

CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Chideock on Tuesday
27 March 2018 at 10 am.

The Parish Council meeting commenced at **10.03 am**.

Present: Cllr Roger Carey (Chair), Cllr Rob Murray, Cllr Peter Hunt, Cllr Vanessa Glenn, Cllr David Rogers, Cllr Laurie Elliot and Cllr Kate Geraghty.

In attendance: The Clerk and 1 member of the public. PCSO Bishop arrived during the meeting.

2115 Apologies.

District Councillor Simon Christopher and County Councillor Daryl Turner sent their apologies.

2116 Grants of Dispensations.

None.

2117 Declarations of Defined Pecuniary Interests.

None.

2118 Minutes.

a) **RESOLVED** to accept and sign, as a true record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 27 February 2018.

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

2119 County and District Councillors' and Police Reports.

a) Cllr Simon Christopher's report was taken as read.

AGREED to ask Cllr Christopher to suggest dates for a walk round the parish to inspect areas of concern. **CC**

AGREED that the Clerk asks WDDC what is the value of the West Dorset reserves and what the criteria are for applying for a grant from the reserves? **CC**

Standing Orders were suspended for the following item.

2120 Democratic Period.

A member of the public said that 8 residents have volunteered for a Chideock Speed Watch.

Standing Orders were resumed.

2121 Updates to the Follow-Up List.

No updates were requested at this point in the meeting.

2122 Reports / Updates by the Clerk and Councillors.

Items 1 - 2 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

2123 A35 Matters.

Items 3 - 27 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED** except for those detailed below, which were discussed in more detail.

Item 3 – "Chideock Slip". **AGREED** to ask Andy Kirby (Connect / Balfour Beatty) for details of the findings of the recent Geotechnical survey. **CC**

Item 6/7 – Air Quality Meeting with Molly Scott-Cato MEP. **AGREED** that a petition to the European Parliament would be made by the village with the support of the Parish Council. **CC**

Item 9 - Air Quality – HE Assessment of possible alleviation measures. **AGREED** to ask again if the list of measured to be evaluated is definitive. **CC**

Item 11 – DVSA Vehicle Checks. **AGREED** to write to Stuart Carter to thank DVSA for their continuing use of the Eype service area for DVSA checks. **CC**

Item 14 – Sir Oliver Letwin MP - Parish Poll result consultation with other parishes. After robust debate it was **AGREED** to defer this until the next meeting and to inform Sir Oliver Letwin that the matter is still under discussion in the light of the recent consultations on the Road Investment Strategy 2 for 2020 – 2025 and the proposal for a Major Road Network.

Item 16 – Speed Camera Replacement. **AGREED** that Cllr Hunt will take this forward, with draft **PH**

emails circulated to all by the Clerk.

Item 17 – Speed Watch. PCSO Bishop was invited to speak at this point in the meeting. He was asked about the setting up of a Speed Watch team for Chideock.

- A Speed Gun is often paid for by the Parish Council or, sometimes, by the Speed Watch group itself.
- Volunteers meet with the Police who explain what it involved, the policies and procedures
- If the volunteers want to continue then the police will provide training
- It is at that point that a request for funding for a Speed Gun would be made.
- 1 camera is required, at a cost of approximately £300.

Item 18 - Strategic Road Network Consultation Response (RIS2). **AGREED** that the precis needs to include the questions being answered – Clerk to amend and circulate to all. Once agreed the precis and full response will be posted on the Parish Council website with links to the consultation documents. A short paragraph directing residents to the website will be included in the May Chideock News. CC

Items 19 – 23 – Utility Covers. Concern was raised regarding the impact of the required water main renewal by Wessex Water if this is carried out after the resurfacing works. **AGREED** raise this with Sir Oliver Letwin MP, Andy Kirby (Connect / Balfour Beatty) and Wessex Water.

Items 25, 26 and 27 – Weight Checks on A35 between Dorchester and Honiton. **AGREED** to thank Sir Oliver Letwin for taking this forward and to ask him to press for this to be installed as part of the resurfacing works. CC

The following matters were also raised: - CC

- What progress is being made following the speed limit study carried out in 2017? If changes are proposed which affect Chideock Hill can they be implemented when the resurfacing work is carried out in the Autumn?
- Are Health and Safety checks carried out on tankers transporting inflammable liquids? Clerk to ask DVSA.
- When the resurfacing is complete a short article in the Chideock News could ask people to report if there are still issues regarding utility covers. CC
- **Air Quality.** **AGREED** to write to Graham Duggan (WDDC Environment Health) copy to Oliver Letwin and Stephen Hill (WDDC Chief Executive) asking for a reply to the e-mail sent on 13 December 2018 and asking again when the Air Quality ASR report will be sent to DEFRA and when it will be available to the public, as per the amended draft circulated to all councillors. CC

2124 Police Report.

PSCO Bishop reported as follows: -

- Little crime has been reported in the area
- Cars parked at beauty spots and in isolated places remain targets for thieves
- Suspicious / out of the ordinary activity should be reported to the police via 101.

2125 Motions Received with Notice.

None.

2126 Planning Matters.

a) Applications.

WD/D/18/000395 CHIMNEYS, MAIN STREET External alterations to increase number of rainwater downpipes and re-rendering north elevation (retrospective). (Full)

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WD/D/18/000194 CHIMNEYS, MAIN STREET Retention of internal alterations to kitchen and dining room, in respect of floor finishes and removal of chimneypiece. Retention of external alterations to increase number of rainwater downpipes and re-rendering north elevation. (Listed Building Consent)

“Chideock Parish Council has a long-standing policy of automatically objecting to any Retrospective Application on the basis that it is most unfair to those applicants who respect the Planning Regulations and observe due process. The Parish Council has no further comment.”

WD/D/18/000274 THE GRANARY, 2 MEWS COTTAGES Replace Windows and External Doors (Listed Building Consent)

“Chideock Parish Council has no objection.”

b) Determinations.

WD/CA/18/00018 LAND ADJACENT TO 3 & 5 ARUNDELL Yew Trees x 7 - Trim height and width by up to 2m overall **GRANTED**

WD/D/17/002612 TADDLE FARM HOUSE, NORTH ROAD Erect barn for storage and change

of use of adjoining land to form access and yard. (Full) **APPROVED**
WD/D/17/002577 GOLD CAP FARM, MUDDYFORD LANE, MORCOMBELAKE Use of building
as a holiday cottage (Certificate of Lawfulness (Existing)) - **REFUSED**

c) **Appeals.** None.

d) **Any Other Planning Matters.**

- i. **AONB / Lighting & Dark Skies, Dorset National Park, Conservation Areas.**
Cllr Geraghty and the Clerk attended to AONB Annual Forum event in Bridport on 20 March. Cllr Geraghty said she will write a brief report for circulation to all.
- ii. **Enforcement and Retrospective Planning Applications.** KG
Nothing to report.
- iii. **Mill Lane Bridleway 18.**
Items 29 & 39 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.
Cllr Elliot said that drainage work had been carried out on Bridleway 18 near the Golden Cap Holiday Park and that the bridleway surface had not been properly reinstated. Clerk to write to DCC Rights of Way asking for this to be inspected.
- iv. **Bullen's Lane / Bridleway 20 at Junction with A35.**
Cllr Geraghty said that the Chideock Society is still trying to get funding for improvements and hopes that work to move the wall back to create a refuge and visibility splay at the junction with the A35 can be done during the drainage works (traffic light controlled) in April. CC
- v. **All Weather Footpath.** CC
It was agreed that the Clerk, on behalf of the Parish Council, contacts Chideock Manor regarding the possibility of a route on the northern side of the A35.
- vi. **Seatown.**
Nothing to report.
- vii. **Seatown Regeneration Project.**
Cllr Geraghty reported that
 - Simon Williams (project consultant) and Nigel Wraxall (beach owner) have had a meeting.
 - DCC Highways report that the Sea Hill Lane passing places are in the design phase
 - Several people have requested permission to provide memorial seats at Seatown
- viii. **Other.**
Item 31 on the Actions & Information List was **NOTED**
Neighbourhood Planning. The Clerk apologised for not being able to meet with Cllr Glenn prior to this meeting but will endeavour to do so before the April meeting, so that Cllr Glenn can progress a report and recommendations regarding a Neighbourhood Plan for Chideock or a revision of the Parish Plan. CC
Cllr Murray asked the Clerk to ask Western Power Distribution for an update regarding the recent series of power cuts and the remedial work being carried out. Are there maps showing how the transformers relate to streets / dwellings? The "Hearts" scheme (vulnerable person service) was very effective during the power cuts. CC

Cllr Geraghty left the meeting at 12.08 pm.

2127 **Finances.**

Items 32 on the Actions & Information List was **NOTED**

a) **Payments.**

Item 37A on the Actions & Information List was **NOTED**.

RESOLVED to make the following payments: -

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| • Clerk's Salary and Expenses for March | £261.29 |
| • PAYE for January, February and March | £166.20 |
| • Chideock Village Hall Hire – March | £27.00 |
| • PNW Service for Bus Shelter Cleaning – Sept 2017 – March 2018 | £40.00 |

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

b) **Actions to be taken at Financial Year End.**

RESOLVED that the following financial actions be taken at Financial Year: -

- i. Playing Field Depreciation budget of £500 to be transferred to the Earmarked Fund
- ii. Foss Orchard Car Park Resurfacing budget of £600 to be transferred to Foss Orchard Car Park Maintenance Fund
- iii. Foss Orchard River Bank budget of £1000 to be transferred to Foss Orchard River Bank Fund
- iv. Community Fund budget of £350 to be transferred to the Community Fund
- v. Village Clock Service budget of £210 be transferred to a restricted fund to pay for the clock service contract for 2020 - 2022
- vi. Any budget underspend to be transferred to the General Reserve.

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

c) Grants to external bodies, to be paid at Year End.

- i. **RESOLVED** to make a grant of £200 to Bridport Citizen's Advice Bureau under the power granted by the Local Government Act 1972 section 142.
- ii. **RESOLVED** to make a Village Hall Repair Grant of £700 to the Village Hall Committee under the power granted by the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 section 19, with the proviso that it is only used towards major repairs i.e. is held as a restricted fund.

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

d) Audit Requirements.

As per Audit requirements, **RESOLVED** to reconfirm acceptance of Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and the Risk Register, with no amendments.

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

e) Responsible Financial Officer.

RESOLVED to re-appoint the Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer.

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

f) Foss Orchard Car Park.

Clerk to follow up regarding training from WDDC Parking Services as to how to empty the new machine, change the time, etc. CC

Clerk gave all councillors copies of the "polite" reminder cards saying that parking is not free, as there are several cars persistently parking without paying.

g) Parish Council Website.

The Clerk reported that the website (www.chideockpc.org.uk) went live on 28 February 2018.

2128 Clapps Mead Playing Field.

Actions & Information List Item 24 – BW20 across Clapps Mead. Clerk to chase for a response to the e-mail sent on 16 March 2018 regarding surfacing the Right of Way. CC

Actions & Information List Item 25 – Tyre Traverse. Clerk to contact Nick Mudford to ask if he can help remove this piece of equipment. CC

2129 Dorset Highways and Flood Management.

Actions & Information List Items 26 – 27B were NOTED.

2130 Current Consultations.

a) Department for Transport consultation on Proposals for a Major Road Network.

RESOLVED to retrospectively adopt the response submitted for the 19 March 2018 deadline – the consultation was not identified until after the meeting of 27 February 2018.

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

Councillors thanked Cllr Murray for preparing this response at very short notice.

b) Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government consultation on Draft Revised National Planning Policy Framework – AGREED that this be delegated to Cllr Murray. RM

c) Devolution of WDDC Assets & Services – RESOLVED to accept and submit the draft prepared by Cllr Murray.

Proposed by Cllr Hunt, seconded by Cllr Carey, carried unanimously.

d) Committee on Standards in Public Life - Open consultation on Local Government Ethical Standards. AGREED that this be delegated to Cllr Geraghty as she served on the West Dorset Standards Committee for many years. KG

e) WSP - Community Severance and Safety Study – 3 responses have been received from residents, which the Clerk will send to WSP. AGREED that the Parish Council should make a representation, Cllr Murray to draft. RM

2131 Correspondence.

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

2132 Format of the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Annual Village Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 8 May 2018.

AGREED that the Village Meeting should focus on the creation of a Unitary Authority and devolution of services with emphasis on how this affects residents.

Groups will be asked to provide written reports which will be posted on the Parish Council website with the minutes.

2133 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of Chideock Parish Council.

The next scheduled meeting is at 7 pm on Tuesday 24 April 2018.

The meeting closed at **12.35 pm.**