

CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Chideock on Tuesday 23 February 2016 at 10:00 am.

Present: Cllrs Elizabeth Grant (Chair), Roger Carey, Irena Campion, Laurie Elliot, Kate Geraghty, Rob Murray, and David Rogers.

In attendance: The Clerk, West Dorset Cllr Christopher.

The Parish Council meeting commenced at **10:01 am**.

1756 Apologies.

Dorset County Cllr Turner sent his apologies.

West Dorset Cllr Christopher has informed the Clerk that he would be attending but did not know when he would arrive. Cllrs agreed that he could speak at the point when he arrived at the meeting.

1757 Grant of Dispensations. None.

1758 Declarations of Defined Pecuniary Interests. None.

1759 Minutes.

a) **RESOLVED** to accept and sign, as a true record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 26 January 2016 after the following amendments:-

Page 4, item 1750 e) iv – change “Sae” to “Sea”

Page 4, item 1750 e) vi – add “again,” after “contacted”

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

1760 County and District Councillors’ and Police Reports.

None at this point in the meeting – see Minute 1766 below.

Standing Orders were suspended for the following item.

1761 Democratic Period.

No members of the public were present.

Standing Orders were resumed.

1762 Reports / Updates by the Clerk and Councillors.

Items 1 to 5 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**, with the exception of those detailed below, which were discussed in more detail.

a) **Item 1A - FP1 Surface damaged by horses. AGREED** to report this to DCC Rights of Way, cc Chideock Manor. Cllr Rogers said that FP 3 is also affected. There was a large hunt which started at Chideock Manor – it is not known by whom it was organised. **CC**

Superfast Broadband – the Clerk said that she has not been notified as to whether the cabinet is yet live and there is no Superfast sticker in place. She will follow this up with Superfast Dorset. **CC**

1763 A35 Matters.

Items 6 – 22 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**, with the exception of those detailed below, which were discussed in more detail.

a) **Item 6 – A35 meeting with Highways England representatives – 8 April 2016.** The Clerk said that she must have questions from Councillors by Friday 18 March to enable her to send them to HE in plenty of time before the meeting. **CC**

b) **Item 7 – Letter from Mr & Mrs Pack. AGREED** that the points raised should be taken **CC**

to the meeting with HE on 8 April 2016.

- c) **Item 14B – Public Meeting with Oliver Letwin MP and HE representatives.** **AGREED** that this be advertised in the April and May Chideock News and that residents are asked to submit questions to the Clerk for forwarding to Oliver Letwin / HE prior to the meeting. **CC**
- d) **Item 15 – A35 Working Group – 8 April 2016.** Agreed that Cllrs Geraghty and Elliot will attend. Clerk to ask Bridport Town Council for the Agenda so that questions for this meeting can be determined at the March CPC meeting. **CC**
- e) **Item 20 – Air Quality.** **AGREED** that the Clerk asks if the PM10 monitor currently located in Weymouth at Boot Hill (Rodwell Road area) could be “lent” to Chideock at some time in the future. **AGREED** to ask WDDC Environmental Health if they have any explanation for the “spike” in last year’s air quality readings. **NOTED** that the additional diffusion tube has now been placed on Greenhills on Chideock Hill. **CC**
Cllr Geraghty spoke about the recent news report regarding the number of early deaths caused by air pollution. **AGREED** that the Clerk investigates information from websites www.clientearth.org and www.healthyair.org.uk. **CC**
- f) **Item 22 – Air Quality – further action to reduce pollution levels.** **AGREED** that this be raised at the meeting with HE on 8 April 2016. **CC**

1764 Planning Matters.

a) Applications.

WD/D/16/000113 ORCHARD HOUSE, MILL LANE Erect single storey Garden Room extension, internal alterations including the conversion of 1no garage bay to form an additional Bedroom with Ensuite Shower Room (Full)

Chideock Parish Council has no objection.

If the development is approved the Parish Council expects a planning condition to be set which clearly states that the development cannot be occupied at any time other than for purposes ancillary to the residential use of the existing dwelling and that the new development cannot be let or sold as a separate unit or used for any commercial purpose.

The Parish Council trusts that, if the application is approved, the applicant will incorporate rain water harvesting and that external lighting will be low wattage down lighting, possibly on sensors.

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

c) Determinations.

WD/D/15/002587 6 ST GILES CLOSE Construct sun room with bathroom & utility room (Full) **APPROVED.**

WD/D/15/002203 ST MARYS, PETTYCRATE LANE Erect extension and alterations (Full) **APPROVED.**

d) Ridwood Affordable Housing Development.

Item 23 on the Actions and Information List was **NOTED.**

e) Any Other Planning Matters.

- i. **AONB / Lighting & Dark Skies.** Nothing to report.
- ii. **Enforcement.** Items 24 - 30 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED.**
- iii. **Mill Lane Bridleway 18.** Nothing to report
- iv. **Seatown.** Items 31 – 32, 34 - 35 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED.**
Item 34 – **AGREED** that that there is an urgent need for Hazard warnings at Seatown but that this may be better dealt with via the Seatown Regeneration Project. **AGREED** that the Clerk ask Bridport Town Council what measures they put in place to prevent overnight sleeping in vehicles at West Bay. **AGREED** that the Clerk reports the commercial wheelie bins in the turning circle at Seatown to DCC Highways. **AGREED** to inform DCC that the stone plinth with interpretation board needs removing from the Anchor Car park as the river bank is seriously undermined and the plinth is at risk. It will be easier to remove now than when it topples into the river and obstructs the flow. **CC**
- v. **Seatown Regeneration Feasibility Study Project.** Item 33 on the Actions & Information List was **NOTED.** **CC**
- vi. **All Weather Footpath.** Items 36 - 39 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED.** **NOTED** that the creation of the footpath by Connect is still possible at **CC**

some time in the future.

vii. **Other.** None.

1765 Finances.

Items 33 & 34 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED.**

a) Payments.

RESOLVED to make the following payments:-

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| i. Clerk's Salary & Expenses for February | £457.99 |
| ii. Chideock Village Hall Hire – February | £38.50 |
| iii. C N Richards – FOCP Grass Cutting | £57.60 |

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

Cllr Christopher arrived during the previous item, 1765 a).

1766 District Councillor Christopher's Report.

Cllr Christopher reported as follows:

- there is a full West Dorset Council meeting this afternoon to consider the proposed Budget for 2016 – 17.
- Referendum on the way West Dorset District Council is run will be held on 5 May 2016
- Efforts are being made to speed up Land Charge searches – North Dorset staff have been drafted in to reduce the backlog
- there have been several interesting planning applications brought before the Development Control Committee, of which he is a member
- Car Park revenue is around £5m per annum in cash. Efforts are being made to encourage the public to pay by credit card / mobile phone.
- The need for the current number of "pool" cars is being investigated – are they all needed, can money be saved?

He was asked what can be done about the lack of planning enforcement and he suggested that CPC write to Oliver Letwin MP. CC

The issue of loss of trees and the effect it has on the landscape was raised. This lost is gradual but cumulative. He suggested that CPC write to Matt Prosser (Chief Executive for North Dorset District Council, West Dorset District Council and Weymouth and Portland Borough Council), Graham Cox (WDDC Tree Officer) and Oliver Letwin MP. CC

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Finances Continued.

b) Foss Orchard Car Park.

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

c) Budget Monitoring forecast to 31 March 2016.

The Budget Monitoring forecast was **NOTED. NOTED** that a small underspend is predicted, even after purchase of the new grit bin, so it is unlikely that money from General Reserves will be required.

d) Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments.

RESOLVED that Chideock Parish Council opts out of the external audit arrangements that Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Limited (SAAA) is putting in place, as a Group 4 authority i.e. as an opted-out authority with neither income nor expenditure exceeding £25k. This means that, for 5 years from the end of the Financial Year 2017 – 18, Chideock Parish Council will only need to complete and publish an annual return and to complete and submit to SAAA or an auditor specified by SAAA an annual exemption form – no external audit is required.

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

Clerk to inform the SAAA of this decision.

1768 Clapps Mead Playing Field.

Items 43 – 43A on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED.**

AGREED that the Clerk sources new signage once she is informed of the required wording. CC

Concern was expressed regarding mole activity in the playing field. **AGREED** to wait and

see if it continues once grass cutting is resumed.

Cllr Grant said that the new equipment was being installed the following day and that Caledonia Play is happy to remove the old swing. She will ask them to remove the excess chain on the toddler swing.

The Clerk said that the equipment has been added to the insurance.

1769 Flood Management Plan for the Winniford Valley.

- a) Cllr Carey said that he is following up with DCC Highways regarding
- raising the bund on Pettycrate Lane outside Brook House
 - removing of vegetation which is overhanging the verge on the boundary of Windy Ridge with Sea Hill Lane
 - proper reinstatement of tarmac where the spring box has been installed at the Ridwood / Sea Hill Lane junction
 - blocked gullies on
 - right hand side of Sea Hill Lane, approx 20 metres and 60 metres south of Welderley Cottage/Pettycrate Lane
 - on left hand side 60 metres south from Welderley Cottage
 - approx 30 metres north of Blue Haze in Sea Hill Lane
- b) He is following up with Wessex Water regarding
- the fire hydrant cover which is missing most of the tarmac around it, at the junction of Sea Hill Lane & Pettycrate Lane.
- c) He is following up with Dorset Waste Partnership regarding road sweeping to remove the mud which has been deposited on Sea Hill Lane
- d) He is still waiting for information from DCC Flood Management regarding ownership of the field by Seahill Cottages which is causing run-off onto Sea Hill Lane
- e) Cllr Rogers said that Brighthay Lane is in poor condition with a lot on mud on the highway, damaged verges and pot holes. **AGREED** that Cllr Carey takes this up to preserve continuity with DCC Highways.

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1770 Current Consultations. None

1771 Motions Received with Notice. None.

1772 Correspondence.

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

1773 Annual Village Meeting.

The Village Hall has been booked for the evening of Tuesday 10 May 2016.

The Chideock Society will again be asked to provide refreshments.

Cllr Geraghty to contact all Village organisations to invite them to attend and to report on their activities. Cllr Geraghty to pass a contact list to the Clerk for future years.

CC
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1774 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 29 March 2016.

The meeting closed at **12.25 pm.**