

# CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Chideock on Monday 31 July 2017 at 7 pm.**

The Parish Council meeting commenced at **7.00 pm**.

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

**In attendance:** The Clerk and 10 members of the public, DCC Cllr Daryl Turner and WDDC Cllr Simon Christopher, who arrived during the meeting.

**2012 Apologies.**

None.

**2013 Grants of Dispensations.**

None.

**2014 Declarations of Defined Pecuniary Interests.**

None.

**2015 Minutes.**

a) **RESOLVED** to accept and sign, as a true record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 26 June 2017.

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

**2016 County and District Councillors' and Police Reports.**

Cllr Turner reported as follows: -

- Buses – the new primary school bus contracts are almost completed. Negotiations are taking place regarding using these buses for passenger services when they are not being used for schools.
- Community Transport – the setting up of community transport schemes is progressing
- The DCLG decision regarding 2 Unitary Authorities for Dorset may be made in September – if it is later then the April 2019 implementation date is in doubt.
- DCC is looking at potential savings which can be achieved by amalgamations

*Standing Orders were suspended for the following item.*

**2017 Democratic Period.**

A member of the public asked if there was any further news regarding A35 patching and resurfacing. The Clerk said that further patching is due in the autumn and the Parish Council should hear in the autumn about plans for resurfacing in early 2018.

Cllr Elliot asked how will Connect know what needs to be done in terms of patching and manhole cover noise reduction. **AGREED** that the Clerk will ask residents for information vis the September Chideock News.

A member of the public asked who had resigned and what happens about filling the vacancy. The Clerk said that Irena Campion had resigned and that 10 electors have asked for an election. An official notice has been placed on the Parish Council noticeboard which asks for nominations by 1 August. If WDDC receive more than 1 nomination then an election will be held no later than 5 October, otherwise the person nominated will be deemed to have been elected.

A member of the public expressed disappointment that no councillors had attended the Parish Meeting held on 24 July 2017. Cllr Carey said that it was up to individual councillors whether they attended or not and there was a desire to try to remain neutral on the A35 bypass issue.

**CC**

A member of the public asked if the Parish Council was aware of a Dorset wide study of PM2.5. The Clerk asked him to send her information about this as the Council had not heard about it.

A member of the public thanked the Clerk for sending the Air Quality data year to date. He agreed that the January and February readings for Hope Cottage and Whitecroft anomalous and that, if they are correct, they show a worrying increase in pollution at Hope Cottage, a location where it has always been low. He also asked how WDDC arrive at the "bias" correction percentage used to "adjust" the data. **AGREED** that the Clerk ask WDDC to explain this in detail.

CC

*Standing Orders were resumed.*

*Cllr Christopher arrived during the previous item.*

## **2018 County and District Councillors' and Police Reports continued**

Cllr Christopher reported as follows: -

- The Bridport St Michaels Trading Estate outline planning application was approved by the Planning Committee on 6 July.
- There is a full West Dorset Council meeting on 1 August.
- He will raise Air Quality with WDDC Leader Cllr Alford at this meeting. Fines for begging and the banning of sky lanterns from WDDC land are 2 of the items on the agenda.
- There is a need to look at the cumulative effects of developments on highways, traffic and pollution

## **2019 Reports / Updates by the Clerk and Councillors and Updates to the Follow-Up List.**

Items 1 – 7A on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED** except for those detailed below, which were discussed in more detail.

**Item 4 – Motions for DAPTC AGM.** **AGREED** that the Clerk submit the proposed motion regarding amending the regulations for Parish Polls.

CC

## **2020 A35 Matters and Updates to the Follow-Up List.**

Items 8 - 24 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED** except for those detailed below, which were discussed in more detail.

**Item 15 – Low Emission Zone.** Cllr Murray and Cllr Elliot are both able to attend the meeting with WDDC, DEFRA, HE and Oliver Letwin on 15 September. **AGREED** to ask WDDC Environmental Health for adjusted air quality data for the last 3 years prior to this meeting. **AGREED** the Cllr Murray and Cllr Elliot will draft a letter asking why every year the DEFRA reports says that progress is being made on the Stakeholder plan when no progress has been made.

CC

**Items 24 – Traffic and Speed.** **AGREED** to pass the concerns raised to Mark Armstrong (Dorset Road Safe) and to ask Andy Kirby (Connect), Julian Strong (HE) and Andy Roberts (HE) if electricity cables can be grounded in the existing but unused conduits and whether there should be a height restriction.

CC

**Item 14 – HE update.** **AGREED** to ask for further details of who is who following the reorganisation within HE South West. **AGREED** that the Clerk formulates an agenda for the HE Quarterly Meeting on 18 August and circulates it to all, together with the notes of the previous meeting, prior to sending it to Emma Bazeley.

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**Parish Meeting and Parish Poll regarding the A35.** The minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 24 July and the details of the Parish Poll to be held on 17 August were **NOTED**. **AGREED** to further consider the Parish Council position at the September meeting when the results of the poll are known.

## **2021 Motions Received with Notice.**

None.

## **2022 Planning Matters.**

### **a) Applications.**

**WD/D/17/001466** TADDLE FARM BUILDINGS, NORTH ROAD Change of use of former farm buildings to B8 commercial use (retrospective) (Full)

*Chideock Parish Council is opposed to retrospective applications for planning permission on principle but in this case offers no objection.*

*The Parish Council believes that Taddle Farm is one of 2 buildings in Chideock which incorporate cob elements in the building materials and asks the users to take care that historic features are not damaged whilst carrying out business tasks.*

**WD/D/17/001137** BROADMEAD, MAIN STREET Erect front extension and create vehicle access and raised parking area (Full)

*Chideock Parish Council has no objection to this application.*

*The Parish Council asks the applicant to consider water harvesting and requests that any additional external lighting be low wattage down lighting, preferably on a sensor.*

**WD/D/17/001198** HELL FARMHOUSE, HELL LANE Installation of an electric pod (Listed Building Consent)

*Chideock Parish Council has no objection, subject to the Listed Building Officer's recommendation.*

**b) Determinations.**

**WD/CA/17/00215** IVY COTTAGE, MAIN STREET T1: Ash - Remove limb on west of tree and reduce limb on east by 3m. Tree is overshadowing newly planted orchard. **CC**

**APPROVED**

**c) Appeals.** None.

**d) Any Other Planning Matters.**

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

No update.

**ii. Enforcement.**

There appears to be another caravan at the Muddyford Lane site – Clerk to report this to the Planning Enforcement Officer. **CC**

**iii. Mill Lane Bridleway 18.**

Item 24B on the Actions & Information List was **NOTED**.

As per the recommendation made by the meeting held on 28 July 2017 between councillors and community representatives regarding Mill Lane Bridleway 18, it was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council take the following action: -

1. re-affirm its commitment to resolving the issues regarding the usage and extent of Bridleway 18 and accept that this should be done via a DCC initiated Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO)
2. make the following response to the initial DMMO consultation (which only involves the Parish Council and District Council) - "The Parish Council was advised, at the meeting with DCC and Sir Oliver Letwin on 24 July 2015, that no comment should be made by the Parish Council at this stage of the process."
3. after the Order has been "made", the Parish Council and the Community Group will consider whether to make a formal objection to the DMMO proposal to change the status of the section B - E of Bridleway 18 (as defined in Appendix 1 of the DCC report entitled "Status and extent of public highway rights at Mill Lane, Chideock" dated 27 February 2015) to a Restricted Byway. This would be to ensure that the matter is, if necessary, referred to the Planning Inspectorate for the independent review of all evidence relating to the status and extent of Mill Lane / Bridleway 18.

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

**iv. All Weather Footpath.**

No update.

**v. Seatown.** No update.

**vi. Seatown Regeneration Feasibility Study Project.**

After discussion of Item 25 on the on the Actions & Information List (Passing Places on Seahill Lane), it was agreed that 5 passing places is excessive and that locations 1 and 4 appear most suitable. No Parking signage will be essential. **CC**

**vii. Other**

Items 26 and 27 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

**NOTED** that Elizabeth Grant has passed £33 to the Parish Council from the sale of Footpath Guides.

**a) Payments.**

Clerk's Salary & Expenses for July	£232.40
Chideock Village Hall Hire – July	£52.00
Theresa Mudford – hire of mower x 5 – July	£50.00
DAPTC Subscription	£212.90

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

Cllr Rogers - travel to Exeter 7 July for HE seminar £16.25

Proposed by Cllr Carey seconded by Cllr Murray, carried with Cllr Rogers abstaining.

**b)** Given that there will be no CPC meeting at the end of August, **RESOLVED** to draw and sign a cheque, post-dated 29 August 2017, for the following payment: -

Clerk's net salary + office allowance for August £224.30

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

**c) Accounts and Budget Monitoring to 30 June 2017.**

The Accounts and Budget Monitoring Report were **NOTED**.

**d) Foss Orchard Car Park.**

Cllr Murray emptied the ticket machine on 31 July and the money has been passed to the Clerk to be banked. **CC**

The ticket machine will not accept new £1 and 10p coins – Clerk to report this to WDDC.

**e) Village Hall Grant for Kitchen Refurbishment. AGREED** that this grant will be paid at the end of September.

**2024 Clapps Mead Playing Field.**

Item 27A on the Actions & Information List was **NOTED. AGREED** that CPC donates £30 to the Allington Hill Volunteers for the fencing, to be paid at the September meeting. **CC**

The Clerk will contact the Playing Field Management Committee about arranging for the fencing to be erected, which will require 4 heavy duty posts. **CC**

It was **NOTED** that the older play equipment is looking "tired" and in need of repainting. **CC** Again, the Clerk will talk to the Playing Field Management Committee.

**2025 Dorset Highways and Flood Management.**

Items 28 - 30 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

**NOTED** that the Sea Hill Lane and Mill Lane hedges were cut before the end of July – Clerk to inform DCC of this. **CC**

**2026 Current Consultations.** None.

**2027 Correspondence.**

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

**2028 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 September 2017.

The meeting closed at **9:25 pm**.