

# CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Chideock on Tuesday 27 October 2020 at 10 am.

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

**Present:** Cllr Vanessa Glenn, Cllr Anna Dunn, Cllr George Dunn, Cllr David Rogers., Cllr Coates, Cllr Tony Peacock.

**In attendance:** The Clerk and 2 members of the public.

**2467 Apologies.**

PCSO Bishop and Dorset Ward Cllr Christopher sent their apologies.

**2468 Grants of Dispensations.**

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

**2469 Declarations of Defined Pecuniary Interests.**

None declared.

**2470 Minutes.**

**RESOLVED** to accept and sign, as a true record,

- a) the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 29 September 2020  
Proposed by Cllr Anna Dunn, seconded by Cllr Rogers, carried unanimously.

**2471 Dorset Ward Councillor and Police Reports.**

- a) PCSO Bishop had reported by e-mail as follows: -

- Fortunately, there have been very few incidents to report of late.
- I would however, like to advise of some scams being reported frequently. People are reporting receiving calls from people purporting to be from Amazon, or automated messages supposedly from Amazon, relating to orders being placed or Amazon Prime subscriptions. Please ignore any such contact and hang up immediately. Please also be aware of cold calls from anyone purporting to work for companies. There have been scams where people have advised that they work for BT or the BT fraud department, but these are to try to get people to pass over personal or financial details. If you are caught out and pass any details over the phone, call your bank immediately to cancel any payments and report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040, or online at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk).

- b) Cllr Christopher, Dorset Ward Councillor, had reported by e-mail as follows: -

- During the last month I have spent a considerable amount of time dealing with issues regarding speeding motorists and speed limits there have also been discussions around alleged breaches of planning and discussions with enforcement officers.
- I have also corresponded with cabinet members dealing with a variety of issues including vulnerable adults, education, and transport matters.
- We should not forget that as we approach the 31st October there is every likelihood of there being significant redundancies amongst private sector organisations,
- We have recently heard of the likelihood of hundreds of job losses at Oscar Meyer food producers in Chard.
- These redundancies even if they involve firms across the Somerset border will still have an impact on the West Dorset economy.
- Similarly, people tend to forget that Boeing has a presence in Sherborne and BAE in Dorchester and Weymouth and Yeovil.
- Clearly there are concerns as to future employment prospects at these firms given the downturn in the aeronautical sector.
- With COVID - 19 restrictions having now had an impact for almost seven months there will be continued suffering as local events continue to be cancelled.
- With respect to the farming sector, we have seen the cancellation of high profile agricultural shows culminating last week in arguably my favourite event the Dairy Show

in Shepton Mallet which in normal circumstances draws farmers and exhibitors across the British Isles.

- As we approach the end of the year and the uncertainty facing farmers, we should appreciate the stresses they are under.
- I continue to press for improvements to bus services.
- With respect to the Council's finances these are in a dire state leading to drawing on finite reserves notwithstanding previous additional support from the Government
- The Dorset Council Cabinet met on 6 October to consider amongst other items an initial high-level draft budget for 2021/2022 and the medium-term financial plan for 2023 to 2026.

**AGREED** to ask Cllr Christopher

- a) When he anticipates he will be able to attend a Parish Council meeting in person
- b) What progress he has made re a visit to Chideock by Chris Loder MP and Dorset Council Leader Cllr Flowers for them to see the A35 and its issues to the village
- c) For regular updates regarding the setting of the Dorset Council budget for 2021 – 2022 and beyond.

*Standing Orders were suspended for the following item.*

**2472 Democratic Period.**

Members of the public spoke as follows: -

- Concerns regarding the "A New Strategy for Chideock "High Street" (by Cllr Peacock). Cllr Glenn explained that this was a document for discussion not a decided set of actions.
- Concerns about the A35 Chideock Hill slippage repair works being suspended – is the road safe for use? Cllr Glenn said that it must be assumed that it is – that is Highways England's responsibility.

*Standing Orders were resumed.*

**2473 Reports / Updates by the Clerk and Councillors.**

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

**Items 4 and 5 – DAPTC AGM.** Cllr Peacock said that he will attend. The Clerk said she would attend, and that Cllr Peacock will use the Parish Council vote on the various Motions.

Councillors **AGREED** to vote on parish and town council motions should be as follows:

Motion 1 – Beaminster and Bridport Town Councils. **Support.**

Motion 2 - Bridport Town Council. **Oppose.**

Motion 3 - Corfe Castle Parish Council. **Abstain.**

Motion 4 - Loders Parish Council. **Oppose.**

Motion 5 - Studland Parish Council. **Support.**

**Items 7, 8 and 9 – Seatown Toilets.** Clerk to chase as no response received from Dorset Council. **CC**

**2474 A35 Matters.**

Items 19 - 51 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

Cllr Peacock's proposals for the Dorset Council Chideock Air Quality Action Plan: -

Cllr Peacock stated that this had been sent to Dorset Council many months ago.

The following actions were agreed: -

- i. Councillors send their comments on all proposals to all
- ii. That the Dorset Council Action Plan (when available) be compared to this and comments made back to them.

Cllr Peacock's proposals for "Chideock High Street": -

The following actions were agreed: -

- i. That it be printed and inserted into the December edition of the Chideock News, with a request for comments from residents. Cllr George Dunn said that if it were printed by Footprints at the same time as the magazine and folded in half, he and Cllr Anna Dunn would insert it into each copy of the magazine prior to delivery. The cost of printing will be borne by the Parish Council. **CC  
GD/  
AD**

## 2475 Motions Received with Notice.

Cllr Glenn had put forward a motion for a village petition to DEFRA and Dorset Council regarding pollution from the A35 through Chideock, with suggested wording: -

"The residents of Chideock demand that DEFRA and Dorset Council put in place immediate measures to reduce air pollution (Nitrogen Dioxide and Particulate Matter) in Chideock on Main Street (A35 Trunk Road) in order to bring the levels down to the Legal limits."

The following amendments to the motion were **RESOLVED**: -

"The residents of Chideock **require** ~~demand~~ that DEFRA and Dorset Council **immediately** ~~immediate~~ **put in place additional** monitoring **and take immediate** measures to reduce air pollution (Nitrogen Dioxide and Particulate Matter) in Chideock **on the Main Street (A35 Trunk Road)** in order to bring the levels down to the Legal limits."

Proposed by Cllr George Dunn, seconded by Cllr Anna Dunn, carried unanimously

The amended motion was **RESOLVED**: -

"The residents of Chideock require that DEFRA and Dorset Council immediately put in place additional monitoring and take immediate measures to reduce air pollution (Nitrogen Dioxide and Particulate Matter) in Chideock on the A35 Trunk Road in order to bring the levels down to the Legal limits."

Proposed by Cllr Glenn, seconded by Cllr Peacock, carried unanimously

**AGREED** that the process for conducting the petition be discussed at the November meeting for implementation in the new year.

## 2476 Planning Matters.

### a) Applications.

**WD/D/20/002035** Installation of new window 10 RIDWOOD

*Chideock Parish Council has no objection provided that obscured glazing is installed, as was specified for the first-floor window by condition 3 of the planning consent for the extension (1/W/03/002437)*

**WD/D/20/002027** Erection of single storey lean to workshop (Retrospective) 10

WINNIFORD CLOSE – retrospective approval of submitted comment agreed by e-mail. *Chideock Parish Council objects on the basis that the proposal is for a temporary structure attached to the main house for use as a workshop.*

### b) Determinations. None.

### 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 Path between Chideock and Eype / Symondsburry.**

Item 28 on the Actions & Information List was **NOTED**.

#### vi. **Seatown.**

No updates.

#### vii. **Additional Matters.**

Item 29 on the Actions & Information List was **NOTED**

## 2477 Finances.

Items 54 – 59 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

### a) Payments.

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

|      |  |         |
|------|--|---------|
| i.   | Clerk's Salary and Expenses for September  | £254.30 |
| ii.  | Chideock Village Hall Hire – September     | £27.00  |
| iii. | George Dunn – materials for Clapp's Mead   | £27.95  |
| iv.  | Mr Kenneth Hussey – repair of basket swing | £155.00 |

Proposed by Cllr Anna Dunn, seconded by Cllr Coates, carried unanimously.

**b) Accounts and Budget Monitoring to 30 September 2020.**

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

**c) Draft Budget and Precept for 2021 – 2022.**

The following amendments were made: -

- i. Budget amount for training reduced from £200 to zero as there is £235 held in reserves for training
- ii. Budget amount for Foss Orchard River Bank Maintenance reduced from £1,000 to £700. This reduces the draft increase in precept from £578.44 to £78.44. The effect on Band D Council Tax cannot be determined until Dorset Council sends out the Tax Base, which will hopefully be in early December. The revised draft is appended to the minutes.

**d) Foss Orchard Car Park.**

Cllr Glenn has met with the car park garden volunteer, who is happy to continue.

**2478 Clapps Mead Playing Field.**

Items 34 - 46 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

**RESOLVED** to retrospectively approve expenditure of £130 to replace the basket swing cross beam and re-hang the basket, as carried out by Mr Kenneth Hussey.

Proposed by Cllr George Dunn, seconded by Cllr Anna Dunn, carried unanimously.

**2479 Dorset Highways and Flood Management.**

Items 47 – 49A on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

**2480 Current Consultations.**

- Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government – “Planning for the Future” - a Consultation on proposals for reform of the planning system in England. **AGREED** that the Clerk will consolidate responses received from councillors for approval followed by submission by the due date of 29 October 2020.

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**2481 Correspondence.**

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

**2482 December Meeting?**

**AGREED** that there is not currently a need for a meeting in December.

**2483 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of Chideock Parish Council.**

The next scheduled meeting is at 10 am on Tuesday 24 November 2020.

The meeting closed at **12.00 noon**.

## Budget 2021-2022 DRAFT V2

| SECOND DRAFT FOR CONSIDERATION. SUBMISSION OF THE PRECEPT REQUEST MUST BE MADE BY 31/1/2021     |                   |  |                   |          |  |                     |
|---|-------------------|--|-------------------|----------|--|---------------------|
| INCOME  | Budget<br>2019/20 |  | Budget<br>2021/22 | % change | Increase / Decrease                            | 2020/21<br>Band D   |
| Precept   | £16,462.45        |  | £16,540.89        | 0.48%    | 78.44  | Tax Base =<br>332.2 |
| Vat Refund  | £659.43           |  | £626.67           | -4.97%   |  | £50.01              |
| Rent for Flow Meter   | £140.00           |  | £140.00           | 0.00%    |  |                     |
|   |                   |  |                   |          |  |                     |
| TOTAL PREDICTED INCOME  | £17,261.88        |  | £17,307.56        | 0.26%    | 45.68  |                     |
|   |                   |  |                   |          |  |                     |
| EXPENDITURE   |                   |  |                   |          |  |                     |
| Clerk's Salary (Gross)  | £3,766.88         |  | £3,917.56         | 4.00%    | 3% increase + 1%<br>contingency for overtime   |                     |
| Clerk's Salary Contingency (Gross)  | £1,000.00         |  | £500.00           | -50.00%  |  |                     |
| Clerk's Travel  | £75.00            |  | £75.00            | 0.00%    |  |                     |
| Councillor's Travel / Phone calls etc   | £50.00            |  | £50.00            | 0.00%    |  |                     |
| Clerk's Office Allowance  | £72.00            |  | £72.00            | 0.00%    |  |                     |
| Postage/Phone   | £30.00            |  | £30.00            | 0.00%    |  |                     |
| Stationery (V)  | £60.00            |  | £60.00            | 0.00%    |  |                     |
| Stationery - print cartridges etc (V)   | £80.00            |  | £80.00            | 0.00%    |  |                     |
| Training - Clerk & Councillors  | £200.00           |  | £0.00             | -100.00% | £235 reserve + £200 in 2020-<br>21 budget      |                     |
| Internal Audit  | £60.00            |  | £60.00            | 0.00%    |  |                     |
| Insurance   | £510.00           |  | £620.00           | 21.57%   | See over                                       |                     |
| Room Hire   | £513.00           |  | £513.00           | 0.00%    | See over                                       |                     |
| Subscriptions   | £265.00           |  | £290.00           | 9.43%    | See over                                       |                     |
| ROSPA - Annual Playing Field Inspection (V)   | £100.00           |  | £0.00             | -100.00% |  |                     |
| Quarterly Playing Field Inspections   | -                 |  | £190.00           | N/A      |  |                     |
| Playing Field Maintenance (V)   | £2,000.00         |  | £1,000.00         | -50.00%  | For ditch clearance etc                        |                     |
| Clapps Mead Play Area Mowing (V)  | £900.00           |  | £900.00           | 0.00%    | See over                                       |                     |
| Playing Field Mowing (V)  | £720.00           |  | £720.00           | 0.00%    | See over                                       |                     |
| Play Area Equipment & Maintenance (V)   | £600.00           |  | £600.00           | 0.00%    | Fund =£1254.27 <sup>1</sup>                    |                     |
| Brook and Ditch maintance (V)   | £500.00           |  | £500.00           | 0.00%    |  |                     |
| Foss Orchard Car Park Resurfacing / Maintenance   | £1,000.00         |  | £1,000.00         | 0.00%    | Fund = £11239.99 <sup>1</sup>                  |                     |
| Foss Orchard Car Park River Bank Maintenance  | £1,000.00         |  | £700.00           | -30.00%  | Fund = £10196.39 <sup>1</sup>                  |                     |
| Community Fund Grant  | £500.00           |  | £500.00           | 0.00%    | Fund = £3155.94 <sup>1</sup>                   |                     |
| 3 Year Village Clock Servicing Grant  | £210.00           |  | £230.00           | 9.52%    | Reserve = £8.40 <sup>1</sup>                   |                     |
| Cemetery Grass Cutting Grant / Maintenance  | £500.00           |  | £650.00           | 30.00%   |  |                     |
| General Grants  | £500.00           |  | £500.00           | 0.00%    |  |                     |
| Bus Shelter Maintenance   | £100.00           |  | £100.00           | 0.00%    |  |                     |
| Salt/Grit for Winter  | £0.00             |  | £0.00             | 0.00%    | Reserve = £330                                 |                     |
| Highways contingency - lenthsmen etc  | £0.00             |  | £0.00             | N/A      | Reserve = £1500                                |                     |
| Village Hall Repair Grant   | £700.00           |  | £700.00           | 0.00%    |  |                     |
| Recharge of Parish Council Election Costs   | £500.00           |  | £2,500.00         | 400.00%  | Reserve used against Jan<br>2020 election cost |                     |
| Devolution of Services - Contingency  | £500.00           |  | £0.00             | -100.00% |  |                     |
| War Memorial Maintenance  | £250.00           |  | £250.00           | 0.00%    |  |                     |
|   |                   |  |                   |          |  |                     |
| TOTAL PREDICTED EXPENDITURE   | £17,261.88        |  | £17,307.56        | 0.26%    | 45.68  |                     |
|   |                   |  |                   |          |  |                     |
| ALL EXPEDITURE MARKED V INCLUDES VAT WHICH CAN BE RECLAIMED AND IS SHOWN UNDER PREDICTED INCOME |                   |  |                   |          |  |                     |
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| Treasurer's Reserve at 31/09/2020   | £13,731.61        |  |                   |          |  |                     |
|   |                   | of which £12175.47 is Restricted Reserve,                              |                   |          |  |                     |
|   |                   | leaving £1554.14 as General Reserve, of which £600 is Cash Flow Reserv |                   |          |  |                     |
| Note 1 - Fund values as at 30/9/2020, before any "grants" from 2020/21 precept applied          |                   |  |                   |          |  |                     |
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