

CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Chideock on Tuesday 30 April 2019 at 10 am.

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

Present: Cllr Roger Carey (Chair), Cllr George Dunn, Cllr Laurie Elliot (Vice Chair), Cllr Vanessa Glenn, Cllr Peter Hunt, Cllr Rob Murray, Cllr David Rogers.

In attendance: WDDC Cllr Simon Christopher and 6 members of the public.

Before the meeting commenced, Cllr Carey stated that the Clerk was unavailable and that, to remain legal, a note taker was needed. Cllr Carey proposed that Cllr Glenn took the notes, seconded by Cllr Rogers and accepted by all the council.

2304 Apologies.

The Clerk, PCSO Bishop and Cllr Turner sent their apologies.

2305 Grants of Dispensations.

None.

2306 Declarations of Defined Pecuniary Interests.

None.

2307 Minutes.

a) RESOLVED to accept and sign, as a true record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 26 March 2019.

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

A general short discussion took place about the funding of Local government and specifically the impact on rural areas. Currently rural local authorities do not receive the same level of government grant funding compared to urban areas. This reflects the central government thought that rural areas do not have the same levels of disadvantageous as urban areas. Vanessa shared that there has been an ongoing campaign since 2011 to challenge this perspective by the county councils. In November 2018, the draft Local Government review shared that a serious Proposal is now being put forward to address this issue regarding rurality. If it is taken forward, then councils should know by the autumn and it could affect how much council tax is in the future. It was noted by the meeting that Dorset council will now receive no-income from central government and that we have the third highest council tax in the country. But we have a very small ability to raise income from business rates compared to urban authorities or the new BCP council. It was agreed that following the elections it would be helpful to revisit this discussion given the impact that this issue has on the community and services.

2308 County and District Councillors' and Police Reports.

a) PCSO Bishop had sent the following report to the Clerk: -

- On Friday 29th March, a handbag was stolen from a vehicle at Langdon Woods.
- On Wednesday 3rd April, an unknown male attended the shop in Chideock and left without paying for numerous scratch cards.
- On Friday 5th April, an unknown offender was caught attempting to steal a handbag from a vehicle at Langdon Woods. The offender made off and enquiries are currently on going.
- If anyone has any information about any of the crimes above, please contact Dorset Police on 101. Please also be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to us on the 101 number, or via the Dorset Police website, www.dorset.police.uk.
- We had a report of Motorcyclists using Hell Lane, North Chideock, when there is signage saying that the road is closed. However, this relates to a temporary closure which expired the day before the motorcyclist was seen. I have contacted the highways to confirm and they are to be extending the temporary notice whilst work is carried out on Hell Lane, but it is not officially closed as I write this report.

b) West Dorset Cllr Christopher said that only stated that clearly this was a difficult time, but

he was listening to what people are saying.

- c) Dorset Councillor Turner had told the Clerk that as this is the Election Period, he didn't feel it appropriate, at this stage, to attend the meeting.

*Cllr Rogers stated that the new Dorset Councils salary levels are more than the average of English councils. **AGREED** that the Clerk writes to Dorset Council requesting a discussion about this matter.*

Standing Orders were suspended for the following item.

2309 Democratic Period.

- A member of the public addressed the meeting and stated that in his experience the 101 non urgent Police reporting service is not good, and it is better to report any police concerns on-line.
- A member of the public asked for the second time whether the parish council supports the Parish Poll, saying Oliver Letwin wrote to the Parish Council about what was going to be done about the result of the poll and stated that in previous correspondence sent out in June 2018, this had not appeared to be the case. Cllr Murray stated that the Parish Council does support the parish poll and that the principal of a bypass is supported. Cllr Dunn stated that the Parish Council has adopted short term measures and the longer-term measure of a bypass. Cllr Glenn reiterated that the Parish Council has clearly adopted the outcome of the Parish Poll and this is reflected in the response to Highways England's consultation of RIS2. Cllr Murray stated that things had moved on since 2018.
- A member of the public asked the Parish Council to put pressure on Dorset Highways regarding Hell Lane. This relates to its use by off roaders (bikes / four by four vehicles). Cllr Rogers said that in legal terms you cannot change a definition of a highway. Cllr Carey explained that there had been a previous example when Pettycrate Lane experienced similar problems, he had involved Oliver Letwin and the Parish Council and the definition of the road as an unmaintained highway could not be changed.
- The current approach of Dorset council is that they are going to close Hell Lane temporarily for 18 months. The question was posed how could this matter be resolved in the long term? It was suggested that the only way forward was to improve the road and make it a real road?
- A member of the public asked if electors can be reassured about the impartiality of the council regarding a by-pass within the Chideock Parish. The chair replied he did not consider that he could accept the question at this time due to the impending election. It would be better to return to the question once the new council had been elected.

Standing Orders were resumed.

2310 Reports / Updates by the Clerk and Councillors, and Updates to the Follow-Up List.

The Actions and Information List were brought to the attention of the public and advised that to save time it would not be read out but is available on the Parish Council website (chideockpc.org.uk). The Clerk is requested asked to highlight this in the next Chideock News.

CC

Items 1 to 5 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

Follow-Up List updates: - None.

2311 A35 Matters, and Updates to the Follow-Up List.

Items 6 to 20 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED** with those detailed below discussed in more detail.

Cllr Glenn raised the possibility of Chideock being considered for grant funding for electric charging points for cars. National government has made funding available to all Local Authorities from which they will receive 75% of the actual funding. The points can be fitted to lampposts or for example in the village car park. They can range from as little as £400 - can the Parish Council ask Dorset Council to apply funding as part of the more towards lowering pollution in Chideock?

Cllr Christopher urged the council to write to Jane Gordon-Banks who deals with Mr Letwin

surgeries. This was in reply to the item regarding Client Earth.

Follow-Up List Updates –

- HE traffic volumes.
- Follow up letter regarding outcomes from HE / Dorset Council following the joint meeting with the Parish Council held on 1 March 2019.

2312 Motions Received with Notice.

None.

2313 Planning Matters.

a) Applications.

WD/D/19/000315 Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling (Full) **HAZYVIEW, RYALL ROAD, RYALL– AMENDED PLANS.**

Chideock Parish Council has no objections.

WD/D/19/000665 Erect single storey garden room and orangery **BARNCROFT, SEA HILL LANE** (Previous approved application WD/D/18/002151 for single storey extension)

Chideock Parish Council has no objections.

WD/D/19/000519 Adjoining Parish Demolish existing flat roofed sun room & erect pitched roofed single storey extension. Carry out alterations, including installation of flue for new wood burner **5 CARTERS LANE, MORCOMBELAKE**

Chideock Parish Council has no objections.

b) Determinations.

WD/D/19/000807 T1 Cypress Hedge - Height reduction by approximately 4m to marked location TADDLE FARM HOUSE, NORTH ROAD **GRANTED**

WD/D/18/000608 Use as permanent residential dwelling THE GUARD HOUSE STUDIO, SEA HILL LANE **APPROVED**

c) Appeals.

None.

d) Other Planning Matters.

i. AONB / Lighting & Dark Skies, Dorset National Park, Conservation Areas.

No updates.

ii. Enforcement and Retrospective Planning Applications.

Items 21A and 21B on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

iii. Mill Lane / Bridleway 18.

AGREED that the Clerk asks Dorset Rights of Way for an update on progress with “making” the Definitive Map Modification Order.

Cllr Murray requested that the Parish Council's appreciation of the contribution made the late Ian Dunn, who was a stalwart member of the community group regarding the status of Mill Lane / Bridleway 18, be minuted.

CC

iv. Bullen's Lane / Bridleway 20 at Junction with A35.

NOTED that Graylings is now being sold. Should the new owner be required to maintain the land adjacent to BW20 at the junction with the A35? Does the amended Land Registry entry show any covenant on the land and its upkeep? **AGREED** that the Clerk will investigate this. **NOTED** that the visibility splay from BW20 and the A35 should be maintained by the new owner.

CC

v. All Weather Footpath.

AGREED that this be added to the Follow-Up List.

CC

vi. Seatown.

Items 22 & 23 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

vii. Seatown Regeneration Project.

Item 22 on the Actions & Information List was **NOTED**.

Further **NOTED** that whilst the passing places have been tarmacked, earth / debris still needs to be removed. Unconfirmed reports say that the BT pole has been moved the wrong location.

viii. Additional Matters.

Item 23 on the Actions & Information List was **NOTED**.

2314 Finances.

Items 24 to 27 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

a) Payments.

RESOLVED to make the following payments: -

i.	Clerk's Salary and Expenses for April	£238.95
ii.	Chideock Village Hall Hire – April	£27.00
iii.	Cllr Dunn – posts for Clapp's Mead fence repairs	£83.62
iv.	Mr M Kelson – screws for Clapp's Mead fence repairs	£16.07
v.	Theresa Mudford – Play Area Mowing x 4 - March & April	£40.00
vi.	Cllr Carey - expenses	£20.00
vii.	DAPTC Annual Subscription	£223.41
		(equals Budget amount)
viii.	Bank of Ireland to TSB	£210.48
	(Foss Orchard Car Park ticket money paid to wrong account + minimal interest amount)	

Items i, ii, iv, v, vii and viii - proposed by Cllr Murray, seconded by Cllr Glenn, carried unanimously.

Items iii and vi – proposed by Cllr Rogers, seconded by Cllr Glenn, carried with Cllr Dunn abstained from item iii, Cllr Carey abstained from item vi.

b) Invoices received after the agenda was circulated.

i.	Mrs Lyn Crisp – Clapp's Mead maintenance materials	£64.18
----	--	--------

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

c) Year End Accounts and Budget Monitoring.

NOTED.

d) Annual Governance Return.

RESOLVED to sign the declaration of exemption from external audit, given that both income and expenditure for 2018 – 2019 are less than £25,000.

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

Cllr Carey signed the declaration.

NOTED that the Annual Governance Return itself cannot be completed and signed until the Internal Audit has taken place in May. The deadline for completion of the AGR is 1 July 2019.

e) Foss Orchard Car Park.

NOTED that the white lining has been renewed that morning.

RESOLVED that the Parish council will seek to restrict the use of the car park to prohibit overnight parking of caravan, camper vans and commercial vehicles by a statutory order & new sign.

Proposed by Cllr Carey, seconded by Cllr Glenn.

Clerk to investigate how this can be achieved.

CC

2315 Clapps Mead Playing Field.

Items 28 and 29 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

Cllr Dunn was thanked for his work, with Mr Kelson, repairing the fencing between the play area and the river. Cllr Dunn stated that an additional post needs to be put in and the area grassed.

Cllr Elliot said that the memorial benches needs replacing. The Clerk will find out who donated them and inform them that the Parish Council intends to replace the benches.

The benches need to be removed before the ROSPA inspection in May.

CC

2316 Dorset Highways and Flood Management.

Item 30 on the Actions & Information List was **NOTED**.

Cllr Carey continues to be the lead with Dorset Highways and has again written to his Highways contact regarding the outward opening Chideock Manor gates in North. Details of proposed action and timescales are required.

2317 Current Consultations. None.

2318 Correspondence.

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

It was suggested that the Clerk writes to Bridport Local Area Partnership and the Bridport Leisure Centre asking what help can be given to keep the facility, particularly the swimming pool, open given that there are serious issues regarding continuing funding from the new Dorset Council. **CC**

2319 Annual Village Meeting.

Item 31 on the Actions & Information List was **NOTED**.

2320 To confirm the date and time of the next meetings of Chideock Parish Council.

The next scheduled meetings are: -

- Annual Parish Council Meeting – 10 am Tuesday 14 May
- Annual Village Meeting – 7.15 for 7.30 pm Tuesday 21 May
- Full Parish Council meeting, 10 am Tuesday 28 May.

The Chairman thanked the retiring Council for their support and hard work on behalf of the community, and Cllr Glenn was thanked for standing in so ably at late notice to take notes of the meeting.

The meeting closed at **12.01 pm**.