

CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Chideock on Tuesday 26 March 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 Rob Murray, Cllr David Rogers.

In attendance: WDDC Cllr Simon Christopher, PCSO Alex Bishop and 7 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.

2287 Apologies.

Cllr Peter Hunt sent his apologies, which were accepted. The Clerk and Cllr Turner sent their apologies.

2288 Grants of Dispensations.

None.

2289 Declarations of Defined Pecuniary Interests.

Cllrs Carey, Glenn and Murray declared a pecuniary interest in Agenda item 12 e) iii) – Village Hall Repair Grant as they are on the Village Hall Committee and will not vote on this.

2290 Minutes.

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

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

2291 County and District Councillors' and Police Reports.

a) PCSO Bishop gave the following report: -

- Last Monday there was a theft of a handbag from a car at Langdon Woods. This issue is mentioned every month and posters are visible in Langdon woods. Criminals target beauty spots - The advice is do not leave valuables in the vehicle.
- PCSO Bishop stated that he had responded to the Parish Council in regard to an e mail from the Clerk in regard to parking on the pavement outside Bilberry Close. He confirmed that this is an offence, but the first step would be for a member of the public to request that the vehicle is moved. Loading and unloading is allowed for a temporary period. However, if this approach failed, then the police could be contacted via 101 as the matter is an offence and a ticket can be given.
 - Cllr Carey asked how long would this response take? The police response would vary and would depend upon the overall police demand at the time.
 - Cllr Dunn asked if it is possible that the parish council could consider a permanent notice regarding "No Parking on pavement" being sought. This would need to be checked with Highways England.
- Cllr Glenn asked if information could be shared about what level of police service is provided to West Dorset given the latest increase in the Police Precept? The vast majority of provision appears to be in Poole, Bournemouth, with some in Weymouth. PCSO Bishop stated that the Police force in West Dorset covering Beaminster, Lyme and Bridport could, on any given moment, support Dorchester or vice versus.
- It was agreed that PCSO Bishop will provide the Clerk with a brief e-mail update on the level of provision, which can then be shared on the Parish Council website and in the Chideock News.

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b) West Dorset Cllr Christopher gave the following report: -

- Cllr Christopher was attending Chideock Parish Council for the last time as the West Dorset Ward Councillor, due to the formation of the new unitary Dorset Council on 1 April 2019.

- Meanwhile the District Council has been meeting as usual - audit and the budget went through. Harmonisation of council tax for the new Dorset Council means that everyone's council tax has gone up.
- The new Dorset Council has responsibilities regarding children and adults, pot holes and refuse.
- Planning
 - An application for 120 houses outside Dorchester has been rejected
 - An application 40 residential units on London Road, Dorchester has been approved.
 - A number of applications have been deferred including the Arts centre in Sherborne at the back of Sainsbury's. Cllr Christopher is seeing Oliver Letwin on Friday, in regard to Chideock and the A35.
- He hopes that an application will be made for a Dorset National Park
- Cllr Glenn asked the local government review of how government funds support rural versus urban areas – there are reports that government may change how they fund the local government settlement to make it fairer for rural areas.
- Cllr Christopher expressed his thanks in his current role and requested a photo with the Parish Council.

Standing Orders were suspended for the following item.

2292 Democratic Period.

- The applicants for planning application WD/D/19/000315 (Hazy View, Ryall Road, Ryall Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling) said that the submitted plans have received objections and they decided to move the house position marginally to the north. They stated that they are local to the area, the property is now called Hazy View and it will be their long-term home. Stone will be obtained from Mapperton and will be in the same slightly rubble stone colour of Chideock. The amended plans have not been sent to WDDC
- A member of the public queried the notes from the Highways England / WDDC / CPC meeting held on 1 March 2019 regarding extending 30 mile an hour limit, new air quality action plan, diffusion tubes, and that the only solution with a bypass.
Councillor Glenn reiterated that the Parish Council recognises the result of the Parish Poll but also recognises that there are differing opinions with the parish. It is important that everyone tries to work together, even if they disagree about a bypass route, for the good of the village. It is important to focus on things which can realistically be achieved by bodies such as Highways England and WDDC / Dorset Council.
Councillor Glenn said that the agenda for the Highways England meeting including looking at both the short-term measures and the longer-term measure of a bypass as stated in the Parish Poll. What had become clear from the meeting was that, although there had been some movement in regard to some of the short-term measures, they were not guaranteed until funding was agreed. Furthermore, that the only measures being considered were those that did not interfere with the flow of traffic through the village, which is Highways England's main priority. But the Parish Council's first priority is the health and safety of residents. Highways England were clear that they are limited in what they can do in regard to short-term measures and that only a bypass will solve the issues faced by the village.
Cllr Murray said the Highways England has a limited budget but that there had been a significant change from the last meeting.
- A member of the public asked when will we get average speed cameras?
- Questions were raised about current status of the WSP report for the other 2 villages (Morecombelake and Winterbourne Abbas) and can these now be made public?
- Cllr Murray said that the WSP report states that they cannot do anything about the adverse footway camber.
- A member of the public reminded Parish Councillors that, although traffic is the priority of Highways England, human life is more important. Wheelchair users are significantly disadvantaged get by not being able to use the pavement safely or the road.
- Cllr Murray stated that there has been a major restructure in Highways England with a new outlook and set of priorities.
- A member of the public stated that average speed cameras will judge the whole length between cameras.
- Cllr Rogers noted that over the last four and five meetings things have been slowly getting

- better now that Highways England is now in charge of their own budget.
- Cllr Glenn said that over the past 2 years the increased emphasis upon pollution levels in Chideock has meant that both WDDC and Highways England are being required to address the very serious issues.
- Cllr Murray stated that there is now a separate budget for dealing with pollution.

Standing Orders were resumed.

2293 Reports / Updates by the Clerk and Councillors, and Updates to the Follow-Up List.

Items 1 to 4 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

Follow-Up List updates: - None.

2294 A35 Matters, and Updates to the Follow-Up List.

Items 5 – 15A on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED** with those detailed below discussed in more detail.

AGREED that a motion will be put forward in June to write to the Secretaries of State for the Department for Transport and the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs asking what action they are taking to deal with the high levels of pollution in Chideock (and other rural locations), which are over the legal limit.

Follow-Up List Updates – None.

2295 Motions Received with Notice.

None.

Cllr Murray has decided to not resubmit his Motions with Notice (originally presented and withdrawn at the January 2019 meeting) in light of recent updates from Highways England and West Dorset District Council Environmental Health.

2296 Planning Matters.

a) Applications.

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

The applicants attended the Chideock Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 26 March, at which they made a personal statement and presented a revised plan for development, which is slightly smaller in scale. The applicants indicated to the parish council that they are in the process of producing revised plans for submission to the LPA.

The Parish Council decided to defer any decision on the application until the revised plans are available on Dorsetfor you. The council will then require time to consider the submitted revised plans and will submit its representation in due course.

WD/D/19/000609 DAWN COTTAGE, MILL LANE Replacement external side door (Listed Building)

Chideock Parish Council has no objection, subject to the Conservation Officer's recommendation.

b) Determinations.

None.

c) Appeals.

None.

d) Other Planning Matters.

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

Item 16 on the Actions & Information List was **NOTED**.

ii. Enforcement and Retrospective Planning Applications.

Items 17 & 17A on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

iii. Mill Lane Bridleway 18. No action can be taken until the Definitive Map Modification Order is published.

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

Item 18 on the Actions & Information List was **NOTED**.

v. All Weather Footpath.

No update.

vi. Seatown.

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

- vii. **Seatown Regeneration Project.**
Items 19 & 20 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.
- viii. **Neighbourhood Planning.**
No update.
- ix. **Additional Matters.**
Items 21 & 22 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

2297 Finances.

Items 23 - 24 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

a) Payments.

RESOLVED to make the following payments: -

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| i. | Clerk's Salary and Expenses for March | £245.63 |
| ii. | HMRC – PAYE for Jan, Feb and Mar | £165.00 |
| iii. | Chideock Village Hall Hire – March | £54.00 |
| iv. | PNW Services – Bus Shelter Cleaning – Jan, Feb, Mar | £25.00 |
| v. | Caledonia Play – Agility Cube | £5,172.00 |
| vi. | DCC – surfacing of FP20 across Clapp's Mead Play Area | £800.00 |
| vii. | Bridport Town Council – Clapp's Mead Grass Cutting | £342.85 |
| viii. | Huck Nets – football nets | £71.00 |

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

No invoice had been received from DCC so no payment could be authorised.

b) Budget Monitoring Year End Prediction.

NOTED.

c) Actions to be taken at Financial Year End.

AGREED that the following financial actions to be taken at Financial Year End.

- i. Playing Field Depreciation budget of £500 to be transferred to the Earmarked Fund
- ii. Foss Orchard Car Park Resurfacing budget of £1,000 to be transferred to Foss Orchard Car Park Maintenance Fund
- iii. Foss Orchard River Bank budget of £1,000 to be transferred to Foss Orchard River Bank Fund
- iv. Community Fund budget of £350 to be transferred to the Community Fund
- v. Village Clock Service budget of £210 be transferred to a restricted fund for payment of the clock service contract for 2020 – 2022, under the power granted by the Parish Councils Act 1957, s.2.
- vi. Any budget underspend to be transferred to one or more of the Community Fund, General Reserve or Earmarked Fund

d) Grants to external bodies, to be paid at Year End.

RESOLVED to make the following grants: -

- i. £200.00 to Bridport Citizen's Advice Bureau under the power granted by the Local Government Act 1972 section 142.
- ii. £100.00 from the Community Fund to the Chideock News monthly magazine under the power granted by the Local Government Act 1972 section 142
- iii. Village Hall Repair Grant of £700.00 to the Village Hall Committee under the power granted by the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 section 19, with the proviso that it is only used towards major repairs i.e. is held as a restricted fund.

Proposed by Cllr Elliot, seconded by Cllr Rogers carried by those with no pecuniary interest.

Cllrs Carey, Glenn and Murray took no part in item iii) above.

- e) **As per Audit requirements, AGREED** to reconfirm acceptance of Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and the Risk Register. A formal review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations will take place later in the year after the Parish Council elections on 2 May 2019, to take account of the revised versions provided by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC). The Code of Conduct will also be reviewed at that time. The Risk Register will be reviewed at the end of May when the insurance is renewed. **CC**

f) Responsible Financial Officer.

AGREED to re-appoint the Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer.

g) Foss Orchard Car Park.

Item 26 on the Actions & Information List – complaint re camper van parking, with permit, in Foss Orchard Car Park. **AGREED** to look at the parking Terms & Conditions and then revise accordingly, perhaps to include a maximum vehicle length, not using a camper van **CC**

whilst parked + no commercial vehicles, caravans etc parking overnight without permit.
Cllr Murray has collected £240.10 from the ticket machine which he will pass to the Clerk.
Cllr Carey had received £6 from Chideock House for a 3-night visitor's permit.

Follow-Up List – add repainting of the white lines.

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2298 Clapps Mead Playing Field.

Items 27 - 33 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

AGREED to ask the Clerk to send Lyn Crisp and Teressa Mudford a “thank you” card all their work.

AGREED that every couple of months a “Call to Arms” be made via the parish notice boards and the Chideock News for volunteers to help with Clapp’s Mead maintenance.

2299 Dorset Highways and Flood Management.

Item 34 on the Actions & Information List was **NOTED**.

Cllr Carey will continue chase the matter of the new Chideock Manor gates which open out on to North Road.

2300 Current Consultations. None.

2301 Correspondence.

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

2302 Annual Village Meeting.

Item 35 on the Actions & Information List was **NOTED**.

2303 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of Chideock Parish Council.

The next scheduled meeting is at 10 am on Tuesday 30 April 2019

Councillors thanked Cllr Glenn for taking notes of the meeting.

Cllr Glenn will type them up, pass them to Cllr Carey for checking and Cllr Carey will then pass them to the Clerk to be made into formal minutes of the meeting.

The meeting closed at **12.00 pm**.