

# CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Chideock on Tuesday 28 March 2017 at 10:00 am.**

The Parish Council meeting commenced at **10.02 am**.

**Present:** Cllr Roger Carey (Chair), Cllr Peter Hunt, Cllr Rob Murray, Cllr Geraghty, Cllr Irena Campion, Cllr David Rogers, Cllr Laurie Elliot.

**In attendance:** The Clerk.

**1941 Apologies.**

Dorset Cllr Daryl Turner and West Dorset Cllr Christopher sent their apologies.

**1942 Grants of Dispensations.**

None.

**1943 Declarations of Defined Pecuniary Interests.**

None.

**1944 Minutes.**

a) **RESOLVED** to accept and sign, as a true record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 28 February 2017 after the following amendment was made: -

- page 1, minute number 1923, first sentence – replace “Simon” by “Simon Christopher”

Proposed by Cllr Campion, seconded by Cllr Geraghty, carried unanimously.

**1945 County and District Councillors’ and Police Reports.**

Cllr Turner had sent the following report: -

"DCC was expecting a “decision” from the Secretary of State on Thursday re Unitary Council & Local Government Reorganisation. This failed to materialise following the events in Westminster the day before. It is now expected week commencing 27th March.

Future Dorset is working with DAPTC & have provided them with some funding to aid the work of future LGR. Working much more closely with Town & Parish Councils will be hugely important over the next two years".

Cllr Christopher had sent the following report: -

"I have been particularly interested and indeed pleased to read of the support of the proposed National Park and was interested to hear of developments re the Seatown regeneration project.

The council is busy with, amongst other things

- 1) Audit and governance meetings,
- 2) Planning Committee meetings,
- 3) the new constitution arising from the WDDC referendum last year
- 4) meetings re delays in Local authority searches i.e. Land Charges

We await the Secretary of States further comments on a possible move to unitary authority.

I met with our MP Sir Oliver Letwin in Westminster on 8th March and am conscious of increased concerns on air quality as a result of traffic on the A35 and the need to provide well paid employment in West Dorset outside of agriculture and tourism. I have attended meetings to hear of the prospect for farming and the basic payment paid to farmers and the young entrants scheme for the basic payment post Brexit."

*Standing Orders were suspended for the following item.*

**1946 Democratic Period.** No members of the public were present.

*Standing Orders were resumed.*

**1947 Reports / Updates by the Clerk and Councillors.**

Items 1 - 3 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED** except for those detailed below, which were discussed in more detail.

**Item 3 - Vegetation from Seahill Cottages overhanging Sea Hill Lane.** **AGREED** to wait for a response from Dorset Highways before responding to the owner.

**1948 A35 Matters.**

Items 4 to 14E on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED** except for those detailed below, which were discussed in more detail.

**Item 8 – Air Quality.** **AGREED** to ask WDDC about the apparent data variances between June and July and to ask them when the 2016 DEFRA report will be available. **CC**

**Item 10 - DVSA testing site.** **AGREED** that Cllr Murray and Cllr Elliot will draft a reply. Reply to be copied to Oliver Letwin MP with a covering letter. **RM/LE**

**Item 11 - "Planning future investment in England's strategic roads".** Cllr Murray may attend. Cllr Campion may be interested in attending but need more details. Clerk to pass details of the event to both. **CC**

**Item 14 – Speed Cameras.** **NOTED** that Average Speed Cameras have been installed on the A37 and the A12. Clerk to follow up in April regarding Average Speed Cameras to replace the obsolete GATSO cameras. **CC**

**Item 14E – A35 Traffic Volumes.** **AGREED** that the Clerk will ask Mr Peacock for contact details for his contact at DfT with a view to obtaining access to the database referred to by Mr Peacock. The data from the Miles Cross counter needs to be connected to that from the new found Morecombelake counter. **CC**

**AGREED** that the up to date traffic data and the Air Quality results be sent to Molly Scott Cato, MEP. **CC**

**AGREED** to chase Oliver Letwin MP regarding the promised meeting with Graham Duggan and others – CPC wishes to attend and to have input into the agenda for the meeting.

**1949 Motions Received with Notice.**

Cllr Rogers proposed an amendment to the motion: -

1. Chideock Parish Council will not take a position for or against proposals for an A35 Chideock By-Pass until
  - a) a fully detailed ~~engineered~~ route is established and
  - b) there is a consensus from the residents of Chideock Parish to this route.
2. In view of the above, Chideock Parish Council will not make any contribution towards costs incurred by any pro or anti by-pass group in the parish
3. Chideock Parish Council re-affirms the resolution of 28 June 2016  
"Chideock Parish Council's policy on the A35 is to take forward 2 objectives:
  - a) Introduction of a Low Emission Zone in Chideock
  - b) Instigation of a Safety Audit to identify measures to improve Health and Safety in the village by dealing with traffic and traffic impacts on property and people."

The amendment was seconded by Cllr Murray and carried unanimously.

The amended motion was proposed by Cllr Carey, who had proposed the original motion, seconded by Cllr Hunt, and carried unanimously

**1950 Planning Matters.**

**a) Applications.** None.

**b) Determinations.** None.

**c) Appeals.** None.

**d) Any Other Planning Matters.**

**i. AONB / Lighting & Dark Skies, Dorset and East Devon National Park.**

Item 15 on the Actions & Information List was **NOTED**.

**ii. Enforcement.**

No updates.

- iii. **Mill Lane Bridleway 18.**  
No updates.
- iv. **All Weather Footpath.** No updates.
- v. **Seatown.**  
Items 16 - 19 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.
- vi. **Seatown Regeneration Feasibility Study Project.**  
**AGREED** to
  - Thank Henry Middleton (WDDC) and Simon Williams (Project Consultant) for the report and plans
  - Question the position of the steps. The location means that a) they are steep and b) they break up the line of the rock armour at the worst “surge” point. If they were positioned at B – B then both objections would be overcome
  - Query CSK (countersunk) coach screws – there is no such thing.
  - Query “coach bolts” – is “coach screw” or “carriage bolt” meant?
- vii. **Other.** None.

## 1951 **Finances.**

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

### a) **Payments.**

**RESOLVED** to make the following payments: -

i. Clerk's Salary & Expenses for March	£284.58
ii. PAYE for January, February and March	£164.20
iii. Chideock Village Hall Hire – March	£26.00
iv. PNW Service for Bus Shelter Cleaning	£20.00

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

### b) **Foss Orchard Car Park.**

One “dog poo fairy” notice taken by Cllr Geraghty (Seatown) and one by Cllr Rogers (North Chideock). The rest were taken by Cllr Carey for use at suitable sites, including Foss Orchard Car Park.

**AGREED** that the Clerk procures durable river bank warning signs.

**AGREED** that the shop parking signage be improved – Cllr Murray offer to do this.

**CC  
RM**

### c) **Budget Monitoring Projection to 31 March 2017.**

The Budget Monitoring projection was **NOTED**. **NOTED** that an underspend for approximately £300 is predicted, even after the overspend on Hall Hire and Play Area Grass Cutting.

### d) **Actions to be taken at Financial Year End.**

**RESOLVED** that the following actions be taken:

- i. Playing Field Depreciation budget of £400 to be transferred to the Earmarked Fund
- ii. Foss Orchard Car Park Resurfacing budget of £500 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 to pay for the clock service contract for 2017 - 2019
- vi. Village Hall Repair Grant budget of £500 be paid to the Village Hall Committee with the proviso that it is only used towards major repairs i.e. is held as a restricted fund
- vii. Any budget underspend to be transferred to the Earmarked Fund
- viii. All money in Bank of Ireland be transferred to TSB. All funds apart from income during the Financial Year will in future be held in the TSB Savings account.

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

### e) **Grants to External Bodies.**

**RESOLVED** to make a grant of £100 (as budgeted for external grants) to Bridport Citizens Advice Bureau.

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

### f) **Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and the Risk Register.**

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

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

**1952 Clapps Mead Playing Field.**

A working Party is required before the RoSPA inspection in May.

The contract with Bridport Town Council is in place for the mowing of the playing field area, excluding the fenced children's play area.

**CC**

**1953 Dorset Highways and Flood Management.**

Cllr Carey has not yet received an update from the Environment Agency following the site visit.

**1954 Current Consultations.** None.

**1955 Correspondence.**

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

**1956 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of Chideock Parish Council.**

The next scheduled meeting is at 7 pm on Monday 24 April 2017.

The meeting closed at **11:56 am.**