

CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Chideock on Tuesday 24 February 2015 at 10:30 am.

Present: Cllrs Elizabeth Grant (Chair), Roger Carey, Kate Geraghty and Rob Murray.

In attendance: The Clerk, Sgt Butler, PCSO Ash and 2 members of the public.

The Parish Council meeting commenced at **10:37 am**.

1582 Apologies.

Cllr Turner, DCC, and Cllr Summers, WDDC, sent their apologies.

1583 Grant of Dispensations.

None.

1584 Declarations of Defined Pecuniary Interests.

None.

1585 Minutes.

- a) **RESOLVED** to accept and sign, as a true record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 27 January 2015, after the following amendment
- 1570 c) last sentence moved to end of 1570 d).
- Proposed by Cllr Carey, seconded by Cllr Murray, carried unanimously.

1586 County and District Councillors' and Police Reports.

The Police reported as follows:

- There had been a dog / sheep attack at Seatown. The dog owner made contact with the farmer
- A bay tree has been stolen from a house on Main Street
- There has been a complaint regarding shooting. This appears to have been with permission so no action is possible.

Cllr Geraghty asked who the Police Wildlife Liaison Officer is. Sgt Butler said they would find out and send the details to the Clerk.

Cllr Turner sent the following report:

a) WDDC

- Service review of TICs moving ahead with a large amount of the Budget being reduced.
- Tri Partnership with NDDC - Review of front line services – Nov 2014 to Nov 2017. The combining of services will take place over a period of time and in accordance with a detailed plan yet to be agreed. This will take place in a manner designed to give effect to the principles set out in this business case and a set of shared values to be developed by Members. 17 page business case if required.

Budget Gap (£000s)	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	9/20
	£900	£500	£700	£600	£650

£3,350,000 savings to be made by 2019/20.

Total £49.9M Income

- Local Plan Update - Inspector requires significant increase in housing numbers, with changes & consultation required the provisional date of adoption is now September 2015.

b) DCC

- Highways DCC require £14.7 M to maintain the current road conditions & we are currently £841K short.
- Dorset Waste Partnership – Overspend in current year • Now expected to increase to £2.5. The budget issues fall into two distinct groups: the economic climate and market for waste disposal which has been an issue throughout the year; but the most significant is the cost of hiring vehicles when the budget had been allocated for buying vehicles.

- Economic Growth Board – All 9 Councils signed up. With £750K from the Transformation Challenge Fund to help the formation.
- Budget
 - DCC needs to save £3.2m more by 2020
 - Net Budget Requirement for 2015-16 of £267.1 million
 - But Good news is we still spend £700M!
 - This loss of grants, together with pay, cost and demographic pressures equate to almost £20m for 2015-16. Even a modest increase in council tax and growth in the tax base which provides around £5m of extra funding, leaves us a further £15m of savings to deliver in 2015-16. This is on top of over £60 million already saved in the previous four years.

c) On a Lighter Note

- I have pleasure in informing you I have been made the Chairman of the Environment Overview Committee at DCC
- This covers a large remit such as: Economic development, Coast management, Reservoirs, School crossing patrols, Countryside recreation, Tourism, Land flood management, Agriculture, County farms, Gypsy sites, Building & environment conservation, Archaeology, Climate change, Public health issues.

Standing Orders were suspended for the following item.

1587 Democratic Period.

A member of the public asked why the Parish Council is interested in traffic figures for the A35. Cllr Murray explained about Air Quality and traffic and the connection between the two in the context of EU regulation regarding Air Quality.

Standing Orders were resumed.

1588 Reports / Updates by the Clerk and Councillors.

Items 0 to 17 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**, with the exception of those detailed below, which were discussed in more detail.

- a) **Items 0 - A35 HGVs HGV Counts. AGREED** that the Clerk asks HA / WDDC to request the Hauliers associations to re publish the articles regarding not using the A35 for long distance traffic and to ask for feedback from hauliers, as it is a year since they were first published. It was further **NOTED** that the roadwork between Axminster and Bridport which are taking place in April / May 2015 will entail 24 / 7 notice of diversion via the A303 even though the road will only be closed between 20:00 and 06:00, which may promote future use of the alternative route for long distance traffic. **CC**
- b) **Item 3 – A35 Resurfacing. NOTED** that patching not full resurfacing will be carried out in Chideock as Wessex Water have further water main replacement work this year / next year. The road will be resurfaced after that has been completed. The Clerk will place details of closures etc in the April Chideock News. **CC**
- c) **Item 8 – DAPTC Circular. AGREED** to ask Dorset Community Action is they are affected by the government proposal to cut funding to Rural Community Councils. **CC**
- d) **Item 9A – New Waste Service. NOTED** that the maps provided by the Dorset Waste Partnership are incomplete – the Clerk to ask for maps providing full coverage. **CC**
- e) **Item 12 – 12C – Considered under Agenda Item 8 f) iv) Mill Lane**
- f) **Item 13 – Rights of Way – land known as St Judes. AGREED** that Adam Butcher, RoW, should be asked if this can be cleared with a view to continued maintenance by the Chideock Society BUT that before any work is undertaken the Clerk should check with the owner of the adjacent property to ensure that it is not within that curtilage. **CC**
- g) **Item 17 - "Walkers are welcome" scheme. AGREED** that this needs further investigation. It would possibly be more appropriate for the Ramblers Association to put information forward for inclusion on the appropriate website. **CC**

1589 Planning Matters.

a) Applications.

WD/D/15/000086 SCOMBER STEPS, RIDWOOD Extensions and alterations. New boundary wall. (Full)

Chideock Parish Council has no objection but asks that

- a) any exterior lighting be low wattage down-lighting, preferably on sensors, to avoid light pollution*
- b) rainwater harvesting measures are included in the development*

WD/D/15/000218 LAND AT ENTRANCE TO LANGDON HILL CAR PARK, LANGDON LANE
Erect two signs, one at the entrance to the site, and one in the grounds. (Advertisement)

CC

Chideock Parish Council has no objection.

AGREED to ask DCC what plans they have for resurfacing the paved portion of Langdon Lane leading from Muddyford Lane to the National Trust Langdon Woods car park.

b) To consider any applications received after the agenda was circulated.

None.

c) Determinations.

WD/D/14/003082 5 BROADMEAD, MAIN STREET Porch to front elevation, render and paint whole house (Full) **APPROVED.**

d) Ridwood Affordable Housing Development.

Items 18 – 19D on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED.**

e) Any Other Planning Matters.

i. **AONB / Lighting & Dark Skies.** **NOTED** that, in relation to the letter to the AONB agreed at the previous meeting, it is proving very difficult to determine the members of the Dorset AONB Partnership Board, Steering Committee and Management Committee. Agreed to ask Cllr Turner for help on this, copy to Cllr Janet Page (Beaminster Town Council), who is the DAPTC AONB representative. **CC**

ii. **Enforcement.** Items 20 - 21 on the Actions and Information List were **NOTED. AGREED** to ask the WDDC Planning Enforcement Officer for progress on the Enforcement Order issued against the land at Muddyford Lane. **CC**

iii. **Golden Cap Caravan Park.** No update.

iv. **Mill Lane Bridleway 18.** Items 12 – 12C on the Actions and Information List were **NOTED. AGREED** to write to Oliver Letwin MP expressing deep concern about the modification of the Definitive Map when matters regarding Mill Lane BW18 remain unresolved. **CC**

v. **Seatown.** Items 22 - 27 on the Actions and Information List were **NOTED.**

vi. **Other.** Items 28 – 28A on the Actions and Information List were **NOTED. AGREED** that the original Unilateral Undertaking for Land at the rear of Lilac Cottage, Ruins Lane, Chideock (1/D/13/001681) be re circulated. **CC**

1590 Finances.

Items 29 – 32B on the Actions and Information List were **NOTED.**

a) Payments.

RESOLVED to make the following payments:-

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| i. | Clerk's Salary & Expenses for February | £292.11 |
| | NOTED that the Non-consolidated payment was not added in to salary last month even though it was on the form. It has therefore been properly included this month | |
| ii. | Chideock Village Hall Hire – February | £25.00 |
| iii. | C N Richards - Foss Orchard grass cutting 2014 | £43.20 |

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

b) Foss Orchard Car Park.

Items 32D - 38 on the Actions and Information List were **NOTED.**

NOTED that the new rose bush has been planted.

AGREED that the new "Shop Parking" signs need to be installed as soon as possible, given that Mr Moles has taken action over the erroneous sign on the car park wall **EG, RM**

AGREED that the Clerk will print and laminate deterrent signs re urination in FOCP and pass them to Cllr Grant. **CC**

c) Budget Monitoring Prediction to 31 March 2015.

NOTED. AGREED to recommend to the March Parish Council meeting that:

CC

- Unspent Training budget of £55 be carried forward as a restricted reserve
- Unspent Hall Hire budget of £12.50 to be carried forward as a restricted reserve
- Playing Field Depreciation budget of £400 to be transferred to the Earmarked Fund
- Foss Orchard Car Park Resurfacing budget of £500 to be transferred to Foss Orchard Car Park Maintenance Fund
- Foss Orchard River Bank budget of £1000 to be transferred to Foss Orchard River Bank Fund
- Community Fund budget of £250 to be transferred to the Community Fund
- Village Clock Service budget of £210 be transferred to a restricted fund to pay for the clock service contract for 2017 - 2019
- Salt / Grit budget of £100 to be carried forward as a restricted reserve
- Village Hall Repair Grant budget of £300 be paid to the Village Hall Committee with the proviso that it is only used towards major repairs i.e. is held as a restricted fund
- Any budget underspend be transferred to the Community Fund.
- £300 be transferred from the General Reserve to the Community Fund.

d) Grants to external bodies from 2014/15 Budget.

AGREED to recommend to the March Parish Council meeting that £100 be granted to the Bridport Citizen's Advice Bureau. **AGREED** that the Clerk ask Bridport CAB how many Chideock residents have been helped in the past 12 months. **CC**

1591 Clapps Mead Playing Field.

Item 40 on the Actions and Information List was **NOTED**.

- a) Swing Repairs.** Cllr Grant said that the new seat, chains and shackles are awaiting installation – it is hoped that they will be installed in March.

1592 Flood Management Plan for the Winniford Valley.

Items 41 – 43A on the Actions and Information List were **NOTED**.

Cllr Carey reported that Dave Maunder (Dorset Highways) has said that:-

- a)** The outstanding jetting of Seahill Lane gullies has not been carried out due to a breakdown of the vehicle.
- b)** The spring at the western side of the repaired culvert will be looked at – this should have been done as part of the culvert repairs
- c)** The issue with the “step” in the tarmac surface after the culvert repairs needs to be looked at by the Major Works Division – he will report the issue to them
- d)** The pot holes in Seahill Lane will be filled

AGREED that Cllr Carey puts this verbal information into an e-mail to Dave Maunder and Dawn Atkin. **RC**

AGREED that the Parish Council responds to Ian Rees, AONB, in regards to water quality of both the River Winniford and the lagoon which forms at Seatown. **CC**

AGREED to ask the Environment Agency for available data regarding the River Winniford water quality. **CC**

1593 Current Consultations.

- a) DCC Consultation on The Care Act.** **NOTED** that this appears to be designed for individual comment.

1594 Motions Received with Notice. None.

1595 Parish Council Elections May 2015 - how to encourage residents to stand for election as councillors.

AGREED that the Clerk print 50 more fliers. **CC**

AGREED that the information supplied by DAPTC be displayed on the Parish Council notice board and copies placed in the George and the Clock House, together with a notice advertising the open meeting for prospective Town and Parish Councillors, organised by DAPTC at Mountfield between 7pm and 8pm on Wednesday 18th March 2015. **CC**

1596 Correspondence.

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

1597 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of Chideock Parish Council.

The next scheduled meeting of Chideock Parish Council will be on Tuesday 31 March 2015 at 10:00 am.

The meeting closed at **1:15 pm**.