

CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Chideock Village Hall on Tuesday 26 October 2021 at 10 am.

The Parish Council meeting commenced at **10.02 am**.

Present: Cllr Anna Dunn, Cllr George Dunn, Cllr Peter Hunt, Cllr Mick Downes, Cllr Coates and Cllr Peacock.

In attendance: The Clerk, Cllr Simon Christopher, PCSO Bishop and 1 member of the public.

Cllr George Dunn took the Chair in Cllr McAra's absence.

2637 Apologies.

Cllr Vanessa McAra sent her apologies, which were accepted.

2638 Grants of Dispensations.

None.

2639 Declarations of Defined Pecuniary Interests.

None declared.

2640 Minutes.

RESOLVED to accept and sign, as a true record,

a) the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 28 September 2021.

Proposed by Cllr Anna Dunn, seconded by Cllr Peter Hunt, carried unanimously.

b) the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 12 October 2021.

Proposed by Cllr Peacock, seconded by Cllr Anna Dunn, carried unanimously.

2641 Dorset Ward Councillor and Police Reports.

a) Police Report. PCSO Bishop reported as follows:-

"Crime is currently low across the area.

A resident has reported that a small "man" bag has been lost from his motorcycle – if anyone finds it please contact the police."

b) Cllr Christopher, Dorset Ward Councillor, had reported by e-mail; his report is appended to the minutes.

At the meeting he spoke and answered questions from councillors as follows: -

- Ben Hampson, National Highways, wishes to make another visit to Chideock at the end of November to meet councillors. He is in discussion with the Speed Camera Partnership and other bodies. There are also concerns regarding the Morecombelake speed limits.
- The Dorset Council Bus Service Improvement Plan will be published and submitted to central government on Friday 29 October.
- He pledged a donation of £200 towards the costs of Chideock's Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Standing Orders were suspended for the following item.

2642 Democratic Period.

A resident from the northern end of Sea Hill Lane spoke of recent issues regarding flooding in the area near the junction with Ridwood. There appear to be a number of issues contributing to this. Cllr Downes, in his role as a Flood Warden, is aware of the issues. Agreed that the Clerk

- a) contacts the owner of the property on the northern corner of the Ridwood / Sea Hill Lane junction requesting that work is carried out on the perimeter with Sea Hill Lane, including ensuring that the road drains are clear and
- b) subsequently arranges a site meeting with Dorset Council Highways and Flood Management, the Flood Warden and the residents affected by the flood water.

Standing Orders were resumed.

2643 Reports / Updates by the Clerk and Councillors.

Items 2 to 10 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED** with those detailed below discussed in more detail.

Item 4 – DAPTC AGM. AGREED that the Clerk will attend. **CC**

Item 5 – DAPTC AGM Motions. AGREED to support motions 1 & 3, and oppose motion 2. **GD**

Item 10 –Seatown toilets. Cllr George Dunn said he will check if Dorset Council has dealt with this.

2644 A35 Matters.

Items 11 to 18 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED** with those detailed below discussed in more detail.

Item 11 – 30 mph Speed Limit Reduction Trial report. AGREED that a detailed response be made – Cllr George Dunn offered to edit Cllr Peacock’s analysis to produce this. In addition, the Clerk will ask National Highways for an update on obtaining the Traffic Regulation Order to make the speed limit change permanent. **GD**
CC

Item 15 - Foundry Lea (Verse Farm) development. Clerk to follow up as no update has been received.. **CC**

Item 16 - Government Grant to Tackle Air Pollution. Clerk to respond to the e-mail from Cllr Jill Haynes, copy to Cllr Laura Miller who is the newly appointed Portfolio Holder for Customer and Community Services, to ensure that she is aware of this matter and of Chideock’s concerns regarding Air Pollution and Public Health. **CC**

Cllr Downes reported that the hedge on the south side of the eastbound A35 has been flailed. Though this was carried out from within the field, debris has fallen on the road – this will wash down and block road drains. Clerk to report to Connect. **CC**

Cllr Downes reported that grass is growing on the footways and in road drain grids, and commented that gully “suckers” no not adequately clear blocked drains. The Clerk will report this to Connect. **CC**

2645 Motions Received with Notice.

a) **RESOLVED** to adopt the 2021 revised Code of Conduct.

Proposed by Cllr Anna Dunn, seconded by Cllr George Dunn, carried by 5 votes, with 1 abstention.

b) **RESOLVED** to make a grant of £125 from the Community Fund to the Friends of Clapp’s Mead Children’s Christmas Party to cover the cost of the entertainer.

Proposed by Cllr George Dunn, seconded by Cllr Hunt, carried unanimously. Cllr Anna Dunn took not part in the vote, as she is a member of the Friends of Clapp’s Mead.

c) **RESOLVED** to host a Queen’s Platinum Jubilee event on 4 and 5 June 2022, to be organised by the Friends of Clapp’s Mead and held Clapp’s Mead Playing Field.

Proposed by Cllr George Dunn, seconded by Cllr Anna Dunn, carried unanimously.

RESOLVED to pay any invoices (which must be made out to Chideock Parish Council) for the Queens Platinum Jubilee Party from the Community Fund with

the net costs reimbursed via a donation from the Friends of Clapp's Mead. Cllr Anna Dunn took no part in the vote, as she is a member of the Friends of Clapp's Mead. **CC**

Proposed by Cllr Hunt, seconded by Cllr Peacock, carried unanimously.
The Clerk will ask DAPTC to clarify whether Cllr Anna Dunn has a pecuniary interest in relation to grants from the Parish Council to the Friends of Clapp's Mead.

2646 Planning Matters.

a) Applications.

P/HOU/2021/03710 Seahill House Pettycrate Lane To Sea Hill Lane - Erection of garden studio

Chideock Parish Council has no objection to this application but trusts that the owners will maintain the trees and hedging to ensure that the studio, which is in a prominent position within the Heritage Coast, the AONB and adjacent to the World Heritage Jurassic Coast, is well screened.

b) Determinations.

ADJOINING PARISH WD/D/21/000082 3 Carters Lane Morcombelake - Erection of Porch and single storey extension. **GRANTED**

WD/D/20/002125 1 Seahill Cottages, Sea Hill Lane, Seatown - Stationing of a shepherd hut to provide holiday accommodation and/residential annexe. **GRANTED.**

WD/D/20/002035 10 RIDWOOD - Installation of new window. **GRANTED.**

P/HOU/2021/00805 Stoke Cottage North Road - Erection of garage. **REFUSED**

c) Appeals. None.

d) Other Planning Matters. None.

2647 Finances.

a) Payments.

RESOLVED to make the following payments: -

i.	Clerk's Salary and Expenses for October	£257.70
ii.	Reimbursement to Clerk from the Community Fund for Litter Bins and Remembrance Wreath	£257.38
iii.	Village Hall Hire – 12 and 28 October	£28.00
iv.	DAPTC Planning Training (1 of 3) – Cllr Peacock	£39.99
v.	Taddle Farm Tents – deposit from the Community Fund for marquee for Queen's Jubilee June 2022	£462.73
vi.	Friends of Clapp's Mead – reimbursement of VAT amount for above	£77.12

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

b) Accounts and Budget Monitoring to 30 September 2021. **NOTED.**

c) First Draft of Budget for 2022 – 2023.

AGREED to fund the Bridport Local Area Partnership by way of a grant of £68.91 for the year 2022 – 2023.

AGREED to increase the General External Grant amount to £1,000.

AGREED to stop making an annual maintenance grant to the Village Hall, which has obtained many other grants and has almost completed all work required.

AGREED to consider making a grant to the Friends of St. Giles, provided that it will potentially benefit all electors. **CC**

The Clerk will contact PNW Services re bus shelter cleaning, which has not been carried out for approximately 18 months. If PNW Services are no longer willing / able to do it quotes will be sought for this work.

d) Foss Orchard Car Park.

Items 21A, 21B and 21C on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**

2648 Clapps Mead Playing Field.

The Clerk is arranging a site meeting with the Bridport Town Surveyor for a quote to have the vegetation on the brook banks cleared by the Lenghtsman. Once this has been done an assessment can be made of any work required to the brook bed.

Cllr Anna Dunn said that the Burma Bridge hut floor surface has been cleaned using decking cleaner, which should resolve the issue of it being slippery.

Cllr George Dunn will fill the dips in the ground surface under the seesaw with soil.

2649 Dorset Rights of Way, Dorset Highways and Flood Management.

Items 24 - 32 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

Flooding in Sea Hill Lane had been discussed during the Democratic Period.

Cllr Downes reported on flooding on the A35 at the eastern end of the village.

CC

2650 Current Consultations.

Item 33- National Highways future road investment. By 30/11. **AGREED** that no response will be made to this extremely high-level survey.

Item 57 - Rights of Way Improvement Plan - Dorset Council. The Clerk has **CC** received feedback from 2 councillors, which she will submit..

2651 Correspondence.

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

2652 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of Chideock Parish Council.

The next scheduled meeting is at 10 am on Tuesday 30 November 2021.

The meeting closed at **12.04 pm**.

Cllr Christopher's E-mailed Report.

In the period since the last formal meeting many things have occurred nationally and locally that we need to reflect on including the tragic killing of Sir David Amess MP and the death of James Brokenshire MP. and indeed comments made in the last few days by Lord Field of Birkenhead who was MP for Birkenhead for just over 40 years

I will speak about the 2 Members of Parliament and indeed Lord Field on Tuesday.

1 COVID

With respect to COVID I thought it would be helpful to update you all on Dorset's current position with COVID and the arrangements that are in place to manage it.

The current situation

The number of COVID cases has risen sharply over the past week in Dorset and across the Southwest. Highest infection rates are seen in school age children, with transmission then moving to parents and older people.

The current case rate for Dorset Council is 522 per 100,000 of the population, and in Bournemouth, Christchurch, and Poole it is 420. The rate for England is 447.9 per 100,000 and for the Southwest it's 580.7. There are now 57 people in local hospitals with COVID. There is significant pressure on local hospitals and across the local health and care system.

What is being done about it?

The national programme led by Government is focused on the roll out of booster vaccinations for those in the older and more vulnerable categories, and first vaccinations for children aged 12-15.

Locally Dorset Council are encouraging people to keep windows open for ventilation, to meet outdoors where possible, and to do twice weekly lateral flow tests .

Whilst the highest case rates are amongst school-aged children, cases are increasing across all age groups. Directors of Public Health in the South West have written to schools to provide guidance around some additional measures to prevent the spread of the virus in schools. This includes reducing large gatherings and mixing between year groups as well as encouraging the use of face coverings when moving around in indoor spaces.

Sam Crowe, Director of Public Health for Dorset Council and Bournemouth, Christchurch, and Poole Council, said:

"During the spring and early summer period we managed to get cases right down, but unfortunately that's not where we are right now. We do need to learn to live with COVID-19, but such high transmission rates do bring increased risks, despite the success of the vaccination programme. The vaccine gives you good protection against serious illness, but it doesn't stop you from catching or spreading the virus. It is not a magic protective cloak, and that's why we need to keep up some other measures to stop the spread of COVID-19.

"We have already seen hospital admissions start to rise, and we cannot run the risk of putting additional pressure on our health and care system this winter as we just don't have the room for manoeuvre. That's why we're asking Dorset residents to do three things now:

KNOW that your level of personal risk is changing – as cases rise, you have a greater chance of mixing with someone who is infectious

ACT by taking measures to prevent airborne spread – meet outdoors wherever you can but if you do meet indoors keep windows and doors open and bring extra layers if you need to

PROTECT yourself and others – do twice weekly lateral flow tests to catch the virus early, and if you're not yet vaccinated, now is the time to get your jabs.

"If we all work together now, as we have done throughout the pandemic, we can take action to bring cases back down and hopefully prevent the need for any further restrictions in the coming weeks and months."

2 COUNCIL FINANCES

Both the Budget and the Spending Review take place on Wednesday 27 October 2021.

The Local Government Association has been pushing for the powers and resources that councils need to enable their communities to flourish.

That above praise highlighted by LGA chairman James Jamieson would be echoed by many who seek to improve safe cycling between Chideock and Bridport. I continue to keep up the pressure on Dorset Council portfolio holder Councillor Ray Bryan and liaise with interested parties in and around Chideock.

3 POLLUTION.

Since the last meeting of Chideock Parish Council I have received an e mail from Graham Duggan Head of Community and Public Protection at Dorset Council.

The text was as follows

I have discussed this with the service manager and air quality officer. Their view is that a meeting is best to take place mid-January 2022 when the results of the consultation on the Council's Draft Air Quality Action Plan will be available.

I appreciate that this is some weeks away but it is felt that this will enable the meeting to be most productive.

Let me know if this is acceptable and I will send a couple of date options

I look forward to discussing the response from Mr Graham Duggan with members of Chideock Parish Council.

4 PLATINUM JUBILEE

I have also received a response from Matt Prosser ,Chief Executive of Dorset Council in response to my question in respect of the 2022 Jubilee celebrations for HM Queen Elizabeth 2, our sovereign and defender of the faith.

The response was as follows:

Dear Cllr Christopher

There are a number of officers across Dorset Council working to support and prepare for Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee, from links with our Lord Lieutenant who is arranging formal services in conjunction with Dorset Council, to mark the occasion through to supporting the national Queen's Canopy project to plant trees across the UK.

We are also linking with DAPTC to provide practical support to those towns and parishes wanting to host local events and needing to apply for street closures or additional waste and recycling services.

I have asked the various teams for an update which I will collate in due course and circulate to members. I am also in contact with the Lord Lieutenant to understand any further requests coming from Her Majesty's team.

5 CABINET RESHUFFLE

Again , I look forward to receiving your thoughts.

While Councillor Ray Bryan continues in post as portfolio holder for Highways there has been a number of changes amongst other portfolio holders.

Cllr Spencer Flower, Leader of Dorset Council, has made the changes outlined below to his Cabinet as a mid-year reshuffle. All changes were in effect from Monday 18 October.

Cabinet:

- Cllr Peter Wharf will move from Portfolio Holder for Corporate Development and Change to Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health. (Cllr Wharf will continue in his role as Deputy Leader)
- Cllr Jill Haynes will move from Portfolio Holder for Customer and Community Services to Portfolio Holder for Corporate Development and Change
- Cllr Laura Miller will move from Adult Social Care and Health to Portfolio Holder for Customer and Community Services

6 ADULT SOCIAL CARE

You have heard many times that Adult Social Care is by far the largest item in terms of expenditure within the Dorset Council Budget.

As we approach the Winter I thought I would pass on some comments re care and the demand for carers. The number of requests for help with finding home care are growing daily at #HelpAndKindness.

The #HelpAndKindness project “joins the dots” between residents’ needs, and providers of support across Dorset. Requests are received from residents, public sector partners and from the commercial sector. They are increasingly asking for local support for people at home.

In addition to sharing details of local care agencies, #HelpAndKindness is also signposting to independent, self-employed providers who work in the community. These Micro-Providers of care and wellbeing services are a growing resource in Dorset. They can provide all kinds of support, excluding personal care and complement the vital, professional care services offered by larger agencies.

Dorset Council, Community Catalysts and #HelpAndKindness have been working on a pathway to support people to set up these Micro care businesses. This includes offering advice, training, and support in promoting their work. Micros work within a voluntary quality framework called “Doing It Right” and are supported to provide high quality services. It’s really important that people are supported to live as independently as possible in their own homes and this work helps this to happen.

The past month has seen over thirty new enquiries to set up Micro Care businesses.

Further work is under way at #HelpAndKindness, who are working with local providers, the local authority, NHS and other partners, to look at these issues, and find creative and agile ways to strengthen Dorset’s capacity to care for people at home.

The care crisis is upon us, and we believe it’s through this kind of collective action that we can find a way to tackle the challenges, and continue to meet the needs of people across Dorset.

For more information on Community Care micro-providers visit www.helpandkindness.co.uk/the-micro-providers-network

or for other information regarding adult social care visit www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/adult-social-care.

7 SOUTH WALKS HOUSE

Dorset Council has entered into a short-term lease of South Walks House, the former main offices of the old West Dorset District Council at the time of LGR (Local Government Reorganisation) to Dorset County Hospital for use by their musculoskeletal unit, to reduce waiting lists.

This lease is for 6 months only from the start of November, and Dorset Council are pleased to be able to support our NHS partner in this way.

However, this arrangement does not affect our long-term planning for South Walks House. A paper will be brought to the December Cabinet meeting with options and proposals for the long-term use of the building, as planned.

8 OTHER POINTS

The Dorset Local Access Forum are looking for people who want to improve Dorset’s paths and open spaces for local people and visitors.

The Dorset Local Access Forum (DLAF) considers all the issues relating to the county’s Public Rights of Way and public green spaces. They find solutions to matters such as the coast path being lost to erosion, the need for safe vehicle-free routes for walking, cycling and horse-riding, the maintenance and improvement work that is sensitive to the paths character & landscape and how to help people to walk and ride and not use vehicles for local trips.

The forum is looking for people to be part of this team. Anyone can apply to join the DLAF – all you need is commitment, enthusiasm, and experience of using; helping provide or of the wider issues that could be benefited by improved countryside access. That could be:

- Someone who enjoys walking, horse-riding, cycling, responsible vehicular driving or other outdoor activities, or who uses the county’s rights of way to travel sustainably around their local area
- An owner, occupier and/or manager of land – especially with free access or Public Rights of Way
- Someone involved with matters such as health, environment, planning, tourism, the economy where improved paths and green space could bring additional public benefits.

The forum is an independent, statutory body providing advice to various organisations, including councils, AONBs, English Heritage, the Forestry Commission, Defra, and Natural England, as well as any members of the public who request it.

Councillor Noc Lacey-Clarke, Cabinet Lead Member for Environment, Travel and Harbours at Dorset Council, said

“The Dorset Local Access Forum is an opportunity to bring together a diverse mix of people of all ages and expertise to provide fresh, creative and challenging ideas and advice on how to improve and develop paths and countryside access sites in Dorset. Its members shape the Forum and its work.

“This last year has highlighted the very important role that Dorset’s public rights of way and greenspace plays in people’s lives, health and to get outside into the fresh air. At times this has also presented new challenges and opportunities to learn. The forum exists to help make Dorset more accessible and enjoyable for everyone, both now and in the future.”

Apply to join the DLAF The deadline to apply is 7 November 2021

For more information on the role and work of the DLAF contact Tara Hansford, Strategic Outdoor Access Development Coordinator tara.hansford@dorsetcouncil.co.uk Tel: 01305 221779

I have received many e mails from residents ranging from issues as diverse as discharge of sewerage into the sea and the Environment Bill to concerns re buses

I met on Friday 22 October with a main board director of a significant housing association re concerns about established housing stock. I have also met with some local volunteers assisting financially challenged residents with food

I have challenged Dorset Councillors Ray Bryan and Noc Lacey Clarke on transport matters

I would point out that amongst the changes to lead members who support portfolio holders Dorset Councillor Simon Gibson has replaced Dorset Councillor Cherry Brooks as the lead member responsible for highways surfaces

This has been a non-standard but I feel necessary interim report

I look forward to meeting with you on Tuesday

Best regards

Simon

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