

# **CHIDEOCK ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING 2023**

## **Minutes of the Chideock Annual Village Meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 26 April at 7.00 pm.**

Cllr Vanessa McAra (Chair of the Parish Council) took the Chair.

The meeting was attended by 40 residents, 5 Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk and Dorset Ward Councillor Simon Christopher.

Sal Robinson, Parish Clerk, took the minutes.

The meeting opened at 7:00pm.

### **1. Introduction.**

Cllr McAra welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming to the meeting.

### **2. Wessex Water and the Winniford River Action Group (WRAG).**

Andy Mears (Wessex Water) gave a presentation on the Chideock Storm Overflow system. Peter Stapleton then gave a presentation about how WRAG was formed and what it is doing to measure pollution of various types in the Winniford.

Both answered questions from the floor.

### **3. Apologies.**

Apologies had been received from PCSO Alex Bishop, Val Hunt, Gaby Martell, Deirdre Coates.

### **4. Minutes.**

Adoption of the Minutes of the Village Meeting held on the 21 May 2019 were agreed by those who had attended that meeting.

### **5. Reports from Chideock Parish Council, Dorset Ward Councillor, and the Police.**

- a) Cllr Vanessa Glenn, Chair of the Parish Council, gave a summary for the past 12 months – appended.
- b) Miss Sal Robinson, Clerk to Chideock Parish Council, gave a report and presented the accounts for 2021 2022 – appended.
- c) PCSO Bishop was unable to attend but sent a written report, which the Clerk read out – appended.
- d) Cllr Simon Christopher, Marshwood Vale Ward Councillor arrived later due to his attending another Annual Parish Meeting.

### **6. Updates from Village Groups.**

The following Updates were received: -

- Mr Maskell spoke gave updates regarding the provision of a safe Public Right of Way for walkers, cyclists, equestrians etc. connecting Chideock to Bridport.
  - Chideock Manor is prepared to allow a Right of Way to be established from Park Farm to the top of Furches Hill.
  - A planning application is required.

- He and Deirdre Coates are meeting with Richard Goff, Dorset Countryside Ranger next week to look at the route and to also look at Hell Lane.
- It is hoped that Sir Philip Colfox will allow the path to be continued on Symondsburry Estate land towards Bridport.
- He is trying to liaise with the Foundry Lea developers regarding a safe crossing point on the A35 near the soon to be developed roundabout at Miles Cross.
- Chideock W.I.
  - They are reaching out to the community with monthly meetings and speakers – all re welcome.
  - There are a number of interest groups: -
    - A Book Club held at the George.
    - A Lunch Club
    - A Gardening Club which also arranges visit which are open to all.
    - A Craft groups.
  - Members are encouraged to give ideas for talks, projects etc. which can be taken forward.
  - They have raised money for the Bridport Food Bank, the Chideock News, and Ukrainian refugees.
  - They would like to have more evening meetings.
  - They have raised funds at the Summer Fete, Christmas Fair, various Cream Teas, and by selling cakes.
- Chideock Art Group.
  - There are 12 members of varying ability.
  - They learn new techniques and styles, for example landscapes, acrylic paints, pastels, pen and wash, collage.
  - Lino cuts were used to make Christmas cards, wrapping paper and gift tags.

Cllr Christopher was invited to speak: -

- Dorset Council has raised Council Tax by 4% rather than the maximum permitted 4.99%
- The legislation allowing 200% Council Tax on second homes has been delayed by central government.
- He asked people to e-mail him about potholes which are not repaired.
- Adult and child social care is the highest item of expenditure by Dorset Council.
- Dorset Council provides financial help to Village Halls and community centres.
- Community Café.
  - This is held in the afternoon of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in each month and is well supported.
  - All donations received go to support local charities.
- Friends of St Giles.
  - All money raised goes towards maintaining the church fabric.
  - The Flower Arranging group's displays enhance the church – funds have been donated to Ukrainian help organisations.
  - The next floral event will be for the Coronation of King Charles III on 6 May.
  - New members are needed for the "Flower Club".
  - The Friends are holding a BBQ on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in July
- Roman Catholic Church – appended.
- Village Hall – appended.
- St Giles Parochial Church Council.
  - Weekly Sunday services are held at St Giles.
  - There has also been a Carol Service and a Harvest Festival, which benefited Bridport's Cupboard Love.
  - Monthly café and cake stalls were held up until last Christmas.
  - The church heating costs are enormous.

- The main fund-raising event is a quiz held every 3 months.
- A Platinum Jubilee Service was held at Clapp's Mead Playing Field.
- The Wildlife Garden in the Church Yard is now being maintained Rob Murray and other volunteers.
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**7. Open Forum.**

No one raised any matters of interest for consideration by the Parish Council.

The meeting ended at 9pm.

Signed: - ..... Date: ?? ??? 2024

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