

CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Chideock on Tuesday 27 November 2018 at 10 am.

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

Present: Cllr Roger Carey (Chair), Cllr Laurie Elliot (Vice Chair), Peter Hunt and Cllr Vanessa Glenn.

In attendance: The Clerk, WDDC Cllr Simon Christopher, PCSO Alex Bishop and 7 members of the public.

2237 Apologies.

Cllr Rob Murray and Cllr David Rogers sent their apologies which were accepted.
DCC Cllr Daryl Turner sent his apologies.

2238 Co-option to Fill Casual Vacancy.

Cllr Carey proposed a motion to not fill the vacancy. There was no seconder for the motion, which therefore failed.

Two people had come forward for co-option – Mrs Deirdre Coates and Mr George Dunn.
Cllr Hunt proposed that one of the two should be elected onto the council, Cllr Elliot seconded the proposal. Mr Dunn was **ELECTED** by a show of hands, with 3 votes for, no votes against and 1 abstention.

Cllr Dunn signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and a request for a Grant of Dispensation to allow him to take part in debate and decisions regarding the Budget and Precept. This was granted by the Clerk.

Cllr Dunn was given the Declaration of Pecuniary Interests form to complete within 28 days.

Cllr Dunn joined councillors.

2239 Grants of Dispensations.

All councillors have an existing Grant of Dispensation to allow consideration of the Budget and Precept – Agenda Item 11 d.

2240 Declarations of Defined Pecuniary Interests. None.

2241 Minutes.

a) **RESOLVED** to accept and sign, as a true record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 30 October 2018.

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

2242 County and District Councillors' and Police Reports.

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

- The Budget Task and Finish Group continues to look at how cost savings can be made – there is a predicted deficit of £15m for Year 1 of the new Dorset Council.
- 3 planning applications for Affordable Housing have been approved – Allington, Puddletown and Yetminster. All are in sustainable locations.
- He has read the Chideock Bypass Working Group reports and asks the Parish Council to reconsider support for a bypass. He suggested a meeting with Oliver Letwin and that the Parish Council should liaise with the Working Group.

b) PCSO Bishop gave the following report: -

- There has been little crime to report.
- He thanked the Community Speed Watch Team and said that, if there are problems with the speed cameras, they will be asked to step in if willing.
- A suspicious incident (male in back garden with nearby vehicle) at a property on Chideock Hill. Police attended but found nothing.

- Please be vigilant - if anyone sees anything suspicious please report via 101 or the website Dorset.police.uk or Crimestoppers which is anonymous
- Scams are a leading nation issue. If contacted by phone, hang up. Scams can be reported to Action Fraud at actionfraud.police.uk or by ringing 0300 1232040.

Cllr Dunn thanked PSCO Bishop for his support of the Community Speed Watch group.

c) Dorset Councillor Daryl Turner had sent the following report: -

"I have nothing other than the Shadow information sent to you via the "Shadow" newsletter system."

Standing Orders were suspended for the following item.

2243 Democratic Period.

Richard Benjamin, Village Hall Chairman, said that the wreaths at the war memorial will be removed at the end of the month. The war memorial area was cleared of vegetation by volunteers prior to 11 November. A "Peace" plaque which had once been attached to the wall of the property next to the memorial needs to be reinstated, preferably on the base of the memorial if permission is granted. It has been refurbished. It is understood that Kate Geraghty was instrumental in the laying of the plaque.

A member of the public reminded the council of the democratic position regarding bypass proposals – the whole village must be kept informed of meetings, actions, events.

Cllr Dunn assured the speaker that he would not abuse his position as a councillor, whilst reminding the speaker that every one of the several village surveys held had always found conclusively in favour of a bypass.

The Clerk pointed out that all decisions by the council on action and policy must be agreed by a majority of councillors.

Cllr Glenn said that the council does not have an agenda against a bypass as such but has a policy to initially seek possible short-term solutions.

Cllr Glenn reported that the river at Seatown has formed a lagoon and that the sea has not yet broken through the shingle bank and there are concerns about water pollution from field run-off and the sewage farm. It is being suggested that the new rock armour may be why the shingle bank is still intact.

A member of the Bypass Working Group said that the Parish Poll result in favour of a bypass outside Chideock parish was unfair on neighbouring parishes.

Cllr Glenn said that the Parish Council has responded to the Highways England Road infrastructure Strategy (RIS2) consultation and had reflected the community support for a bypass and other short-term measures. Given that little has happened in finding workable short-term measures, there is a need for the council to be more proactive.

A member of the Bypass Working Group said that a bypass though the parish is the only solution and that a Low Emission Zone will not happen.

Cllr Glenn said that everyone agrees that the A35 through Chideock is not fit for purpose and that the council needs to decide how to move forward.

A member of the public said that the Parish Poll supported a bypass outside the parish and that is what should be campaigned for by all groups.

Standing Orders were resumed.

2244 Reports / Updates by the Clerk and Councillors, and Updates to the Follow-Up List.

Items 4 - 8 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED** with those detailed below discussed in more detail.

Item 4 – Chideock War Memorial. AGREED that the Clerk writes to the Weld Trust asking what arrangements are in place for maintenance of the land upon which the memorial sits. **CC**

2245 A35 Matters, and Updates to the Follow-Up List.

Items 9 - 16 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED** with those detailed below discussed in more detail.

Item 11A – Air Quality and WDDC action. AGREED that this must be escalated.

Item 12 – Air Quality solutions meeting with HE, DEFRA, WDDC, DCC and OL. Councillors approved the list of topics for the meeting on 30 November.

Item 13 – DVSA Vehicle Checks. Clerk to chase – the lack of response is not acceptable.

Items 14 & 14A – Quarterly HE Meeting. AGREED to add Cllr Carey's suggestion plus

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- Request that the Devon Safety Study area be extended as far east as the Crown Roundabout, Bridport.
- Given the lack of progress on short-term measures, when will the long-term solution of a by-pass be actioned for the A35 through Chideock which is not fit for purpose.

Other Matters.

Cllr Elliot will follow up the flooding reported at Broadmead, from water running down the footway

A power cable is drooping over the carriageway near the Old Schoolhouse – to be reported to Western Power Distribution.

2246 Motions Received with Notice. None.

2247 Planning Matters.

a) Applications.

WD/D/18/001827 LUSHAYS, BRIGHTHAY LANE Replace window (Full)

Chideock Parish Council supports the application, subject to the Conservation Officer's recommendations.

WD/D/18/001828 LUSHAYS, BRIGHTHAY LANE Replace window (Listed Building Consent)

Chideock Parish Council supports the application, subject to the Conservation Officer's recommendations.

b) Determinations.

WD/D/18/002151 BARNCROFT, SEA HILL LANE Erection of single storey extension (Full) **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.**
No updates.
- iii. **Mill Lane Bridleway 18.**
No updates.
- iv. **Bullen's Lane / Bridleway 20 at Junction with A35.** No update.
- v. **All Weather Footpath.** No update.
- vi. **Seatown.** No update.
- vii. **Seatown Regeneration Project.**
Items 16A and 16B on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.
- viii. **Neighbourhood Planning.** No update.
- ix. **Additional Matters.**
None.

2248 Finances.

a) Payments.

RESOLVED to make the following payments: -

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| i. Clerk's Salary & Expenses for November | £260.50 |
| ii. Chideock Village Hall Hire – November | £54.00 |
| iii. Chideock Village Hall for Wreath | £18.99 |

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

b) Payments in Advance at there is no December meeting.

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| i. Clerk's net salary + office allowance for December | £238.46 |
| ii. PAYE Oct, Nov, Dec 2018 | £174.80 |

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

c) DRAFT Budget and Precept 2019 - 2020.

Item 17 on the Actions & Information List was **NOTED**.

AGREED that £200 should be added for Training as 2019 is a Parish Council election year.

The budget and Precept will be formally approved at the meeting on 29 January 2019.

d) Public Conveniences at Seatown.

AGREED to reject the revised offer to take on the toilets with no funding. **CC**

AGREED to write to the Shadow Executive stressing the public health implications of the withdrawal of public conveniences. **CC**

e) Foss Orchard Car Park.

No updates.

2249 Clapps Mead Playing Field.

Items 20 - 22 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

The main gate post has been replaced by Mr Nick Mudford, but further work is required so that the pedestrian gate latches.

Cllr Carey will draft a reply to Caledonia Play regarding the metal fastenings. **RC**

The Parish Council is happy to give the Chideock Society permission to plant a tree in memory of Kate Geraghty.

2250 Dorset Highways and Flood Management.

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

2251 Current Consultations.

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

a) "Let's Talk Libraries", DCC, by 2 December

b) Landscapes Review: Call for evidence, Defra by 18 December

2252 Correspondence.

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

2253 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 January 2019

The meeting closed at **11.45 am**.