

CHIDEOCK ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING 2015

Minutes of the Chideock Annual Village Meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 12 May 2015 at 7.30 pm.

Cllr Elizabeth Grant (Chair of the Parish Council) took the Chair.

The meeting was attended by 30 residents, 5 Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk and the Rev. Skinner.

Sal Robinson, Parish Clerk, took the minutes.

The meeting opened at 7:30pm.

Cllr Grant welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming to the meeting. She explained the origin and procedure of an Annual Village Meeting as opposed to the Annual Parish Council Meeting or an ordinary Parish Council Meeting and thanked the Chideock Society for once again providing the refreshments before the meeting.

1. Apologies.

Apologies for absence were received from PCSO David Ash, Dorset County Councillor Daryl Turner, West Dorset Councillor Gillian Summers, John and Sue McDougal.

2. Minutes.

Adoption of the Minutes of the Village Meeting held on the 16 April 2014 was proposed by Lyn Crisp, seconded by Kate Geraghty and agreed by those who had attended that meeting.

3. Reports from Chideock Parish Council, County & District Councillors and the Police.

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| a) Cllr Elizabeth Grant, Chair of the Parish Council | Report at Appendix A |
| b) Miss Sal Robinson, Clerk to Chideock Parish Council | Report at Appendix B |

4. Reports from local organisations.

The meeting received reports from representatives of the various local organisations set out below. Where applicable, copies of the reports submitted are at the identified appendix to these minutes.

- Friends of Church of Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs & St. Ignatius – Denys Brunsdon
Appendix C
- St. Giles Parochial Church Council – Rev Skinner
Appendix D
- Chideock Society – Kate Geraghty
Appendix E
- Friends of St. Giles – Judy Campbell
Appendix F
- Village Lunch Group
Appendix G
- Bopper Bus – Kate Geraghty
Appendix H
- Chideock Playing Field Group – Lyn Crisp
Appendix I
- Community Website – Lyn Crisp
Appendix J
- Chideock Players – Moira Lucas
Appendix K
- Chideock 100+ Club – Tony Fuller
Appendix L
- Chideock W.I. - Shirley Lambert
Appendix M
- Ridwood Community Liaison – Lyn Crisp
Appendix N
- Chideock Village Hall – Richard Benjamin
Appendix O
- St Giles Bells – Richard Benjamin
Appendix P
- Chideock Cider Makers –Denys Brunsdon for Colin Hopkins
Appendix Q
- All Weather Footpath – Lyn Crisp
Appendix R
- Chideock Flood Group – Lyn Crisp
Appendix S
- Chideock Art Group – Ann Walker
Appendix T
- Village Fete Committee – Elizabeth Grant for Keith Baylis
Appendix U
- Chideock Table Tennis Group – Roger Carey

“Table tennis on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday evening and Wednesday afternoon each month continues to be popular.”

- Whist – Humphrey Barker
“The Whist evenings continue to be very successful.”

5. Open Forum.

A member of the public had sent the following question to the Clerk in advance of the meeting:-

"Given the lack of effective speed control and the continuing high speeds of vehicles sometimes of between 40-50 miles per hour going through the middle of the village - is it not about time to bring in a 20 mile speed restriction as in other villages on the A30?."

The Clerk had passed the question to Highways England and received the following response:-

"We have discussed the potential of a 20 mph speed limit through Chideock with Highways England and they have reviewed the relevant Government Guidance 'Setting local speed limits Ref: DfT 01/2013' which states:

131. Fear of traffic can affect people's quality of life in villages and it is self-evident that villages should have comparable speed limits to similar roads in urban areas. It is therefore government policy that a 30 mph speed limit should be the norm through villages.

132. It may also be appropriate to consider 20 mph limits or zones in built-up village streets which are primarily residential in nature, or where pedestrian and cyclist movements are high. Such limits should not, however, be considered on roads with a strategic function or where the movement of motor vehicles is the primary function.

As you can see such a proposal would be contrary to established policy which seeks to strike a balance between the needs of communities and the function of the A35(T) which forms part of the Strategic Road Network. As such this proposal could not be supported.

I am sorry that this response will be disappointing to those who have raised it."

A member of the public asked if variable speed camera could be installed at either end of the village. The Clerk will pass this to Highways England for an answer.

Signed:- Date:-