

CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Chideock on Tuesday 31 October 2017 at 10 am.

The Parish Council meeting commenced at **10.00 am**.

Present: Cllr Rob Murray, Cllr Peter Hunt, Cllr Laurie Elliot, Cllr Kate Geraghty and Cllr Vanessa Glenn.

In attendance: The Clerk and 6 members of the public.

Mr Richard Benjamin, Village Hall Committee Chair, apologised that the Parish Council meeting was having to be held in the Committee Room due to works being carried out in the Hall and said that no charge would be made.

The Clerk welcomed Cllr Vanessa Glenn to the Parish Council.

2046 Apologies.

Cllr Roger Carey and Cllr David Rogers sent their apologies, which were accepted. West Dorset Councillor Simon Christopher sent his apologies.

2047 Election of Chair for the meeting.

As both the Chair and Vice Chair were absent it was necessary to elect a Chair to conduct the meeting.

Cllr Geraghty proposed Cllr Hunt. This was seconded by Cllr Murray. Cllr Hunt, being willing, was elected unanimously.

2048 Grants of Dispensations.

Cllr Glenn had requested, in writing prior to the meeting, a dispensation regarding her Defined Pecuniary Interest in Land or Property in the Parish, which would prevent her participating and voting on any Agenda item regarding Budget and Expenditure now or in future years until the next Parish Council Elections in May 2019.

The dispensation was **GRANTED** by the Clerk.

All other Councillors have been granted this dispensation at an earlier date.

2049 Declarations of Defined Pecuniary Interests.

None.

2050 Minutes.

a) **RESOLVED** to accept and sign, as a true record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 24 September 2017.

Proposed by Cllr Elliot, seconded by Cllr Murray, carried unanimously by those who were at the meeting. Cllr Geraghty and Cllr Glenn abstained as they were not present.

2051 County and District Councillors' and Police Reports.

None.

Standing Orders were suspended for the following item.

2052 Democratic Period.

Members of the public spoke on the following matters: -

- With reference to the GATSO speed cameras: Who is responsible for the GATSO cameras?

The Clerk said that direct responsibility lies with Dorset RoadSafe.

- What funds do our two cameras generate and where does this money go? The Clerk **CC**

said that she did not know but would make enquiries.

- Surely, any money being considered for repairing the existing cameras (which seem to be not working more often than they are working) would be better spent towards the modern technology of average speed cameras (as suggested in the previous minutes (ref. 2037 item 21))
- In light of the high cost suggested for a bypass outside of the Parish boundary (HE meeting notes 4.f) will the Parish Council re-consider the proposal for one inside the Parish boundary, from Berne Lane to Morcombelake.
- What progress is being made with Sir Oliver Letwin MP regarding both a bypass outside of the parish boundary and introduction of a low emissions zone?
The Clerk said that a meeting with Sir Oliver has been arranged on these matters.
- The minutes state that the PC's current priorities are LEZ and ASC, yet their implementation is not expected until 2020. Why three years (added to the years already spent discussing these two things).
- What is the route of the All-Weather Path mentioned in HE notes 4b) as being to the north of A35?
The Clerk explained the reasons why a northern route is being considered rather than the previous southern route.
- What are the 6 trends reference mentioned in the HE notes 3a)?
- When will the Community Severance Feasibility Study Report mentioned in HE notes 3 c) be complete?
- When will the report from the Gas-to-liquid (GTL) Fuel Emissions Testing be available, as mentioned in HE notes Appendix A, Study 9.
- What is going to be done to improve the junction of Bullen's Lane / Bridleway 20 at the junction with the A35? Neighbouring properties voluntarily clear as much as they can but more is needed. The lack of visibility for walkers and of walkers is dangerous.
Cllr Geraghty explained that the Chideock Society is working with the Parish Council on this and funding is being sought from DCC Rights of Way and other sources to improve the junction and the small triangle of land known as St Jude's by hard landscaping and moving the wall adjacent to the A35 back to provide a pedestrian refuge and improve visibility. DCC Rights of Way will be clearing the area on 22 November 2017 and volunteers are required to help.
- Mr David Everidge said that he has received an update from Simon Williams regarding the formation of formal passing places on Sea Hill Lane, to be constructed on land which he owns. DCC have funding for detailed design.
- Has any consideration been given to providing charging points for electric cars?
- At the last Parish Council meeting it was informally suggested that a member of the Chideock Bypass Working Group could be on the Parish Council A35 Advisory Group. The Chideock Bypass Working Group said that the group wished to nominate Mr Tony Peacock as their representative on the Advisory Group.
This suggestion was welcomed by Cllr Hunt.
- The Chideock Bypass Working Group has queried with HE why a member of the group cannot attend the Quarterly meetings and reported that HE did not oppose their attendance.
The Clerk requested a copy of the correspondence.

Standing Orders were resumed.

2053 Updates to the Follow-Up List.

AGREED that publication by WDDC of the 2016 Air Quality Report should be added to the Follow-Up List.

2054 Reports / Updates by the Clerk and Councillors.

Items 2 - 9 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED** except for those detailed below, which were discussed in more detail.

Item 4 – DAPTC AGM Motions for 4 November 2017. AGREED that the Parish Council supports all the proposed motions. Cllr Geraghty said that she hopes to attend the AGM. The Clerk said that she will attend and that she will present CPC's motion.

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Item 8 and 9 – X51 Bus. AGREED to write to First Bus Wessex strongly protesting about the change to the X51 service, with buses terminating at Bridport from both directions, which can cause a lengthy wait for passengers wishing to travel beyond Bridport.

2055 A35 Matters.

Items 10 - 27 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED** except for those detailed below, which were discussed in more detail.

Item 15 – A35 Resurfacing. AGREED that the letter from David Groves a) sent to the Chideock Bypass Working Group and other interested residents, b) put on the Community website and c) reported in the December Chideock News. David Groves had informed the Clerk that he has no objection to this. **CC**

Item 15A - A35 meeting with Oliver Letwin MP on 17 November 2017. Cllr Carey, Cllr Elliot, Cllr Glenn, Cllr Murray and Cllr Rogers have confirmed they will attend. Cllr Hunt wishes to attend and will confirm his availability to the Clerk. Cllr Geraghty is unable to attend.

Item 18 – Average Speed Cameras. Cllr Glenn said that CPC needs to find out which body is responsible for providing the speed cameras and what is being done to secure funding. **AGREED** that this will be pursued by the A35 Advisory Group.

A35 Advisory Group. All councillors, except Cllr Rogers, wish to be members of the group.

2056 Motions Received with Notice.

None.

2057 Planning Matters.

a) Applications.

WD/CA/17/00482 SIMONS ORCHARD, MAIN STREET T1 Japanese Cedar - Remove - dying in the centre T2 Thuja - Remove - damaging ground/bank

T1 – no objection subject to the Tree Officer's recommendation.

T2 – The Parish Council asks if it is necessary for the entire tree to be removed?

WD/CA/17/00454 GREENHILLS, CHIDEOCK HILL T1 Copper Beech - Reduce by 25% overall - to allow more light into garden

No objection subject to the Tree Officer's recommendation.

b) Determinations. None.

c) Appeals. None.

d) Any Other Planning Matters.

i. AONB / Lighting & Dark Skies, Dorset National Park, Conservation Areas.

No updates.

ii. Enforcement and Retrospective Planning Applications.

Items 27C to 29 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

AGREED to write to Cllr Christopher regarding the outstanding enforcement on the land at the junction of Muddyford Lane and the A35. **CC**

iii. Mill Lane Bridleway 18.

No update.

iv. Bullen's Lane / Bridleway 20 at Junction with A35.

Covered in the Democratic Period.

v. All Weather Footpath.

No updates.

vi. Seatown.

No updates.

vii. Seatown Regeneration Feasibility Study Project.

Items 30 and 31 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

viii. Other

Item 32 on the Actions & Information List was **NOTED**.

2058 Finances.

Item 32B on the Actions & Information List was **NOTED**.

a) Payments.

i. Clerk's Salary for October

£ 286.27

- ii. Chideock Village Hall Hire – August & September £13.00
- iii. Theresa Mudford – hire of mower x 1 – October £10.00

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

b) Accounts and Budget Monitoring to 30 September 2017.

The Accounts and the Budget Monitoring Report to 30 September 2017 were **NOTED**.
Cllr Hunt thanked the Clerk for her hard work and accuracy.

c) Budget / Precept 2018 - 2019.

Items 33 - 36 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

The draft budget prepared by the Clerk was **NOTED**. As 2 councillors were absent, it was **AGREED** to defer detailed discussion of the budget and precept to the meeting on 28 November 2017.

d) Foss Orchard Car Park.

Cllr Murray said that he has emptied the ticket machine and asked the Clerk to collect the money from him at his house.

Items 37 - 39 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED** except for those detailed **CC** below, which were discussed in more detail.

Item 38 – Tickets for the new machine. AGREED to purchase 1,000 tickets.

Item 39 – Review of Season Ticket Charges. As 2 councillors were absent, it was **AGREED** to defer this to the meeting on 28 November 2017.

2059 Clapps Mead Playing Field.

AGREED that, as no volunteers have come forward to help erect the fencing, the Clerk will **CC** ask the Bridport Lenghtsman to provide a quote for doing this work.

The Clerk reported that Mrs Mudford has only been able to mow the children's play area once in October due to personal commitments.

2060 Dorset Highways and Flood Management.

A works order for the gullies in Sea Hill Lane to be jetted has been raised by DCC, however there have been some mechanical issues with the equipment which has caused a slight delay in response time. DCC will endeavour to get the gullies cleared as soon as possible.

2061 Current Consultations.

AGREED that Cllr Murray's response to the DCLG "Planning for the right homes in the **CC** right places" be submitted.

2062 Correspondence.

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

2063 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of Chideock Parish Council.

The next scheduled meeting is at 10 am on Tuesday 28 November 2017.

The meeting closed at **11:50 am**.