

# CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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

Prior to the Parish Council meeting Sandra Brown, Dorset & East Devon National Park Team, gave a brief presentation about the proposed Devon and Dorset National Park, followed by a question and answer session. 10 members of the public were present.

The Parish Council meeting commenced at **10.35 am**.

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

**In attendance:** The Clerk and 5 members of the public.

## **1923 County and District Councillors' and Police Reports.**

Cllr Simon spoke briefly of his support for a Dorset National Park; the need for affordable housing but only when it is financially viable for the developer; the importance of grant payments to young farmers (aged under 40) who are essential for the future of farming in Dorset.

## **1924 Apologies.**

Cllr Laurie Elliot sent his apologies, which were accepted.  
Dorset Cllr Daryl Turner sent his apologies.

## **1925 Grants of Dispensations.**

None.

## **1926 Declarations of Defined Pecuniary Interests.**

None.

## **1927 Minutes.**

- a) **RESOLVED** to accept and sign, as a true record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 31 January 2017 after the following amendment was made: -
- page 4, minute number 1918, final sentence – replace “met” with “meet”
- Proposed by Cllr Rogers, seconded by Cllr Geraghty, carried unanimously.

## **1928 Motions Received with Notice.**

Cllr Rogers proposed an amendment to the motion – *in italics*: -

“Chideock Parish Council notes *and strongly endorses* the opportunities a National Park could offer Dorset, welcomes the evaluations now under way, and will join with other Dorset and East Devon councils to invite Natural England to take its assessment to the next stage.”

The amendment was seconded by Cllr Geraghty and carried unanimously.

The revised motion was proposed by Cllr Carey, who had proposed the original motion, seconded by Cllr Champion, carried unanimously

*Standing Orders were suspended for the following item.*

## **1929 Democratic Period.**

Members of the A35 Bypass Group gave a progress update. A version of the questionnaire (with map) is on the website, a version (without map) is in the March Chideock News and a printed version (with map) will be taken to every house in the Parish and direct contact made with every resident. All responses are required by the end of March, when they will be analysed.

The group thanked the Clerk for sending them the minutes from the latest quarterly meeting with Highways England and expressed disappointment that HE has not agreed to an A35 By-Pass group representative being present. The group is interested in the status of the National Route Strategy study. The Clerk suggested that the questions be sent to her so that she could ask for a response from HE now rather than waiting for the next quarterly meeting.

The owner of Japonica Cottage said that he reported an issue with a BT cover last summer and nothing has been done to rectify the problem. The Clerk asked for the correspondence to be sent to her so that she could follow it up.

CC

The owner of Rose Cottage asked what can be done to improve the area where Bridleway 20 (Bullens Lane) meets the A35. The Clerk explained that the Chideock Society hopes to take this matter up in the longer term, and that Connect have said that they will clear it in the short term.

*Standing Orders were resumed.*

**1930 Reports / Updates by the Clerk and Councillors.**

Items 3 - 7 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**, except for those detailed below, which were discussed in more detail.

**Items 3A - Invitation to a meeting hosted by BLAP about the proposed Dorset Unitary Councils. AGREED** that Cllr Murray and the Clerk will attend.

CC

**1931 A35 Matters.**

Items 8 to 31 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED** except for those detailed below, which were discussed in more detail.

**Items 20 to 22B – A35 Speed Cameras.** Clerk to suggest that Dorset Road Safe and HE liaise on this matter. The problem in the past has been funding for Average Speed Cameras – has this been resolved? The Parish Council strongly favours Average Speed Cameras rather than replacement of the GATSO cameras with digital cameras.

CC

**1932 Planning Matters.**

**a) Applications.**

**WD/D/17/000111 PERRY HAYES EAST, HELL LANE** Conversion of farm buildings into 2No. holiday units without compliance of Condition 4 of planning approval reference 1/W/98/000229 to form a residential dwelling with bed and breakfast facility in addition to the holiday let relating to Perry Hayes East (Variation of condition)

*“Condition 4 must be kept for the smaller of the 2 units.*

*For the other unit, Condition 4 could be relieved for as long as the Bed and Breakfast facility continues and should revert back when this use ceases.”*

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

**b) Determinations.** None.

**c) Appeals.** None.

**d) Any Other Planning Matters.**

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

No updates.

**ii. Enforcement.**

No updates.

**iii. Mill Lane Bridleway 18.**

No updates.

**iv. All Weather Footpath.** Cllr Geraghty continues to look for information from the previous proposal for a path to the north of the A35.

KG

**v. Seatown.**

Items 33 – 34 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED** except for those detailed below, which were discussed in more detail.

**Item 33A - Seatown Litter Bin.** Clerk to remind DWP that the bin must be securely fixed to the ground to ensure that it cannot blow over.

CC

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

**AGREED** to accept the Project Update Note / Press Release prepared by Simon

Williams, Project Consultant

**vii. Other.**

**Item 35 – WDDC Planning Training. AGREED** that the Clerk attends and reports back to the Parish Council.

**1933 Finances.**

**a) Payments.**

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

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| i.   | Clerk's Salary & Expenses for February  | £268.00 |
| ii.  | Chideock Village Hall Hire – February   | £52.00  |
| iii. | PNW Services – bus shelter cleaning Oct, Nov, Dec                               | £20.00  |
| iv.  | Bridport Glass and Tile – replacement glass for PC Notice board at Foss Orchard | £58.00  |

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

**b) TSB Bank Account.**

**RESOLVED** to approve the Clerk's application to TSB for Telephone and Internet Banking, to enable the Clerk to **CC**

a) transfer money between the current and savings accounts after approval by the council but **NOT** to make direct payments to any third party

b) make general enquiries regarding the accounts

c) look online at account transactions and balances as required.

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

**c) Foss Orchard Car Park.**

**NOTED** that the white lines need renewing. Clerk to investigate costs. **CC**

There is a problem with dog faeces – Clerk to design a deterrent notice. **CC**

**d) Request for Payment of A35 By-Pass Group Printing Costs.**

**AGREED** to seek advice from DAPTC regarding the request from the A35 By-Pass group for reimbursement of the cost of printing 350 copies of their questionnaire regarding a Chideock By-Pass as such a payment would have to be made under the power granted by Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. **CC**

**1934 Clapps Mead Playing Field.**

A working Party is required before Easter. **CC**

The Clerk is still waiting for a costing from Bridport Town Council for mowing the playing field every 2 weeks, excluding the play area. **CC**

**1935 Dorset Highways and Flood Management.**

Items 39 – 40A on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

**1936 Current Consultations.**

Item 41 – 36 on the Actions & Information List was **NOTED**.

**1937 Annual Village Meeting.**

**AGREED** that this be held at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 9 May 2017.

**1938 Start Time of Parish Council Meetings from April to September.**

Following the successful experiment of holding the September 2016 meeting at 7 pm on the Tuesday evening, **AGREED** to hold the April, May, June, July and September meetings at 7 pm on the last Tuesday of each month. **CC**

**1939 Correspondence.**

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

**1940 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 28 March 2017.

The meeting closed at **12:50 pm**.