllr Cattaway did not attend the meeting; no report was submitted.

b) **County Councillor, Mr David Walsh**

Cllr Walsh did not attend the meeting; no report was submitted.

#### **2. District Councillors' Reports, as follows:**

a) **District Councillor, Alexander Chase**

Cllr Chase was not present at the meeting; no report was submitted.

b) **District Councillor, Mr Michael Gould**

Cllr Gould was present at the meeting. A report was tabled. Please refer to Appendix C.

## **Full Council Meeting – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 (continued):**

### **2. District Councillors' Reports (continued):**

#### **c) District Councillor, Mrs Valerie Potheary**

Cllr Mrs Potheary was present at the meeting; no report had been submitted.

#### **d) District Councillor, Mrs Belinda Ridout**

Cllr Mrs Ridout was present at the meeting. A report was submitted prior to the meeting. Please refer to Appendix D.

#### **e) District Councillor, Mr David Walsh (Deputy Leader of NDDC and Portfolio Holder for Planning and Economic Development)**

Cllr Walsh did not attend the meeting; no report was submitted.

### **3. Public Questions**

A local resident asked whether a drain along Shaftesbury Road could be unblocked. When it rains heavily a huge puddle forms in the road which then becomes a hazard to road users and a nuisance to pedestrians who must then judge when to walk past to avoid getting soaked from passing vehicles.

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**Gillingham Town Council**

**Shaftesbury & Gillingham Area Transport Forum meeting**

**Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018, Shaftesbury Town Hall**

**Author: Cllr Belinda Ridout**

Chaired by Cllr Derek Beer, with representatives from Gillingham, Motcombe, Shaftesbury, the Donheads and Mere service users, SERUG (Salisbury to Exeter User Group), Bus2Go, NDDC, GTC, STC, POPP, Scope and South West Coaches. Unfortunately, no officers from DCC or WCC.

1. **No Smoking** stickers supplied for local bus shelters.
2. **Integrated Transport Inquiry Day Report.** Cllr Beer reported that this was a successful day but next time more networking time and less presentations.
3. **South West Coaches (SWC)**
  - **X2 Pilot Scheme** - SWC are looking to introduce an 'early bird' scheme, i.e. concessionary pass with a flat fare of £1 (for a single) for use prior to 9.30am. If this proves to be successful, to roll out to all services and possibly into Wiltshire if the service extends over the border, e.g. X4 service.

Agreed that the S&GTAG offers support of the 'early bird' scheme to Matthew Piles, DCC and if favourable, ask DCC to help publicise the scheme.

Agreed that the X2 is a much better service but that a few slight adjustments need to be made to the timetable, which were noted. It was requested that SW Coaches look into better synchronisation with trains at Gillingham Station, e.g. the 1550 from Shaftesbury via Motcombe, not to leave the station until 1632.

SWC reported that they will be offering 'through tickets' from Gillingham Station to Blandford within the next couple of months.

Dorset Day Tickets (rover tickets) are proving popular.

Having two services from Shaftesbury to Gillingham, both known as X2, is causing confusion, the difference being that one goes via Motcombe and very often unsuspecting travellers find that the extra time taken means that they miss their connection with the train. Suggested that the bus is signed 'via Motcombe'. It was suggested to rename one of the services 'X1', but this would involve considerable expense with re-registration.

- **Bus Stops** – It was noted that bus stop infrastructure has been installed around Gillingham, with flags and timetable cases. A member of the public queried the positioning of the Shaftesbury Road stops on safety grounds and these will be investigated. One has been installed on the Town Council's SID pole. Stops at Peacemarsh have not yet been installed but will be completed once the trial route from Wavering Lane to Gyllas Way has been confirmed as remaining part of the timetable.

4. **POPP** (Dorset Partnership for Older People Programme) is coming to an end in September. 'Wayfinders' will possibly continue working for the CCG.
5. **Shaftesbury Car Link** will finish at the end of the year unless a new coordinator can be found. Suggested that possibly this service could be amalgamated into an existing group. Cllr Beer to source funding.
6. **Community Transport** reported that the Government is changing the criteria for drivers, requiring professional drivers only, no longer licences with a D1 category. Only a D1c will be acceptable (licence to drive a mini-bus).
7. **A railway station** at Wilton is in the Wiltshire Plan (park and ride) but would be on the Salisbury to Bristol line.

**Next meeting Wed 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2018, 2.30pm, Town Hall, Shaftesbury**

Any concerns or problems with public/community transport, please forward to Cllr Ridout so that they can be brought to the attention of the Transport Forum and the necessary action taken. Email: [Cllrbridout@north-dorset.gov.uk](mailto:Cllrbridout@north-dorset.gov.uk)

## Gillingham Town Council

Mayor's Report - 20<sup>th</sup> February to 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Date	Event	Comments
22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Gillingham Twinning AGM	As always, a well-attended event, even more than expected! David Lloyd re-elected as President. Very interesting talk by local resident Brian, who was Equerry to Prince Charles and other members of the Royal Family.
24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Mayor's Christmas Story Competition Tea-party	This was held at the Library in the afternoon with some of the entrants. Pippa Hayward read out their stories beautifully, enthralling both the children and adults!! Handing out of certificates and book tokens was followed by a lovely tea.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Hall and Woodhouse Community Chest Launch	Cancelled due to snow.
7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Funeral of Clifford Walter Lloyd at St.Mary's Church (David Lloyd's father)	A very well attended service. Clifford was a hard worker and great family man who was honoured with the French Legion of Honour, (Ordre national de la Légion d'honneur), the highest French order of merit for military and civil merits, established 1802 by Napoléon Bonaparte, in recognition of Clifford's actions in WW2. Clifford was a <i>gentleman</i> in all senses of the word, who led an extraordinary life. I only wish I had known him better.
9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	St George's School, Bourton	To award a certificate to a Year 3 boy who entered the Mayor's Christmas Story competition, who couldn't make the tea party.
12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Fly the Flag for the Commonwealth at Stour Provost Primary School	I was asked to read the 'Affirmation' and raise the Commonwealth Flag. Entering the school was rather like stepping into The Doctor's Tardis, surprisingly large inside with very vibrant classrooms. I was transported back in time because this Victorian built school reminded me so much of my primary school in Zeals. Before the ceremony I was asked if I would talk with members of the school council, who very politely introduced themselves and thanked me for agreeing to answer their questions. I was very impressed.
15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Elm tree planting, Hardings Park	This A great afternoon with Hedgehog class (year 1) pupils of Gillingham Primary School. Split into 4 groups, the children planted at least 2 trees each at the far end of Hardings Park with child-sized spades and trowels. It was cold and muddy. The trees are hybrid and hopefully, as claimed, Dutch Elm disease resistant. The pre-dug holes turned up a surprise frog, which looked a little bemused but totally amused the children and was the highlight of the afternoon. We said, 'good bye' to the children as they were escorted back up the recreation field with heavy clay covered boots, muddy gloves and coats but proudly wearing their 'Love Where You Live' stickers and smiles on their faces ( <i>but not sure what their parents thought when they came to collect them from school!!</i> ). It is hoped that the Elms will help boost numbers of the White-letter Hairstreak butterfly, whose sole foodplant is Elm. Something to watch out for as the trees mature.
16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Women's World Day of Prayer, Catholic Church, Cemetery Rd	I thoroughly enjoyed this service, vibrant, with lots of singing with the focus on looking after our earth, very apt with the Annual Town Litter Pick the following day.
16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Gillingham Carnival Committee AGM	A very well attended event as usual. I thanked Mary Bailey and members of the carnival committee for all their hard work and for putting on a fantastic event which is the highlight of Gillingham's calendar and appreciated by the whole community. David and I will be back on collection duty this year.

17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Annual Town Litter Pick	On a cold wet and windy morning 20 volunteers turned out to help clear our town of rubbish. A wide area was covered and areas of fly tipping reported. Many volunteers were interested in joining the new community litter pick group starting up from 4 <sup>th</sup> April.
19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Awarding Certificates to children at Gillingham Primary School	Arriving early, the school was open despite the snow, I addressed 'Hedgehog class' (year 1) and awarded their individual certificates for helping to plant 24 Elm trees at Hardings Park. They all enjoyed themselves and apparently one little boy has not stopped talking about it! I left them with the Town Council's pollinator stickers and butterfly/caterpillar information for further classwork. The teacher informed me that they were going to paint pictures of butterflies that day, so I am looking forward to seeing their work.
19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	David Wathen's Funeral, St Mary's Church	Such a lovely service with the Scouts, Masons, RBL and Town Criers forming a Guard of Honour when we came out of church. Very honoured and proud to be there representing the TC and community. It was so nice to meet all the town criers, one coming 140miles from Seaford, that is the respect and 'family' bond they had with Dave, some for 30 years or more.

District Councillor's Report – Cllr Mike Gould

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Carter Jonas was commissioned by the Dorset Councils Partnership to produce a 'Joint Retail and Commercial Leisure Study' to help inform both plan-making and development management decisions across the three local authority areas. I attended a meeting with Carter Jonas in January 2018 on behalf of North Dorset District Council.

The findings of the study are now available and will provide the robust evidence base required to help inform the reviews of the North Dorset Local Plan and the West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland Local Plan.

The findings of the study are now available to view via the link below:

[https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/media/225160/Joint-Retail-and-Commercial-Leisure-Study-Main-Report/pdf/Joint\\_Retail\\_and\\_Commercial\\_Leisure\\_Study\\_Main\\_Report\\_20.03.18.PDF](https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/media/225160/Joint-Retail-and-Commercial-Leisure-Study-Main-Report/pdf/Joint_Retail_and_Commercial_Leisure_Study_Main_Report_20.03.18.PDF)

In my opinion, this is a very comprehensive study of Gillingham, by a well-respected firm of estate and land agents. On the face of it has identified various challenges facing Gillingham as it expands. It has homed in on a number weaknesses and recommended solutions. It has particularly highlighted an opportunity for development in the Station Road area and suggests that due to the many listed buildings and their size, development of the High Street is a challenge. It confirms the success of the Town Meadow and it's many and varied leisure uses.

However, it makes little comment about how to create a heart for the town centre, so that residents and visitors can enjoy varied experiences, when coming to the centre. It does however confirm the need for a cinema and more cafe and eating outlets so that residents would not have to travel to such towns as Salisbury and Yeovil for example to visit the cinema and enjoy a meal.

Overall this is a good objective report on the Town, but fails to satisfy the many subjective and experience needs to make Gillingham a thriving and attractive place. In particular, it fails to suggest ways in which Gillingham could become a destination town. Perhaps this was never part of its brief but Gillingham is in desperate need of external professional and holistic advice to ensure a successful future.

District Councillor's Report – Cllr Belinda Ridout

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**Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, Licensing Sub Committee** made up of three councillors from each of the three licensing committees of the DCP, to discuss the drafting of a single taxi policy, combining the two policies of NDDC and WDDC/W&PBC. First of four meetings to draft a policy to go out for consultation to the taxi trade in the autumn, before a final report is presented to the Licensing Committee.

**Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> February - Integrated Transport Review, Dorchester** – an informative day consisting of updates and representations from all sectors of public transport, including DCC (transport & social care), school contract operators, community transport operators, car schemes, railway/community rail, etc. Workshops in groups and a chance to network. Concessionary bus passes being a hot topic and the general consensus is that the system is not working and needs review urgently and to think about including the youth in a revised scheme. We were asked what flat fee we would be prepared to pay before 9.30am, answers varied from £2 to £5 or an annual bus pass fee?

**Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February – Planning Committee, Durweston** No planning application with relevance to Gillingham, however, out of three large applications for Stalbridge totalling 278 dwellings, outside of the settlement boundary, two applications for 120 and 60 dwellings were passed and the third, for 98 dwellings, refused because it was felt that there was substantial harm and therefore there were *significant and demonstrable* reasons to refuse it, despite the lack of 5 year housing land supply. The applicant has gone to appeal.

**Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> March – Nordon Lodge Opening Ceremony, Blandford** – opened by NDDC Chairman, Cllr Mrs Val Potheary. Very impressed with the refurbishment of the building, re-designed internally to make it more customer friendly and accessible. Customers will be able to access services via touchscreen self-service computers and phones in the reception area, as well as through appointments and surgeries with duty officers.

**Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March – Freedom of Information briefing, Dorchester.** Couldn't attend because of previous engagement.

**Friday, 16<sup>th</sup>, March, Kington Magna Conservation Area Consultation** – a steady flow of residents to view the proposals. Setting of the Conservation Area is important in the rural area and I think this is demonstrated with the proposed additions to the conservation area.