

CHAR VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

THREE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY SIXTH MEETING OF THE CHAR VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2014 IN THE WOOTTON FITZPAINE VILLAGE HALL.

3095: Present: Cllrs K Mansbridge (Chairman), D Snook (Vice Chairman), S Johnson, C Everidge, C Peck, S Creed-Castle, I Gollop, H Joyce, C Mahaddie, C Bailey, D Turner (DCC) and M Robinson (WDDC).

3096: Apologies: Received from Cllr C Sage.

3097: Meeting Suspended for Public Discussion: None

3098: Declarations of Interest/ Consider Grant of Dispensations: Cllr Everidge declared an interest in minute 3105 ii) and took no part in the discussion or vote

3099: Resolution to approve the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held 13th January 2014: Draft minutes had been circulated and were approved.

3100: Actions Following Last Meeting: The clerk had circulated a list of actions and outcomes. With regard to the web site he was asked to discuss future arrangements with Mrs Hyde-Johnson, currently on maternity leave. He will report back to the next meeting. Cllr Joyce raised the question of the parish council's grant to the Whitchurch Canonorum burial ground – she feels that £280 annually is insufficient given that its annual running costs last year were £1141. She asked that this be an agenda item for the next meeting. The question had been asked why the parish council pays £25 for the lease on the Whitchurch playground – Cllr Peck confirmed the playground actually belongs to the village hall, hence the lease. The parish council owns the play equipment.

3101: Dorset Rangers: Demelza Hyde, Senior Coastal Ranger, and Adam Butcher, Countryside Ranger, were welcomed to the meeting and made an informative presentation on footpath issues. Key points emerging are:

- rangers and the rights of way teams have merged, DH and AB are part of the Coastal team so only have responsibility for Stanton St Gabriel. Colleagues (Jill Exton) deal with the other parishes.
- they can provide guidance on land management and conservation issues as well as hedging, fencing etc
- they want to understand which footpaths are important locally (and potentially to tourists too); this will enable them to use their limited budgets most effectively.
- they are working with landowners to improve signage, stiles, bridges etc to ensure easy access to paths
- they are working with Natural England to create a complete English coastal path that deviates as little as possible from the coast – where the path is lost as cliffs crumble the replacement path will still be by the coast whether the landowner wants it or not
- in terms of prioritising work, the key factors are health and safety, responsibility (landowner or DCC) , popularity of the route and number of complaints received.
- Cllr Peck thanked whoever (DCC, National Trust?) has been working on footpath routes on Golden Cap recently, a number of new routes had been revealed.
- a map was given to the clerk – they would like the map to be marked with important routes, problem areas etc and then return it to them

The Chairman thanked them for their attendance.

Mr A Kirby of Highways had been due to attend to talk about the A35 and Connect but apparently he is ill.

3102: Reports: Police: None **ROW:** None **Highways:** Nothing to report **BLAP:** Nothing to report **DAPTC:** Cllr Snook had attended a Western Area meeting. WDDC needs to save over £4m from its budget up to 2016, all areas of expenditure are under scrutiny; she is attending its February conference where the theme is "Vibrant Communities" **Village Halls: Whitchurch Canonorum Village Hall:** Cllr Peck reported that the farmhouse breakfast on January 26th had raised nearly £1,400; a curry night is planned for 22nd February in aid of Help For Heroes and two related charities; and the Small World theatre company were performing on 1st March. **Wootton Fitzpaine Village Hall:** Cllr Snook reported on a forthcoming Artsreach sponsored evening of gypsy music on 13th March and a Quiz on the 8th March; the toddler group has disbanded; new black curtains are being installed at the back of the stage **James Hargreaves Community Hall:** Cllr Mahaddie said there was a quiz night planned; the monthly over 70's lunch club could do with additional attendees; she commented on the poor state of the roads and the recent flooding – this led to a discussion about the community resilience plan produced a few years ago. The clerk was asked to see if he could locate this and Cllr Turner offered to see if DCC/WDDC had a copy. **Parish Councillor Reports: Cllr Gollop** Nothing to report. **Cllr Creed-Castle** Reported worsening potholes at Cottsgate and others at Home Farm and Paddocks Cross; she reported that BLAP has asked for articles for its next magazine, she will provide some pictures and Cllr Johnson agreed to write an article on the hall extension at Whitchurch **Cllr**

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Mahaddie Nothing to report **Cllr Bailey** Nothing to report **Cllr Johnson** Noted potholes at Bell Air, near the Dolphin Caravans site – DCC is aware **Cllr Snook** She had reported three potholes to the clerk, these have been logged with DCC; she had undertaken the safety inspection at the Wootton play area – all seemed fine **Cllr Peck** Reported on good work by the Lengthsman on clearing drains. The only problem was in Lower Street between Dydholm and Tamaris where an informal grass verge seems to encroach onto the highway leaving the drain marooned and ineffective. DCC will be asked to investigate **Cllr Mansbridge** Nothing to report **Cllr Joyce** Nothing to report except she personally had been less affected by flooding this year than in the past **Cllr Gollop** Nothing to report **Cllr Everidge** reported on a meeting she had attended with Charles Somers on superfast broadband. Roll out is very fluid and in some places it is impossible to predict with any certainty what level of service will ultimately be delivered – very frustrating. A tree had fallen in Muddyford Lane but had been cleared. The Post Office in Upper Marshwood Vale was operating a “click and collect” service for parcel deliveries to reduce the need for HGV’s to manoeuvre through the narrow lanes

3103: District / County Reports Cllr Robinson He referred to the recent flurry of e mails between WDDC/Hastoe/Mr Dyson. He felt that nothing substantive had been raised and that matters were best left until Mr Friend of Hastoe attends the parish council meeting in March; the Scrutiny Cttee is due to report on town and parish council involvement in planning; interviews are due shortly for a new WDC chief executive; a review of Section 106 arrangements was being finalised; the £4.5m funding shortfall already mentioned by Cllr Snook is a real challenge – WDDC is looking at revenue generation as well as cost cutting to bridge the funding gap **Cllr Turner** DCC is also looking at its assets and seeing if these can be used more effectively with some potential sell-offs, it owns 19 buildings in Bridport alone; hardstanding at Fishponds church will be in place soon; funding for the 47 bus from Bridport to Yeovil College has been secured for this academic year; council tax will rise by 2%, or 45p for a band D property; DCC has received back 94.5% (£28m) of its previously lost Icelandic bank deposits, and the remainder may be recovered as well; a new community minibus for hire brochure is being circulated . **Tree Officer:** Nothing to report **Ancient Monuments Officer / Events Photographer:** Cllr Creed-Castle is working on a project researching the names of those on the war memorial – it was agreed that the parish council would contribute up to £100 towards the costs of boards and photocopying.

3104: Planning Applicants presentation: None

3105: Planning Applications: To Consider: i) 1/D/13/001724 – Fernhill Hotel, Charmouth, DT6 6BX (adjoining parish consultation) – this had been handled by Cllrs Snook and Creed-Castle in advance and it was agreed there were no objections. Cllr Everidge thought Charmouth Town council had some issues with car parking spaces, but the application made no reference to any change in the number of spaces. The clerk will advise the clerk at Charmouth. ii) WD/D/14/000140 – Heathlands, Morcombelake, DT6 6EP – it was agreed not to object provided there is a legal agreement preventing sale of the annexe as a separate property and all drainage from the scheme is contained within the property of the applicant.

To note: None. **Planning Approvals (to note):** None **Planning Related Correspondence:** Cllr Everidge had noticed a possible application underway for The View in Muddyford Lane. The clerk had not received any papers or application and will investigate. Cllr Snook had noticed that the web site had not been updated with planning information since the summer of 2013 – the clerk will investigate and rectify. Cllrs Peck and Everidge had attended a meeting about Neighbourhood Plans – this will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

3106: Update Affordable Housing: Pete Friend from Hastoe is attending the next parish council meeting on 10th March. In the meantime it is sufficient to say that the original drainage scheme will not now be installed and a revised scheme involving septic tanks will be utilised. The parish council has been approached over potential names for the new developments – Cllr Johnson will take soundings from George Rendall as to any family preferences.

3107: Fingerposts: It was agreed that a working plan needed to be prepared to identify all the posts, assess their individual condition, advise DCC of proposed repairs (and hopefully be in receipt from them of appropriate materials) and then organise a proper programme of repairs, possible through the lengthsman.

3108: Char Chat: Cllr Peck is trying to organise a meeting to prepare a future edition and potentially keep the publication going forward into the future as it is felt to be a valuable communication tool.

3109: Lengthsman scheme: The clerk had received a brief summary from the clerk at Upper Marshwood Vale about how it manages the Lengthsman. It was agreed the Lengthsman representatives will meet with Mr Lee to discuss a schedule of work and a single point of contact for instructions (Cllr Mansbridge)

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3110: Finance (i) Clerks report: Nothing to report **(ii) Payment approvals:** The following payments were approved - M Wilson Clerks Salary, Expenses February 2014 - £417.05; Wootton Fitzpaine Village Hall – hall hire - £22.00

3111: Correspondence: The clerk had circulated the correspondence list – noted.

3112: Items for the next Agenda: Mr P Friend of Hastoe Housing and affordable housing; Char Chat, burial ground grants; fingerposts; Neighbourhood Plan

3113: Date of Next Meeting: Monday 10th March 2014 7.30pm at Whitchurch Canonicorum village hall.

3114: Matters of Urgency: Dates for Annual Parish Meetings were agreed as 10th April 2014 for Wootton Fitzpaine and 23rd April for Whitchurch Canonicorum

3115: Close of Meeting: 10.00 pm.

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