

# CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Chideock on Tuesday 31 March 2015 at 10:00 am.**

**Present:** Cllrs Elizabeth Grant (Chair), Roger Carey, Kate Geraghty and Rob Murray.

**In attendance:** The Clerk and 6 members of the public.

The Parish Council meeting commenced at **10:05 am**.

**1598 Apologies.**

Cllr Turner, DCC, and Cllr Summers, WDDC, sent their apologies.

**1599 Grant of Dispensations.**

None.

**1600 Declarations of Defined Pecuniary Interests.**

Cllr Carey declared an interest, as Village Hall Treasurer, in Agenda Item 13 b) clause ix, Village Hall Grant, and said he would take no part in discussion or the vote.

The Clerk said that this clause would have to be taken out of the main resolution into a separate resolution.

**1601 Minutes.**

a) **RESOLVED** to accept and sign, as a true record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 24 February 2015.

Proposed by Cllr Grant, seconded by Cllr Murray, carried unanimously.

**1602 County and District Councillors' and Police Reports.** There were no reports.

**NOTED** that the current Western Division wildlife liaison officer is Inspector Steve Marsh, based at Dorchester. His email address is [Steven.Marsh@Dorset.PNN.Police.uk](mailto:Steven.Marsh@Dorset.PNN.Police.uk)

*Standing Orders were suspended for the following item.*

**1603 Democratic Period.**

4 members of the public spoke about the long standing issue with the BT covers in Main Street (A35 trunk road) outside West House and at the North Road junction. Repairs had been carried out by BT which had made the situation worse not better, adding vibration to the noise. Connect had promised an urgent inspection by BT the previous day but nothing had happened. It was agreed that the covers get worn quickly and rattle because of where they are placed in the carriageway. A councillor suggested that residents threaten to take the issue to the BBC and / or the press. **AGREED** that CPC will

- a) Write to HA / Connect giving all details of the current issue and ask for urgent action to rectify it **CC**
- b) Write to HA asking if utility covers in the carriageway can be moved / removed when the road is resurfaced so that they are not in the direct traffic line **CC**
- c) Ask Connect to make a full inspection of all utility covers with the utility companies in attendance. **CC**
- d) Contact WDDC Environmental Health asking what measures they can take in regard to noise and vibration of this nature **CC**
- e) Contact the WDDC Listed Building Officer regarding the impact of vibration on Listed Buildings **CC**

A member of the public asked how often the speed cameras are active. **AGREED** that CPC ascertains who is now responsible for the cameras, how often they are active and also what is happening with regard to the induction loop speed monitoring equipment in the A35 carriage way outside Bilberry Close.

It was agreed to make the A35 a specific agenda item in future.

A member of the public raised concerns about the new lighting installed as part of the Ridwood affordable housing development. It was suggested that this be raised with Mrs Lyn Crisp, the Community Representative for the project.

*Standing Orders were resumed.*

**1604 Reports / Updates by the Clerk and Councillors.**

Items 2 to 23 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**, with the exception of those detailed below, which were discussed in more detail.

- a) **Item 6 - A35 Vehicle Counts. AGREED** that the Clerk follows up the e-mail to Mr Page-Dove before asking Oliver Letwin MP to take further action, which he is not likely to do until after the General Election, assuming that he is re-elected. **CC**
- b) **Item 10 – Rights of Way - Chideock Castle / circular route. NOTED** that this can be pursued at the “site” meeting with Adam Butcher, DCC RoW, on Friday 10 April.
- c) **Item 21 – Dorset Police - Project Genesis. AGREED** to ask Dorset Police for details of the proposals. **CC**

Concerns were raised about ambulance cover in West Dorset, following the article in the Yarn magazine. **AGREED** that CPC writes to all relevant bodies / persons to ask what can be done to improve the situation. **CC**

**1605 Planning Matters.**

a) **Applications.**

**WD/D/15/000367** FIELD TO THE EAST OF 1 BROADMEAD, MAIN STREET Construct new pedestrian footpath, to include construction of new field access and stopping up of existing access (Full)

*Chideock Parish Council supports the construction of this all-weather footpath as soon as is practical, given its unconditional support since 2003.*

*Safe Pedestrian access from Chideock to Bridport is long overdue, and will benefit both local people and visitors, both as part of a linear walk to Eype, Symondsburry or Bridport, and as part of a circular walk starting and ending in Chideock.*

*The Parish Council takes this opportunity to thank all those who have persisted over the past 12 years to bring this project to fruition.*

b) **To consider any applications received after the agenda was circulated.**

**WD/CA/15/00104** LARKS HEY, DUCK STREET Reduce 1No Silver Birch by 50% overall  
*If the tree officer is minded to approve a reduction, the Parish Council asks the Tree Officer to only permit a reduction of less than 50%.*

*Many mature trees in Chideock Parish have been removed or polled during the past 15 years, particularly within the Conservation Areas. The loss of mature trees or drastic reductions in their height has a detrimental impact on the character of the village which cannot afford to continue losing the landscape value of trees. An additional factor is their known reduction of air pollution, particularly silver birch leaves which can absorb particulates. An Air Quality Management Area has been declared in Chideock.*

c) **Determinations.**

**WD/D/15/000218** LAND AT ENTRANCE TO LANGDON HILL CAR PARK, LANGDON LANE Erect two signs, one at the entrance to the site, and one in the grounds. (Advertisement) **APPROVED.**

**WD/D/14/003286** THE MILL HOUSE, MILL LANE Erect 16/No Photo Voltaic panels on a ground mounted system to the Northern Garden (Full) **APPROVED. AGREED** to refer the comments in the Officers Report regarding screening to the Dorset Wildlife Trust and the National Trust. **CC**

d) **Ridwood Affordable Housing Development.**

Items 24 - 26 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED.** **CC**

**AGREED** that the Clerk press for an answer to the questions posed in Item 25.

A **VOTE OF THANKS** was proposed to Lyn Crisp and Robyn Symes for the all work they did to ensure that the development went as smoothly as possible in relation to the existing and new Ridwood residents.

e) **Any Other Planning Matters.**

- i. **AONB / Lighting & Dark Skies.** Item 27 on the Actions & Information List was **NOTED. AGREED** to ask Hillary Jordan who the Parish Council can write to in regard to the Dorset AONB Partnership Board. **CC**  
**AGREED** to ask Tom Munro to come down and look at the bright night time lighting outside the Golden Cap Caravan Park shop at Seatown. **CC**
- ii. **Enforcement. AGREED** to ask the WDDC Planning Enforcement Officer for progress on the Enforcement Order issued against the land at Muddyford Lane. **CC**

- iii. **Golden Cap Caravan Park.** Cllr Grant reported that she had attended the launch event. Initially 3 of the new “vans” will replace 5 current “vans” at the front of the Park. More will go in the field behind Mr Baylis’ house.  
It was reported that there have been complaints from residents about the large advertising signs for the new “vans”. **AGREED** to ask advice from WDDC, AONB and National Trust.
- iv. **Mill Lane Bridleway 18.** Items 29 – 30A on the Actions and Information List were **NOTED.** **AGREED** that the draft e-mail circulated be sent to Oliver Letwin MP; Sarah Meggs, DCC Senior Legal Officer; Phil Hobson, DCC RoW Definitive Map Officer; Mike Harries, DCC Director for Environment and the Economy; Cllr Daryl Turner, Marshwood Vale Division; **CC**
- v. **Seatown.** Cllr Geraghty reported that a BT cover was open at the side of the road opposite Seatown Farmhouse. **AGREED** that this be reported to DCC Highways. **CC**
- vi. **Other.** There were no additional items to report. **CC**

#### 1606 Finances.

Items 31 and 31A on the Actions and Information List were **NOTED.**

##### a) Payments.

**RESOLVED** to make the following payments:-

i. Clerk’s Salary & Expenses for March	£272.44
ii. PAYE for Jan, Feb and Mar	£166.20
iii. Chideock Village Hall Hire – March	£25.00
iv. PNW Services for March Bus Shelter Cleaning	£43.20

Proposed by Cllr Geraghty, seconded by Cllr Carey, carried unanimously.

##### b) Foss Orchard Car Park.

Item 32 on the Actions and Information List was **NOTED.**

Cllr Grant reported that she has put up one of the laminated deterrent signs re urination in FOCP.

#### 1607 Clapps Mead Playing Field.

Items 33 – 34A on the Actions and Information List were **NOTED.**

- a) Cllr Murray said he would repair the wire fence in the play area and inspect the gate to see if it can be repaired or whether it should be replaced. **AGREED** that up to £50 can be spent on the repair / replacement. **RM/CC**
- b) Agreed that new signs saying that dogs must be kept on leads are required. The Clerk to investigate this. **CC**
- c) Item 35 on the Actions & Information List – it was **AGREED** to give the Chideock Society permission to use Clapps Mead as the start and end point for the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Monday, 6 April 2015.

#### 1608 Flood Management Plan for the Winniford Valley.

Items 36 - 38 on the Actions and Information List were **NOTED.**

Cllr Carey reported that he has had no reply to his e-mail to Dave Maunder DCC Highways about the outstanding highway issues in Seahill Lane and has been unable to contact him by phone. **AGREED** that he forward the e-mail to Mark Hill, DCC Highways. **RC**

#### 1609 Current Consultations.

- a) Item 39 on the Actions & Information List was **NOTED.** Cllr Murray passed his response to the Clerk. **CC**

#### 1610 Motions Received with Notice.

Item 40 on the Actions & Information List was acted on – see a) II. below.

##### a) Actions at Financial Year End 31 March 2015.

- I. Given Cllr Carey’s Declaration of Interest, it was proposed to remove clause ix. (Village Hall Grant) to a separate motion.  
Proposed by Cllr Murray, seconded by Cllr Geraghty, carried, Cllr Carey abstained.
- II. Given the possible need to money for legal fees for Mill Lane it was proposed to remove clauses x. and xi. from the motion i.e. to not transfer the year end Precept underspend and £300 from the General Reserve to the Community Fund.  
Proposed by Cllr Grant, seconded by Cllr Carey, carried unanimously.

The revised motion was put to the vote, and it was **RESOLVED**, as per the recommendations of the of the full Parish Council meeting of 24 February 2015, that the following actions be taken at Financial Year End 31 March 2015:

- i. Unspent Training budget of £55 be carried forward as a restricted reserve
- ii. Unspent Hall Hire budget of £12.50 to be carried forward as a restricted reserve
- iii. Playing Field Depreciation budget of £400 to be transferred to the Earmarked Fund

- iv. Foss Orchard Car Park Resurfacing budget of £500 to be transferred to Foss Orchard Car Park Maintenance Fund
  - v. Foss Orchard River Bank budget of £1000 to be transferred to Foss Orchard River Bank Fund
  - vi. Community Fund budget of £250 to be transferred to the Community Fund
  - vii. Village Clock Service budget of £210 to be transferred to a restricted fund to pay for the clock service contract for 2017 - 2019
  - viii. Salt / Grit budget of £100 to be carried forward as a restricted reserve
- Proposed by Cllr Murray, seconded by Cllr Grant, carried unanimously
- b) As per amendment I above, and as per the recommendation of the full Parish Council meeting of 24 February 2015, it was **RESOLVED** that the Village Hall Repair Grant budget of £300 be paid to the Village Hall Committee with the proviso that it is only used towards major repairs i.e. is held as a restricted fund.  
Proposed by Cllr Grant, seconded by Cllr Murray, carried. Cllr Carey took no part in the vote.
  - c) As per the recommendation of the full Parish Council meeting of 24 February 2015, it was **RESOLVED** that a £100 grant be made to the Bridport Citizen's Advice Bureau, to be paid from the £100 budget for external grants.  
Proposed by Cllr Geraghty, seconded by Cllr Murray, carried unanimously
  - d) As per Audit requirements, it was **RESOLVED** to reconfirm acceptance of Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and the Risk Register with no changes.  
Proposed by Cllr Grant, seconded by Cllr Murray, carried unanimously  
**NOTED** that Financial Regulations will be reviewed when the revised NALC Model is available.

**1611 Parish Council Elections May 2015 - how to encourage residents to stand for election as councillors.**

The Clerk reported that all relevant documents had been put in the Parish Council Notice Board. Three residents have expressed an interest in standing as Parish Councillors and all have been given nomination packs.

**1612 Correspondence.**

There were no other items of correspondence to be brought to Councillors' notice.

**1613 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of Chideock Parish Council.**

The next scheduled meeting of Chideock Parish Council will be on Tuesday 28 April 2015. This will be the last meeting of the current Parish Council.

The meeting closed at **12:30 pm.**