

# CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Chideock on Tuesday 29 November 2016 at 10:00 am.**

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

**In attendance:** The Clerk, Cllr Christopher, Cllr Turner and 4 members of the public.

The Parish Council meeting commenced at **10.00 am**.

**1891 Apologies.**

None.

**1892 Grant of Dispensations.**

All Councillors had previously been granted a dispensation regarding their Defined Pecuniary Interest in Land or Property in the Parish, which enables them to participate and vote on any Agenda item regarding Budget and Expenditure until the next Parish Council Elections in May 2019.

**1893 Declarations of Defined Pecuniary Interests.** All Councillors declared a Defined Pecuniary Interest in Land or Property in the Parish, in connection with Agendas Item 10 d) Budget and Precept for 2016-17, for which dispensations had been granted as noted in the previous item. Cllr Hunt said he would take no part in Agenda Item 10 d) Budget / Precept 2017 – 2018 in regard to the Cemetery Grass Cutting as he is a member of the Parochial Church Council.

**1894 Minutes.**

a) **RESOLVED** to accept and sign, as a true record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 25 October 2016.

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

**1895 County and District Councillors' and Police Reports.**

Dorset County Cllr Turner reported as follows: -

- The results from the "Reshaping your councils" consultation are being collated by Opinion Research Services who ran the survey
- Each of Dorset's councils will consider the results along with the other evidence, and make a final decision as to whether they will propose to central Government a change in local government structures in Dorset. If this is decided in January 2017 councils will work together on a final proposal to put to the Government early in 2017.
- Councils are starting to look at Phase 2 of changing the structure of local government in Dorset. There will be a presentation on 5 December on 10 areas which have already completed a similar change
- DCC has a meeting with BT on 11 January 2017 about the superfast broadband "not spots"
- The Joint Health Scrutiny Committee is meeting to consider the latest proposals from the Clinical Services Review
- The proposals are out for public consultation till 28 February 2017 – see [www.dorsetsvision.nhs.uk](http://www.dorsetsvision.nhs.uk)
- The Police accident data reporting system is up and running again after issues which have affected DCC's ability to produce accident statistics

West Dorset Cllr Christopher reported as follows: -

- He is on the Committee which is looking at how to change how WDDC as per the referendum held in May 2016 which supported a change from the current Executive Committee
- It is probable that a Strategy Committee consisting of 9 members across all political parties will be formed to replace the current Executive Committee.
- There is to be more joint working within West Dorset, Weymouth & Portland and North Dorset with the formation of a Joint Audit and Governance Committee.

- Planning – restrictions on agricultural tenancies is proving topical
- A National Park for Dorset & East Devon – this is becoming more and more topical and many Parish Councils are asking members of the Dorset & East Devon National Park team to come to speak to the council and public about this – the Clerk to follow this up for Chideock Parish Council. **CC**
- A National Park gives greater planning control

*Standing Orders were suspended for the following item.*

**1896 Democratic Period.**

Ms Caroline Meredith said that she will attend the A35 Bypass Working Group meeting. She stressed that she is not in favour of a bypass and believes safety issues should be addressed. She also asked what was happening in regards to a safe walking / cycling route to Bridport now that the All Weather Footpath is unlikely to go ahead. Cllr Geraghty said that this is being covered later in the agenda.

A resident asked what progress is being made regarding repairs following the recent flooding in upper Sea Hill Lane due to the culvert under the road being blocked. Cllr Carey said that Dorset Highways have this in hand. He is still waiting for the Environment Agency to visit the area to look at fields where water run-off onto the road causes flooding.

The Clerk thanked Cllr Carey for taking over the reporting and following up of Dorset Highways issues.

Mr Richard Benjamin, Village Hall Committee Chairman, spoke about the Village Hall – finances, work carried out and work required. Grants have been applied for for the kitchen renewal – this will cost £15,000 - £16,000 with an additional £2,000 for stainless steel work tops. If the grant applications are successful, the grants will cover £10,000 of the cost.

The owner of Orchard House, Mill Lane, said that he is glad that the Foss Orchard Car Park closure issue has been resolved – the tree in question was on his land.

*Standing Orders were resumed.*

**1897 Reports / Updates by the Clerk and Councillors.**

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

**Item 8 - No Through Road sign in North Road at Carters Lane. AGREED** that providing such a sign, either paid for by the Parish Council or the community, would set a precedent. **AGREED** to write to Cllr Turner and ask him to ask Highways to provide the sign free of charge and with no conditions. **CC**

**Item 9 – AGREED** that the DCC letter template for overhanging vegetation be sent to the owner of Seahill Cottages at both that address and the address given on the 2009 planning application **CC**

**1898 A35 Matters.**

Items 10 - 16 and on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED** except for those detailed below, which were discussed in more detail.

**Item 12 - A35 Low Emission Zone. AGREED** to follow up if no responses by mid December and to ask Molly Cato, South West MEP to come to Chideock and to ask for advice as to how the Parish Council can pursue the matter with the EU. **CC**

**Item 13 - A35 Low Emission Zone. AGREED** to reply to Oliver Letwin MP asking for an update on his meeting with WDDC and for details of the central government money for low emission zones. **CC**

**Item 15A – A35 Mobile Vehicle Checks. AGREED** to thank DVSA for offering to look at previously identified sites plus Turks Head, Honiton and to ask them to report back to the Parish Council. **CC**

**Item 16 - Quarterly meeting with HE. Agreed** that the Clerk gets A2 copies of the cover maps printed by Footprints for future reference. **CC**

Drafting of any required correspondence delegated to Cllr Murray and Cllr Elliot, to be circulated by the Clerk to all councillors before being sent. **RM/  
LE/  
CC**

**1899 Planning Matters.**

a) **Applications.**

**WD/D/16/002129** BAY TREE COTTAGE, BAY TREE HOUSE, MAIN STREET Change of Use of holiday cottage to a separate dwelling (Change of Use)

*Chideock Parish Council objects to the application for Relief of condition 2 of planning application 1/W/03/002373 (holiday occupancy) to allow use as permanent dwelling.*

*The Reason given for Condition 2 of application 1/W/03/002373 is "The accommodation is not considered suitable for separate use because of the relationship between it and the adjacent dwelling."*

*To the Parish Council's knowledge, no changes have been made to the accommodation to overcome this unsuitability and therefore the condition should remain.*

b) **WD/D/16/002323** VARIOUS SITES IN WDDC AREA Notification of intention to remove 76 public payphones (including the one on Main Street Chideock)

*Chideock Parish Council strongly objects to the removal of public phone boxes in rural locations where mobile signals are unreliable and on Strategic transport routes such as the A35.*

*It must also be remembered that not everyone has a mobile phone – this is particularly true for older members of the population.*

c) **To consider any applications received after the agenda was circulated.** None.

d) **Determinations.**

**WD/D/16/002018** 5 MEWS COTTAGES Replacement of external front door (Listed Building Consent) **APPROVED**

e) **Appeals.** None.

f) **Ridwood Affordable Housing Development.**

**AGREED** that this item be removed from future Agendas.

g) **Any Other Planning Matters.**

i. **AONB / Lighting & Dark Skies.**

No update.

ii. **Enforcement.**

Items 19 - 23 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED.**

**NOTED** that commercial operations at Gate Farm have ceased.

iii. **Mill Lane Bridleway 18.**

Items 17 - 18 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED.**

iv. **All Weather Footpath.** **AGREED** that the possibility of a path to the NORTH of the A35 (originally suggested prior to 2000) be investigated and taken forward with Highways England / Connect. **NOTED** that a footpath / cycleway is preferable and more likely to get funding, rather than a footway. **KG**

v. **Seatown.**

Item 20 on the Actions & Information List was **NOTED.**

Clerk to follow this up with Mr Wraxall if no reply received in the next 2 weeks. Cllr Geraghty reported that Mr Duke is happy to empty the fishing line receptacle if it is installed. **CC**

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

Item 21 on the Actions & Information List was **NOTED.**

Cllr Geraghty reported on the recent Dorset Coast Forum AGM. Simon Williams, consultant for the project, gave a short presentation on the Seatown Regeneration project. He hopes to make a bid in 2017 for DCLG Coastal Community Fund money for high priority works such as lay-bys on Sea Hill Lane.

vii. **Changes to Planning Consultation Processes for Parishes.**

No update.

viii. **Other – S106 Money re 1/D/13/001681 LAND AT RUINS LANE.**

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

1900 **Finances.**

a) **Payments.**

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

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| i. Clerk's Salary & Expenses for November                       | £252.65 |
| ii. Chideock Village Hall Hire – November                       | £25.50  |
| iii. Teresa Martin for Mower Hire for Clapps Mead Play Area x 1 | £10.00  |

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

b) Given that there will be no meeting at the end of December, **RESOLVED** to draw and sign post dated cheques for the following payments: -

- i. Clerk's net salary + office allowance for December 2016 £224.50
- ii. PAYE payment for Oct, Nov, Dec 2016 £164.20

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

**c) Budget / Precept 2017 - 2018.**

Items 25 - 31 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

It was agreed that the following budget amounts be increased

- Playing Field Depreciation £500.00 from £400.00
- FOCP Resurfacing /Maintenance £600.00 from £500.00
- General External Grants £200.00 from £100.00
- Village Hall Repair Grant £700.00 from £500.00

This increases the precept by £524.83 (5.77%) from £9,101.22 to £9,626.05.

**AGREED** to add the Budget line "Highways Contingency (Lengthsman etc)" at £500.00.

This further increases the precept by £1024.83 (11.26%) from £9,101.22 to £10,126.05.

**AGREED** to consider a "one-off" "Special Village Hall Capital Grant" of £5,000.00 or £8,000.00 towards the cost of the new kitchen.

£5,000.00 would give a total precept increase of £6,024.83 (66.2%) from £9,101.22 to £15,126.05.

£8,000.00 would give a total precept increase of £9,024.83 (96.16%) from £9,101.22 to £18,126.05.

Concern was voiced that residents may consider such a large grant to the Village Hall unacceptable.

The Clerk is waiting to receive the "Tax Base" from WDDC. When this is available she will calculate the impact of the proposed increases on the Band D precept charge. CC

The Budget and Precept must be finalised at the meeting of 31 January 2017.

**d) Bank Account.**

The Clerk said that the TSB Bank account is almost set up and asked councillors who are willing to be signatories to sign the mandate form. CC

**e) Foss Orchard Car Park.**

Items 33 – 36B on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

**AGREED** that the Clerk tells Dorset Waste Partnership that a second waste bin is needed at Foss Orchard Car Park. CC

**1901 Clapps Mead Playing Field.**

Items 37 - 39 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

**1902 Dorset Highways and Flood Management.**

Item 60 on the Actions & Information List was **NOTED**.

**1903 Current Consultations.**

None.

**1904 Motions Received with Notice.** None.

**1905 Correspondence.**

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

**1906 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of Chideock Parish Council.**

The next scheduled meeting is at 10.00 am on Tuesday 31 January 2017.

The meeting closed at **1.35 pm**.