

# CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Chideock on Monday 24 April 2017 at 7 pm.**

The Parish Council meeting commenced at **7.01 pm**.

**Present:** Cllr Roger Carey (Chair), Cllr Rob Murray, Cllr Irena Campion, Cllr David Rogers, Cllr Laurie Elliot.

**In attendance:** The Clerk and 1 member of the public, DCC Cllr Daryl Turner and WDDC Cllr Simon Christopher, who arrived during the meeting.

The Clerk thanked Cllr Murray and Richard Benjamin for fitting the replacement glass in the Parish Council notice board. It was agreed that a stay should be fitted to stop a recurrence of the accident whereby the door blew back onto the wall causing the glass to shatter.

**1957 Apologies.**

PCSO Pete Smith sent his apologies. Cllr Peter Hunt and Cllr Geraghty sent their apologies which were accepted.

**1958 Grants of Dispensations.**

None.

**1959 Declarations of Defined Pecuniary Interests.**

None.

**1960 Minutes.**

a) **RESOLVED** to accept and sign, as a true record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 28 March 2017 after the following amendment was made: -

- page 1, minute number 1945, penultimate paragraph – replace “States” with “State’s”

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

**1961 County and District Councillors’ and Police Reports.**

PCSO Pete Smith had sent the following report: -

“Thank you for your invite to the Parish Council Meeting which I am afraid I will not be able to attend as where there was once 4 members of staff based here at Beaminster it is now just me making it very difficult to get the time to attend surgeries or meetings as we once did as I have to prioritise my time following up victims of crime or to assist in jobs as they come in.

Please feel free to send the invites as I am sure things will improve in time making it possible for someone to attend.”

Cllr Turner reported as follows: -

- Little is going on a County because of “purdah” for the County Elections, which will be followed by “purdah” for the General Election.
- The Future Dorset Team continues to work towards the creation of a Unitary authority, including how to work better with Town and Parish councils, via DAPTC.
- The DCLG decision regarding the Unitary proposal has been delayed till after the General Election in June, but the proposed “start” date is still May 2019.

Cllr Murray informed Cllr Turner of the recent BLAP meeting with parishes and towns council representatives regarding implications of a Unitary authority.

*Standing Orders were suspended for the following item.*

**1962 Democratic Period.** No members of the public wished to speak.

*Standing Orders were resumed.*

**1963 Reports / Updates by the Clerk and Councillors.**

Items 0A - 2 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED** except for those detailed below, which were discussed in more detail.

**Item 0A - Dorset Local Government Reorganisation.** **AGREED** that a response will be considered at the May meeting. **AGREED** that the notes from the Bridport Local Area Partnership meeting be sent to Cllr Turner and Cllr Christopher. **CC**

**1964 A35 Matters.**

Items 3 to 22 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED** except for those detailed below, which were discussed in more detail.

**Item 3 – A35 Traffic Data.** **AGREED** that the data provided by David Peacock be held for reference as a base for comparison purposes.

**Item 5 – A35 Traffic Data.** **AGREED** to contact Richard German, DfT, as and when necessary.

**Item 7 / 7A – ADF Count.** **AGREED** to follow up with Chris Grayling MP, Secretary of State for Transport, in a month if no reply has been received. **CC**

**Item 10 – Air Quality / LEZ.** **AGREED** that Cllr Murray and Cllr Elliot will attend the proposed meeting. **AGREED** to follow up with Oliver Letwin MP in a month if no date has been set for the meeting. **CC**

**Item 12A – Air Quality – Molly Scott Cato MEP.** **AGREED** to inform Poppy Leeder that CPC is potentially interested in attending a workshop in Brussels but that a 1 – 1 meeting with Molly Scott Cato is more important. **CC**

**Item 14 – Air Quality Monitoring.** **AGREED** to ask WDDC when the DEFRA report for 2016 will be available. **CC**

**Item 18 - DVSA testing site.** **AGREED** to follow up in a month if no reply has been received. **CC**

**Item 19 – Low Emission Zone notes.** **AGREED** that this be sent to Emma Bazeley. **CC**

**Item 20 – HE Quarterly Meeting Agenda.** Councillors agreed additions to the Agenda. Clerk to send to councillors and to the HE representatives. **CC**

**Item 22 – Speed Camera Replacement.** **AGREED** that the Clerk writes to the Police and Crime Commissioner and to the Regional Road Safety Coordinator in support of Average Speed Cameras. **CC**

Cllr Campion reported that she has contacted ClientEarth by phone regarding Air Quality. They have agreed to send Cllr Campion relevant information.

*WDDC Councillor Christopher arrived during the previous item.*

**1965 County and District Councillors' and Police Reports continued**

Cllr Christopher reported as follows: -

- He has met with Ashley Fox, MEP, to discuss the effects Brexit may have on Farming, Tourism and the local Environment
- He suggested that CPC invites Ashley Fox MEP to come to Chideock to discuss Air Quality and A35 issues with the Parish Council – councillors **AGREED** that this be done **CC**
- He has also been speaking with the Dorset branch of the Country Landowners Association
- WDDC is looking at the need for affordable housing
- There are fears that towns like Bridport may suffer from changes in how the economic world works e.g. closure of banks due to increased use of online facilities
- WDDC has provided capital funding in the Dorchester area for cycleways, all weather facilities at Dorchester Football Club, and to Swanage for the heritage steam railway
- Maybe Chideock should think about projects which could be funded. For example, a review and extension of the Conservation Areas? Councillors **AGREED** that this be considered at the next meeting. **CC**

1966 **Motions Received with Notice.**  
None.

**Planning Matters.**

1967 a) **Applications.**

**WD/D/17/000959** PERRY HAYES EAST, HELL LANE Change of use of the existing holiday let dwelling to residential with guesthouse/B&B accommodation and a self-contained holiday studio/apartment (Full)

*Chideock Parish Council has no objection but, if the application is approved, expects planning conditions to be set to ensure that*

- *no part of the dwelling can be sold as sold as a separate unit*
- *the holiday accommodation (both the Guest House / Bed & Breakfast accommodation and the self contained holiday studio / apartment) cannot be let out on a long term basis i.e. can only be used for purposes ancillary to the residential accommodation.*

b) **Determinations.**

**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)

**WITHDRAWN**

**WD/D/15/000367** FIELD TO THE EAST OF 1 BROADMEAD, MAIN STREET Construct new pedestrian footpath, to include construction of new field access and stopping up of existing access (Full) **WITHDRAWN**

c) **Appeals.** None.

d) **Any Other Planning Matters.**

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

The Clerk reported that she has received leaflets about the National Park proposal. She gave a copy to each councillor and it was **AGREED** that the remaining copies should be put in the shop. **CC**

ii. **Enforcement.**

**AGREED** that the Clerk ask for an update on enforcement at Muddyford Lane. **CC**

iii. **Mill Lane Bridleway 18.**

No updates.

iv. **All Weather Footpath.** No updates.

v. **Seatown.** No updates.

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

Items 23 – 23A on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

vii. **Other**

**Item 28 on the Actions & Information List - Parish and Town Council Planning Training.** Regarding the changes to the process for “calling in” a planning application to the Planning Committee, the Clerk said that WDDC agreed that there is a lack of transparency when an application is not put before the Committee despite a Parish / Town Council’s request. From now on the Parish / Town council will be informed of the reason for such a decision.

**Item 29 on the Actions & Information List - Change to Tree Work notifications.**

Tree work applications will still appear on the Dorsetforyou planning portal which is regularly monitored by the Clerk.

1968 **Finances.**

Item 30 to 31 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 April         | £350.80 |
| ii.  | Chideock Village Hall Hire – April          | £26.00  |
| iii. | Theresa Mudford for mower hire x 3          | £30.00  |
| iv.  | St Giles PCC – Cemetery Grass Cutting Grant | £600.00 |

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

**b) Foss Orchard Car Park.**

Items 32 and 33 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

**Item 33 – River Bank Warning Signs. AGREED** that these be obtained. The Clerk **CC** said that the wording is "WARNING UNSTABLE RIVER BANK" not "DANGER UNSTABLE RIVER BANK".

"Poo Fairy" posters – they need to be fixed to a backing before they can be put up. **CC**  
To be investigated.

**c) Accounts and Budget Monitoring to 31 March 2017.**

The Accounts and Budget Monitoring was **NOTED. NOTED** that there was an underspend of £306.43, even after the overspend on Hall Hire and Play Area Grass Cutting.

**1969 Clapps Mead Playing Field.**

Mrs Theresa Mudford's mower is being repaired so she is currently unable to mow the play area.

The playing field is being mown every 2 weeks by the Bridport Lengthsman, as per contract.

Mrs Lyn Crisp reports that, as far as she is aware, there is nothing major that needs doing.

**1970 Dorset Highways and Flood Management.**

Items 34 and 37A on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

**Item 37A - Orchids - Carters Lane.** The Clerk has received a phone call from Dr Sterling's assistant, which will be followed up by an e-mail. The orchids will be protected during the surface dressing works.

Cllr Carey has not yet received an update from the Environment Agency following the site visit.

**1971 Current Consultations. None.**

**1972 Correspondence.**

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

**1973 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of Chideock Parish Council.**

The next scheduled meeting is at 7 pm on Monday 22 May 2017.

The meeting closed at **8.59 pm**.