

CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Chideock on Tuesday 25 October 2016 at 10:00 am.

Present: Cllr Roger Carey (Chair), Cllr Elliot, Cllr Rob Murray, Cllr Geraghty, Cllr Irena Campion and Cllr Peter Hunt (co-opted at the meeting).

In attendance: The Clerk, Cllr Turner and 3 members of the public.

The Parish Council meeting commenced at **10.05 am**.

1874 Apologies.

Cllr David Rogers (Vice Chair) sent his apologies which were accepted.
Dorset County Cllr Turner and PCSO Ash sent their apologies.

1875 Co-option of Councillor and Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

RESOLVED that Mr Peter Hunt be co-opted as a member of Chideock Parish Council.
Proposed by Cllr Murray, seconded by Cllr Elliot, carried unanimously.
Cllr Hunt signed the Acceptance of Office and the Clerk countersigned.
Cllr Hunt gave the completed Register of Defined Pecuniary Interests form to the Clerk.

Grant of Dispensations.

1876 Cllr Hunt had requested, in writing prior to the meeting, a dispensation regarding his Defined Pecuniary Interest in Land or Property in the Parish, which would prevent him 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 had been granted this dispensation at the meeting of 27 October 2015 which is valid until the next Parish Council Elections in May 2019.

1877 Declarations of Defined Pecuniary Interests. All Councillors declared a Defined Pecuniary Interest in Land or Property in the Parish, in connection with Agendas Item 10 f) Budget and Precept for 2016-17, for which dispensations had been granted as noted in the previous item.
Cllr Hunt said he would take no part in Agenda Item 11 d) Budget / Precept 2017 – 2018 in regard to the Cemetery Grass Cutting as he is a member of the Parochial Church Council.

1878 Minutes.

a) RESOLVED to accept and sign, as a true record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 27 September 2016.
Proposed by Cllr Murray, seconded by Cllr Geraghty, carried unanimously.

1879 County and District Councillors' and Police Reports.

PSCO Ash had sent the following report:-

- **4 August:** Theft of baby changing bag from under the passenger seat of a car parked at Langdon Woods. Advise to leave such items on the seat, open, to show that they do not contain valuables.
- **23 August:** Dog bite on a lady at Seatown Beach. Dorset Police dog team are in liaison with Lincolnshire Police dog team (where the dog and owners actually live), with a view to control measures being put in place.
- **3 September:** Theft of mobile phone that had been left on charge by a customer at The Anchor Inn. Victim challenged a male who she suspected was responsible, but male denied any knowledge. Police were not called until later, so unable to search the male, and no further lines of enquiry.
- **6 September:** Theft of beer from Golden Cap caravan park (recovered by staff member who challenged offender), followed by same offender making off from The

Anchor Inn without paying for two pints of cider. Male identified and charged, currently on police bail.

- **8 October:** Suspected arson of a caravan at a site between Chideock and Morcombelake. Victim refusing to engage with police or make a formal complaint (our call had come from DWFRS).
- Also, concerns from the gamekeeper at Chideock Manor of poaching in the North Chideock area. Shots have been heard, vehicles making off at speed when approached, and marbles/lead shot located. Police are increasing late patrols in the area, and ask the public to report any suspicious activity immediately, so that we can challenge those responsible, and deal with any offences present.

AGREED that the information regarding poaching be put in the December Chideock News. Dorset County Cllr Turner reported as follows:-

- Unitary Proposals. The consultation ends today. The 9 councils are starting to look at what Powers can be devolved to Town and Parish Councils. This may require changes to legislation.
- West Dorset Planning. There are still issues with this though some improvements have been made
- West Dorset Land Searches. This function has been passed to the Legal Services but the situation has worsened – the delay has increase from 10 weeks to 14 weeks. There is a “fast search” route but there is no guarantee that it can be taken for a specific search.
- these problems are due to issues in recruiting and retaining staff
- the Tri-Council Partnership is investigating the issues

Standing Orders were suspended for the following item.

1880 Democratic Period.

Mr Everage said that he has had a memorial seat placed by Footpath 40. It is dedicated in memory of his late mother and father. His father was responsible for the creation and dedication of Footpath 40 across his land.

Standing Orders were resumed.

1881 Reports / Updates by the Clerk and Councillors.

Items 1 to 10 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**, with the exception of those detailed below, which were discussed in more detail.

Item 1A – DAPTC AGM. AGREED

- a) The Parish Council supports all the motions from other councils but requests a slight clarification of motion 4 as it is unclear as to whether it includes motor cyclists.
- b) Cllr Geraghty will attend to present the Chideock motions, Cllr Campion hopes to attend and the Clerk will also attend
- c) Cllr Geraghty will ask Char Valley Parish Council and Beaminster Town Council to second the Chideock motions.

Item 2 – Defibrillator. AGREED give permission for a sign to be attached to, or in place of, the faded and defunct “shop parking” sign. If the sign was placed on the pole it would distract attention from the toilet sign. **CC**

Item 3 - No Through Road sign in North Road at Carters Lane. AGREED that the cost of a worded sign should be requested. **CC**

Items 4 and 5 - Resolutions from previous DAPTC AGMs. AGREED to ask DAPTC to ascertain what NALC’s position is on the 2 motions from the 2015 AGM and what the current status of that position is. **CC**

Inappropriate “advertising” signs at the junction of North Road / Main Street A35. AGREED that the Parish Council objects to advertising signs not informational signs. The advertising signs in question have now been removed.

1882 A35 Matters.

Items 11 - 15 and the 2nd part of Item 35A on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED** with the exception of those detailed below, which were discussed in more detail.

Item 13 - A35 Miles Cross Working Group. Cllr Elliot and Cllr Geraghty will attend the next meeting on 13 January 2017. **CC**

Items 14 and 15 - DVSA - mobile HGV testing. AGREED to send DVSA a copy of the letter from John Clark, dated 4 June 2009, in which he states that he and Mr Sauerzap identified a suitable site at Kilmington site on their way back to Exeter from a meeting. **CC**
The Clerk will produce a report to show what progress has been made regarding **CC**

- a Low Emission Zone
- mobile HGV testing by DVSA
- average speed cameras and safety issues

so that further follow-up action can be taken. Cllr Murray and Cllr Elliot will draft as required and the Clerk will circulate to all for comment prior to letters being sent. **RM/LE**

Bullens Lane exit on to A35. This is once again overgrown causing visibility issues. **NOTED** that Highways England representative Emma Bazeley has indicated that she will arrange for it to be cleared but that any future work will have to be carried out by volunteers.

1883 **Planning Matters.**

a) **Applications.**

WD/D/16/002018 5 MEWS COTTAGES Replacement of external front door (Listed Building Consent)

Chideock Parish Council has no objection subject to the Listed Buildings Officer's report.

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

c) **Determinations.**

WD/D/16/001744 LUSHAYS, BRIGHTHAY LANE Erection of timber Summerhouse in the existing rear garden of the Residential Dwelling (Full) **APPROVED**

d) **Appeals.** Appeal against refusal of WD/D/16/000811 ROZELLE, MAIN STREET Single storey extension, loft conversion and external alterations. **APPEAL ALLOWED.**

e) **Ridwood Affordable Housing Development.**

Items 16 - 18 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED.**

f) **Any Other Planning Matters.**

i. **AONB / Lighting & Dark Skies.**

No update.

ii. **Enforcement.**

Items 19 - 23 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED.**

NOTED that commercial operations at Gate Farm have ceased.

iii. **Mill Lane Bridleway 18.**

Items 24 - 26 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED.**

AGREED that the Clerk will ask Sir Oliver Letwin MP to take DCC Rights of Way to task in regard to the delays in initiating the agreed Modification Order. **CC**

iv. **Seatown.**

Items 27 and 28 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED.**

AGREED that the Clerk investigates the cost of a receptacle for used fish hooks / line. **NOTED** that if this is provided it will be necessary to arrange for it to be emptied on a regular basis. A suitable site is needed and Landowner permission will also be required – Clerk to contact Mr Wraxall. **CC**

v. **Seatown Regeneration Feasibility Study Project.**

Items 29 and 30 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED.**

Cllr Geraghty reported that the Department of Communities and Local Government has requested an update from all who received a Coastal Revival Fund grant.

AGREED that the response written by Simon Williams, Project Consultant, and be circulated to all councillors. **CC**

vi. **Changes to Planning Consultation Processes for Parishes.**

No update.

1884 **Finances.**

a) **Payments.**

RESOLVED to make the following payments:-

- i. Clerk's Salary & Expenses for October £250.10
- ii. Chideock Village Hall Hire – October £25.50
- iii. Teresa Martin for Mower Hire for Clapps Mead Play Area x 4 £40.00

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

b) Accounts and Budget Monitoring to 30 September 2016.

The Accounts and the Budget Monitoring Report to 30 June 2015 were **NOTED**.

c) Budget / Precept 2017 - 2018.

Items 33 - 37 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

AGREED to delegate to Cllr Murray and the Clerk the writing of reports with recommendations regarding a) the Cemetery Grass and Hedge Cutting and b) the reduction in services provided by Dorset Highways, for consideration at the next Parish Council meeting.

NOTED that hall hire fees will increase from £25.50 to £26.00 per session.

It was suggested that the Parish Council asks the Village Hall Committee what they need as a grant prior to determining the budget amount.

It was agreed that the following amounts be increased / decreased

- Clerk's Salary £3416.48 from £3382.65
- External Audit £0.00 from £120.00
- Subscriptions £265.00 from £250.00
- Room Hire £442 from £357
- Hire of Mower for Play Area Grass Cutting £280 from £250
- Salt / Grit £0.00 from £135.00.

The budget and precept will be further discussed at the meeting on 29 November.

CC

d) Bank Account.

The Clerk said that she is expecting a call from the TSB to initiate the application over the phone

e) Foss Orchard Car Park.

Items 31 – 32A on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

The Car Park was closed on 10 October for a crane which was being used to remove a dead tree on the other side of the river. The Parish Council was not notified in advance.

AGREED that the Clerk finds out who carried the works and asks for payment for the use of the car park.

CC

1885 Clapps Mead Playing Field.

The Clerk reported that Mrs Lyn Crisp will arrange a meeting of the Playing Field Management Group in early spring.

1886 Flood Management Plan for the Winniford Valley.

Items 38 and 38A on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

1897 Current Consultations.

a) Dorset Unitary Proposals consultation. The response was discussed and **AGREED**.

b) DCLG Consultation on Council Tax Referendum Principles. The response was discussed and the Clerk will circulate the final version before submission.

CC

1888 Motions Received with Notice. None.

1889 Correspondence.

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

1890 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 November 2016.

The meeting closed at **12:35 pm**.