

CHIDEOCK ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING 2016

Minutes of the Chideock Annual Village Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 12 May 2016 at 7.30 pm.

Cllr Elizabeth Grant (Chair of the Parish Council) took the Chair.

The meeting was attended by 26 residents, 7 Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk and WDDC Councillor Simon Christopher.

Sal Robinson, Parish Clerk, took the minutes.

The meeting opened at 7:30pm.

Cllr Grant welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming to the meeting. She explained the origin and procedure of an Annual Village Meeting as opposed to the Annual Parish Council Meeting or an ordinary Parish Council Meeting and thanked the Chideock Society for once again providing the refreshments before the meeting.

1. Apologies.

Apologies for absence were received from PCSO David Ash, Dorset County Councillor Daryl Turner and Richard Benjamin.

2. Minutes.

Adoption of the Minutes of the Village Meeting held on the 12 May 2015 was proposed by Nicola Forrest, seconded by Nick Baker and agreed by those who had attended that meeting.

3. Reports from Chideock Parish Council, County & District Councillors and the Police.

- a) Cllr Elizabeth Grant, Chair of the Parish Council Report at Appendix A
- b) Miss Sal Robinson, Clerk to Chideock Parish Council Report at Appendix B
- c) Cllr Simon Christopher
 - He is a member of the WDDC Planning Committee and Vice Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee
 - Planning Committee: -
 - There is a lot of pressure for development of new homes
 - The Local Plan land supply stands at 5.3 years – this includes some previously granted permissions
 - Land which is not in the Local Plan should be sought for development
 - WDDC is well funded with large reserves
 - Car Parks bring in £5,000,000 a year
 - Audit and Governance Committee
 - There are unsatisfactory delays in processing Land Charges and Land Searches
 - Proposals from officers to address this have been dismissed as not appropriate
 - WDDC does not have a register of fixed assets owned by the council

Cllr Christopher then took questions from the floor

Q. Why is it taking so long to determine planning applications?

A. This is a known problem. There is a large backlog. This has been caused by employees leaving, and more applications received than expected

Q. How can it take 7 months for a Change of Use application to be determined – it finally went to the Planning Committee rather than being determined by delegated authority. It appeared that there was no communication between the different WDDC departments involved plus delays due to staff being on annual vacation.

A. Cllr Christopher advised that letters of complaint be sent to the WDDC Chief executive, the Chair of the Planning Committee and Oliver Letwin MP, with a copy to Cllr Christopher.

Q. What can be done about speeding and other offences on the A35.

A. Cllr Christopher suggested that a letter should be sent to Martin Underhill, Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner, detailing the issues.

4. Reports from local organisations.

The meeting received reports from representatives of the various local organisations set out below.

- All Weather Footpath
- Bopper Bus
- Chideock 100+ Club
- Chideock Art Group
- Chideock Cider Makers
- Chideock Flood Group
- Chideock Players Chideock Society
- Chideock Playing Field Group
- Chideock Society
- Chideock Table Tennis Group
- Chideock Village Hall
- Chideock W.I.
- Community Website
- Friends of Church of Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs & St. Ignatius
- Friends of St. Giles
- St Giles Churchyard Wildlife Garden
- St. Giles Parochial Church Council
- Save Our Clock
- Village Fete Committee
- Village Hall Fund Raising Group
- Village Lunch Group
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5. Open Forum.

A member of the public asked what the speed limit is on a Bridleway. The Clerk will investigate.

Signed: - Date: - 9 May 2017