

CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Present: Cllr Vanessa Glenn, Cllr Elliot, Cllr Roger Carey, Cllr Deirdre Coates, Cllr Anna Dunn, Cllr George Dunn.

In attendance: The Clerk, Cllr Simon Christopher, PCSO Alex Bishop and 10 members of the public.

At the start of the meeting Cllr Glen announced that she was withdrawing her 6 motions regarding Mill Lane / BW18. This is because she considers it necessary that all residents of Mill Lane, the West Dorset Leisure Holidays caravan site and any associated business users of Mill Lane / BW18 need to have shared the outcome of the Community Group's correspondence with Dorset Council. This will require the Community Group's agreement to make these documents public. Once this has been done, she suggests that a meeting is called by the Parish Council with all concerned in order to address the issues raised in the correspondence received from Dorset Council. If no way forward can be found, then she will endeavour to produce a new motion to address the outstanding issues.

2369 Apologies.

Cllr David Rogers.

2370 Grants of Dispensations.

None.

2371 Declarations of Defined Pecuniary Interests.

None.

2372 Minutes.

RESOLVED to accept and sign, as a true record,

a) the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 30 July 2019 after the following amendment was made: -

- page 2, minute 2360, Item 25B – add “, Kevin Heard and Mike Downes” after “Mike Kelson”.

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

2373 County Councillor's and Police Reports.

a) PCSO Bishop reported as follows: -

- Thefts from vehicles at Langdon hill
- Attempted theft of scrap metal from a location in North Chideock
- If anyone sees anything suspicious, please report it to the Police.

Cllr Christopher asked what can be done about vehicles being driven too fast on the country lanes.

PCSO Bishop said there are 2 options: -

1. If this is within a speed restricted area, then a Community Speed Watch group could be set up
2. If the manner of driving causes alarm / distress, then it should be reported to the police – preferably there should be 2 witnesses. The police can then give “words of advice” to the driver.

A member of the public said that often a cyclist or horse rider can't take the registration number – the lanes need to be patrolled by the police.

PCSO Bishop suggested writing to the Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable – they need feedback of this kind before any action can be planned.

Cllr Dunn asked if the police would be doing any speed monitoring now that the limit on Chideock Hill has been dropped to 30 mph as part of the HE speed limit reduction trial. PSCO Bishop said this should be directed to the Dorset Roadsafes Team – the Clerk will action this.

b) Cllr Christopher reported as follows: -

- Dorset Council has continued working all summer, including the Planning Committee
- He is a member of the new Economic Development Advisory Panel
- The Glover report on AONBs and National Parks has been published.
- He suggested that the Parish Council might like to invite the Dorset National Park group back to update the council on progress towards a Dorset National Park
- The Parish Council should press for monitoring of the new 30 mph speed limit on Chideock Hill
- 500 new homes at Crossways have been approved, which improves the 5-year land supply
- A “call of sites” for the new Dorset wide Local Plan has been made.
- The planning application for retirement apartments on the old Mountjoy site in Bridport has been passed.

Cllr George Dunn asked Cllr Christopher to help push for particulate matter monitoring in Chideock. The Clerk will forward recent correspondence with Dorset Council to Cllr Christopher.

Cllr Glenn said that neither HE nor Dorset Council seem to be able to look at possible de-trunking of the A35 with fresh / innovative thinking – surely this should be part of Economic Development planning?

Cllr Christopher asked for a letter to be written to him, cc Cllr Ray Bryan, on this matter.

A resident asked why up to date air quality data is not appearing on the Dorset Council website – the latest figures available are for March.

Cllr Christopher said this should be taken up with Sir Oliver Letwin, Cllr Spencer Flower and Cllr Ray Bryan.

The resident asked if the data from the new diffusion tubes installed for the speed limit trial will be published. The Clerk said that the issue is that HE says it is their data – Dorset Council Environmental Health are trying to get HE to release the data.

Cllr Christopher suggested asking Sir Oliver Letwin to intervene,

A resident and Cllr Glenn queried why the Mountjoy site is not being used for affordable social housing for local people – as the land was owned by Dorset Council surely, they had a duty to utilise it for local people?

Cllr Christopher said that Dorset Council needs to release surplus assets and that there is a need for retirement housing of this type, which will potentially free up other housing in the area.

Standing Orders were suspended for the following item.

2374 Democratic Period.

Members of the public spoke as follows: -

- A Resident asked why it was intended to cut down the hedge by the River Winniford at Foss Orchard Car Park to 5 / 6 foot, as the trees protect the gardens on the other side of the river by acting as a barrier from air pollution and noise from the A35 and providing privacy screening for people living the other side of the river. Rob Murray, who used to do the hedge, explained that the hedge needs to be kept to about 5 foot but the trees behind the hedge do not, though they do have branches overhanging the river. Cllr Glenn suggested the the resident is in attendance when contractors visit to provide quotes.

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- Richard Benjamin, Chair of the Village Hall Committee, asked what action the Parish Council is taking regarding the dangerous disabled exit from the hall, where the pathway slopes down to the A35. The Clerk said that the council is actively pursuing this matter and that further letters will be written to the Highways England CEO and others. **CC**
- Richard Benjamin also reported that hedges on Main Street on the up-hill approach to the Village Hall are in urgent need of cutting back. The Clerk said that if she is given the house details, she will send the standard letter to the occupants. **CC**
- A resident queried the latest HE letter regarding the speed limit trial, which states that the speed limit will revert of 40 mph at the end of the trial. **CC**
- A resident asked when Average Speed Cameras will be installed as part of the speed limit trial and what stretch of road, they will cover.
- A resident asked what if anything had been done in support of the parish poll which was suggested by Oliver Letwin. The reply was that it was to be discussed later in the meeting.

Standing Orders were resumed.

2375 Reports / Updates by the Clerk and Councillors, and Updates to the Follow-Up List.

Items 1 to 9 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED** with those detailed below discussed in more detail.

Items 4 and 5 – Distribution of the Chideock News. Mr Guy Mills explained what is required. Cllr Anna Dunn and Cllr George Dunn both expressed an interest and will contact Mr Hunt. Mr Mills also mentioned the future of the Chideock News and whether the Parish Council would become involved. **AGREED** that the Clerk will contact the editor and organiser, Mrs Ruth Wrixton, to ascertain the situation. **CC**

Item 10 – Radar Key for disabled toilet at Seatown. Cllr Glenn observed that the facilities provided are very basic (there is no hoist / changing bench) but admitted that provision of enhanced facilities would be costly.

Follow-Up List updates: - None.

2376 A35 Matters, and Updates to the Follow-Up List.

Items 11 to 41B on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED** with those detailed below discussed in more detail.

Item 11B – A35 Relief Road – letter from a resident. Cllr Glenn to draft a response. **VG**

Item 12 – A35 Strategy Meeting – follow-up meeting. **AGREED** that this be arranged by e-mail for November possibly after the next HE Quarterly meeting. **VG**

Item 25 – Air Pollution and Public Health. Clerk to request a response. **CC**

Item 33 – DVSA Checks. **AGREED** that this be escalated as it is over a year since the questions were first asked and no adequate response has been received. **CC**

Item 41A – WSP Report Options. Cllr Dunn to draft a response. **GD**

AGREED that all recent A35 correspondence should be published on the Parish Council website. **CC**

AGREED to follow-up Client Earth's suggestion that Sir Oliver Letwin should raise a question in the House of Commons. Cllr Glenn to draft a letter to Sir Oliver. **VG**

Cllr Elliot said that in his view it should be the person who drafted the letter who ensures that it is followed up through the Clerk, and that the drafting of letters should be evenly distributed amongst parish councillors.

Follow-Up List Updates.

A35 “Chideock Slip”. Cllr Coates said that a meeting was held in August between Mr Coates of Chideock Manor (the landowner) and Connect. Connect say that the monitoring does not show the matter to be urgent but hope that the work will be carried out next spring. The works will be done from the Chideock estate and so should not disrupt the traffic flow.

2377 Motions Received with Notice.

Cllr George Dunn proposed the following motion: -

This Council will elicit the opinion of the neighbouring Parish Councils (Char Valley and Symondsburys) to the view expressed in the 2017 Village Poll for the possibility of a Chideock Bypass to be built outside of the Parish of Chideock. This opinion to be obtained either through West Dorset's MP or directly by Chideock Parish Council.

Cllr Anna Dunn seconded the motion.

Cllr George Dunn spoke to the motion.

After discussion an amended motion was proposed by Cllr George Dunn: -

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Cllr Anna Dunn seconded the amendment to the motion which was **CARRIED** unanimously.

Further discussion ensued: -

- Outside the Parish of Chideock does not necessarily mean though neighbouring parishes.
- What the Parish Council decides is irrelevant – Highways England will decide
- If the question isn't asked it will never be answered
- Get it done and dusted
- Concern that there is a danger of implicitly appearing to propose a bypass through Chideock

Cllr George Dunn proposed a further amendment: -

This Council will elicit the opinion of the *potentially affected* neighbouring Parish Councils (~~Char Valley and Symondsburys~~) to the view expressed in the 2017 Village Poll for the possibility of a Chideock Bypass to be built outside of the Parish of Chideock. This opinion to be obtained through West Dorset's MP.

Cllr Carey seconded the amendment to the motion, which was **CARRIED** 5 for, 1 against.

The amended substantive motion was then proposed by Cllr Dunn, seconded by Cllr Anna Dunn, **CARRIED** 4 for, 2 against.

2378 Planning Matters.

a) Applications.

WD/D/19/001716 Erect storage building for agriculture and commercial use CAINS FARM

Chideock Parish Council supports the application.

WD/D/19/000315 Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling. HAZYVIEW, RYALL ROAD – **replacement Block Plan, no other change**

No comment required.

b) Determinations.

WD/D/19/000609 DAWN COTTAGE, MILL LANE Replacement external side door. **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.

Item 43 (Hell Farm Bungalow - outstanding planning application) on the Actions and Information List was **NOTED**.

iii. Mill Lane / Bridleway 18.

Items 44 to 44A on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

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

No update. **NOTED** that "Graylings" is back on the market.

v. All Weather Path between Chideock and Eype / Symondsburys.

- No updates.
- vi. **Seatown.**
No updates.
- vii. **Seatown Regeneration Project.**
Items 46 and 47 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED.**
- viii. **Additional Matters.**
None.

2379 Finances.

a) Payments.

RESOLVED to make the following payments: -

i.	Clerk's Salary for September and Expenses for August and September	£244.35
ii.	HMRC – PAYE July to September	£174.60
iii.	Chideock Village Hall Hire – September	£27.00
iv.	Theresa Mudford – Play Area Mowing – August and September	£90.00
v.	PNW Services – Bus Shelter Cleaning July to September	£25.00
vi.	Cllr Anna Dunn – key fob for RADAR key	£13.95
vii.	St. Giles PCC – Cemetery Grass Cutting Grant	£625.00

Proposed by Cllr George Dunn, seconded by Cllr Carey, carried unanimously.

b) Foss Orchard Car Park.

The Clerk reported that the ticket machine is out of order – she will contact Dorset Council asking them to investigate and fix the fault and will suggest that the outstanding training for the machine is held at the same time. **CC**

2380 Clapps Mead Playing Field.

Items 48 on the Actions & Information List was **NOTED.**

2381 Dorset Highways and Flood Management.

A resident has reported that the hedge on the bank on the west side of North Road before Winniford Close is in urgent need for cutting back, Cllr Carey said this has been reported to Dorset Highways, who own the verge.

2382 Current Consultations.

None.

2383 Correspondence.

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

2384 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of Chideock Parish Council.

The next scheduled meeting is at 10 am on Tuesday 29 October 2019.

The meeting closed at **12.30 pm.**