

CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Chideock on Tuesday 26 April 2016 at 10:00 am.

Present: Cllr Elizabeth Grant (Chair), Cllr Roger Carey (Vice Chair), Cllr Irena Campion, Cllr Rob Murray, and Cllr David Rogers.

In attendance: The Clerk, West Dorset Cllr Christopher.

The Parish Council meeting commenced at **10:00 am**.

The Clerk spoke of Sue McDougal who died last week. She was a long serving member of the Playing Field Management Group and a frequent attendee at Parish Council meetings, as well as being involved with many Village groups. She will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her.

The Clerk reminded councillors that the Annual Village Meeting is on Tuesday 10 May, 7 pm for 7.30 pm.

1791 Apologies.

Cllr Laurie Elliot and Cllr Kate Geraghty sent their apologies, which were accepted. Dorset County Cllr Turner and PCSO Ash sent their apologies.

1792 Grant of Dispensations. None.

1793 Declarations of Defined Pecuniary Interests. None.

1794 Minutes.

a) **RESOLVED** to accept and sign, as a true record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 29 March 2016.

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

1795 County and District Councillors' and Police Reports.

West Dorset **Cllr Christopher** reported as follows:

- He recognises that it is frustrating when a Parish Council's comments about a planning application are disregarded. District Councillors do take matters seriously especially concerns about the AONB and other designations and do make site visits where appropriate.
- He reminded councillors of the Police & Crime Commissioner election on 5 May, and of the referendum on how West Dorset District Council is run which is on the same day.
- A35 traffic issues – the Parish Council should continue to lobby Oliver Letwin MP.
- He has had some queries from Chideock residents in regard to the Lost Souls bar. The Clerk said that she had not received any formal complaint and that her understanding is that it will close when the Clock House reopens. It was **AGREED** to revisit this matter if the Lost Souls bar remains in business when the Clock House reopens, to determine what action, if any, could be taken.

PCSO Ash had sent the following information to the Clerk:

- In the early hours of April 5th, intruders activated a silent, remotely monitored, police installed alarm at a commercial premises in the centre of Chideock. Police were called and caught two youths on scaffolding to the rear of the property. They were arrested on suspicion of burglary, but soon de-arrested when it became clear that they were not there to steal or cause damage, they were simply 'messaging about'. Apologies have been passed to the owners, and parents are aware.
- Overnight 5th – 6th April, a works' vehicle parked in the area of Golden Cap had all 4 wheels, plus its spare stolen. There were no lines of enquiry, but I have since attended the scene and given the business manager extensive crime prevention advice with regards to having alarms installed (similar to those as mentioned above)."

Standing Orders were suspended for the following item.

1796 Democratic Period.

No members of the public were present.

Standing Orders were resumed.

1797 Reports / Updates by the Clerk and Councillors.

Items 1 to 8 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**, with the exception of those detailed below, which were discussed in more detail.

- **Item 2 – Defibrillator.** Cllr Rogers said that Listed Building Consent is required if the cabinet is to be placed on the wall of the George. This has to
 - a) be applied for by Palmers and
 - b) be approved by WDDC.

So it may be necessary to find an alternative location.

- **Item 4A - Sea Hill Lane - damage to banks by large agricultural vehicles.** It was observed that with changes in farming practice vehicles are getting larger but many roads are not suitable so damage occurs to the road surface, gullies, verges and banks. It was suggested that width and weight restrictions might alleviate the problem.

AGREED to reply to Dr Sterling as follows:-

- a) suggesting width / weight restrictions
- b) that letting nature take its course is not sufficient as damage will occur again and again
- c) CPC would like a Code of Conduct to be developed which must cover the specific Chideock issues
- d) it is assumed that landowners / tenants are responsible for damage caused by people contracted to carry out agricultural works on their behalf.

Cllr Christopher suggested that this matter be raised with Oliver Letwin.

It was pointed out that similar damage is caused by large camper vans, buses and coaches.

It was noted that red and blue posts have appeared in the verge near Ryall, in Char Valley Parish. **AGREED** that the Clerk asks the Char Valley Clerk what these are for. If they are to show where verges should not be cut because of wild flowers such as orchids the Clerk will pursue this for Carters Lane.

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1798 A35 Matters.

Items 9 to 25 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**, with the exception of those detailed below, which were discussed in more detail.

- **Item 16 - A35 meeting with HE on 8/4/2016.** Clerk to ask Emma Bazeley if she would like historical information regarding attempts to obtain a Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) Roadside Enforcement Station to the west of Chideock.

CC

1799 Planning Matters.

a) **Applications.** None.

b) **To consider any applications received after the agenda was circulated.** None.

c) **Determinations.**

WD/CA/16/00088 CHIDEOCK COURT, MAIN STREET 1 No. Gingko Biloba – Fell **WITHDRAWN**

WD/D/16/000113 ORCHARD HOUSE, MILL LANE Erect single storey Garden Room extension, internal alterations including the conversion of 1no garage bay to form an additional Bedroom with Ensuite Shower Room (Full) **APPROVED**, no S106 condition.
Case Officer's comment:-

"The converted garage forms part of the dwelling and, furthermore, does not require planning permission."

WD/D/15/002653 SEAHILL HOUSE, SEA HILL LANE Erect kitchen/dining and utility room single storey extensions (Full) **APPROVED**.

Case Officer's comments:-

They (the Parish Council) also ask that any permission be conditioned for adequate rainwater harvesting, non-reflective glass, low level lighting on sensors for external lighting, and interior lighting which does not "spill out" over the surrounding area. Based on comments made above and the modest scale and nature of this scheme it would be considered unreasonable to impose these conditions in this case."

AGREED to inform the Case Officer that CPC was not asking for conditions to be made but asking the applicant if they would consider implementing the suggestions made if consent was granted. **CC**

d) Ridwood Affordable Housing Development.

Nothing to report.

e) Any Other Planning Matters.

i. **AONB / Lighting & Dark Skies.** **AGREED** to ask the AONB and Dark Skies Society to visit Seatown after dark to review the level of lighting at Seatown now that Golden Cap Caravan Park is open, and to also look at other areas in the village.

ii. **Enforcement.** Items 27 - 31 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

iii. **Mill Lane Bridleway 18.**

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

NOTED that on page 21 of the latest West Dorset Leisure Holidays brochure it is stated that "The concrete roadway A-B is a private road which can be used by vehicles driven by people staying on the park. The roadway is also a footpath and a bridleway, therefore please take care to ensure that authorised vehicles, walkers and horse riders share this road in a respectful manner and enjoy this convenient right of way."

AGREED to not challenge the references to "private road", "roadway" or the location of point B as this matter is already with DCC. **AGREED** that the Clerk verify the law in regard to order of priority for users of a Bridleway and to inform WDLH if this differs from their advice. **CC**

iv. **Seatown.** Items 33 - 34 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

v. **Seatown Regeneration Feasibility Study Project.** **NOTED** that the final Seatown Regeneration Project report completed and will be available on a C.D.

vi. **All Weather Footpath.** Nothing to report.

vii. **Other.** Items 35 - 38 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

Item 35 - Changes to Planning Consultation with Parish and Town Councils. Councillors suggested that the Clerk offers to be part of the pilot group. **CC**

1800 Finances.

The Clerk reported that the £125 rent from the Environment Agency for the Flow Meter for the River Winniford, situated in Foss Orchard Car Park, has been received.

a) Payments.

RESOLVED to make the following payments:-

i.	Clerk's Salary & Expenses for April	£251.36
ii.	Chideock Village Hall Hire for April	£51.00
iii.	Caledonia Play	£4,278.00 (£713.00 VAT to be reclaimed)
iv.	Lee Martin – mower hire March	£10.00

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

b) Foss Orchard Car Park.

Item 44 on the Actions & Information List was **NOTED**.

It was reported that one car is continually being parked without purchasing a ticket, sometimes in the shop parking spaces – the agreed note has been placed on the car several times. **AGREED** that additional wording be placed on the back of the note to explain that all money taken for parking tickets and season tickets is used to maintain the car park. Cllr Murray said he will make another attempt to put the meta-posts in so that all 3 "shop parking" signs can be displayed, rather than just the one as at present. **CC**

c) Summary of Accounts and Budget Monitoring to 31 March 2016.

The Summary of Accounts and Budget Monitoring were **NOTED**.

NOTED that the Earmarked Fund is now approximately £40 in debit – this will be rectified when the West Dorset Leisure Development Fund grant is received.

d) Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and the Risk Register.

RESOLVED to reconfirm acceptance of Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and the Risk Register.

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

e) Request from St Giles Parochial Church Council that the Parish Council takes over the full cost of hedge and grass cutting for the Cemetery.

AGREED that the Clerk seeks advice from DAPTC. **CC**

AGREED that the Clerk asks the PCC to verify ownership of the cemetery; confirm that it is open to all religious denominations; how full is it? i.e. what is the long term income stream **CC**

likely to be for burial fees?; insurance issues.

f) Insurance Renewal.

AGREED that the removed swing and the laptop be removed from the insured assets. **CC**

AGREED that the Clerk asks what difference would be made to the premium by reducing the insured value of the benches to £300 each. **CC**

1801 Clapps Mead Playing Field.

a) New Equipment – the safety surface matting has bedded in and is not causing concern, but will be regularly inspected.

b) Post and wire fence in play area by the river in the Children’s Play Area – the temporary repair was **NOTED**.

c) Playing Field Grass Cutting – Mr Dave Symonds has cut the playing field grass.

d) Play Area Grass Cutting. The mower is currently not working. Clerk to ask if the grass could be strimmed for the time being. **CC**

e) Replacement of the post and wire fence in the Children’s Play Area near the river. **AGREED** that as there are no funds available to replace this at the moment, the brambles together with the temporary repair provide a good barrier and brambles should be encouraged to grow in this area for the time being.

1802 Flood Management Plan for the Winniford Valley.

a) The surface Dressing of Sea Hill Lane is scheduled to take place at some point during the week 23 – 27 May. The Clerk has sent details to affected residents for whom she has an e-mail address.

b) Cllr Carey said that DCC Highways have assured him that the following items will be done before or as part of the surface dressing of Sea Hill Lane:-

- raising the bund on Pettycrate Lane outside Brook House
- removal of vegetation which is overhanging the verge on the boundary of Windy Ridge with Sea Hill Lane
- proper reinstatement of tarmac where the spring box has been installed at the Ridwood / Sea Hill Lane junction
- potholes on Seahill Lane

c) Cllr Carey is in communication with the Environment Agency regarding the field by Seahill Cottages which is causing rain water run-off onto Sea Hill Lane.

1803 Current Consultations.

a) Consultation on the future of the DCC Mobile Library Service.

AGREED that a corporate response be sent. Clerk to circulate a draft to all. **CC**

1804 Motions Received with Notice. None.

1805 Correspondence.

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

1806 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of Chideock Parish Council.

The next scheduled meeting is at 10:00 am on Tuesday 31 May 2016. This is the Annual Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Grant told councillors that she will be standing down from the Parish Council after the Annual Parish Council meeting on 31 May 2016.

The meeting closed at **12.30 pm**.