

**MINUTES OF THE CHESELBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY  
6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021 AT CHESELBOURNE VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING 7PM**

**Present:** Cllrs C Byrom, J Shaw-Porter, R Maslin, J Pearce, G Waters

**Chair:** Cllr C Hampton

**Clerk:** Mrs A Crocker

**Also present:** 2 members of the public.

**1. Open Session**

It was noted that the Brook Cottage development is considerably different to that which was originally agreed. The sewage treatment system now drains into the stream, which is known to dry up. This has been reported to the Environment Agency (EA) but does not seem to be seen as a problem. All the issues raised have been brought to the attention of the EA but they can do nothing until there is evidence of pollution. Until such an incident occurs, it is an educational issue so the users of the STP know what detergents, etc to use.

Concern was raised regarding the hedges coming through the village. The amount of growth is considerable and several of the signs can no longer be seen. The farmers are only permitted to start cutting hedges from 1<sup>st</sup> September and work is now underway.

**2. Apologies**

21.35 Apologies have been received from Dorset Cllr Jill Haynes (prior meeting) and PCSO Alison Donnison.

**3. To receive declarations of interest and agree any dispensation requests received**

21.36 No interests were declared and no dispensation requests had been received.

**4. Approve minutes of the meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

21.37 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members with the agenda.

**Resolved: The minutes reflect a true and accurate record of the meeting and are signed by the Chair.**

**5 Matters arising – for report only**

21.38 There were no matters arising.

**6. Dorset Councillor's Report**

21.39 A copy of Cllr Haynes' report had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting.

**7 PCSO's report**

21.40 PCSO Donnison was unable to attend the meeting and no report had been issued.

## **8. Parish Councillor's Reports**

- 21.41 Cllr Shaw-Porter reported that a 30mph sign and a camera sign have been erected by the school. The white lines have yet to be put down. He had suggested a full white line is painted through the village, providing a designated area for pedestrians and cyclists, but this was refused and it was noted that there have only been 4 accidents in the village in the last 30 years. Speed Watch – the 7<sup>th</sup> September is a day of action and 40 Speed Watch teams will be in operation, many with a Police presence across the county. The Highway Code is currently up for review and the hierarchy of road users is due to be amended, putting pedestrians at the top of the hierarchical model. Other areas of the Code relating to wording and enforcement will also be tightened up. Cllr Shaw-Porter requested permission to approach the Accident Assessment Team to find out how they go about arriving at their figures – especially as vehicles and agricultural vehicles have got so much larger over the years.

Cllr Waters reported he had received a query from a new resident regarding flooding. They will be given a copy of the Riparian instructions.

Cllr Hampton reported that he had spoken to the developer regarding the bridge at Brook Green. The foreman said that the recent incident of pollution was caused by the removal of some of the materials from the old bridge in order for the new bridge to be made wide enough to allow the construction vehicles access and no silt traps had been used. When they come to complete the new bridge and completely remove the old one, they will use silt traps. The actual shape and height of the new bridge is not yet known. New fingerposts – whilst it had been reported in the Village News that the new fingerposts were looking good and thanks were extended to the gentleman who had undertaken the work to the fingers, no mention had been made of the work carried out by parish councillors to the poles. This will be corrected during the next report.

## **9. To receive the Correspondence Report**

- 21.42 There were no items of correspondence received that are not covered by the agenda.

## **10. To agree responses to planning applications**

- 21.43 The following applications had been received during the summer break and were reviewed via email:

P/VOL/2020/00658 - Champion Cottage access road to school; internal and external alterations to facilitate demolition of single storey flat roof extension and erection of extension together with replacement/enlargement of the existing lean-to garden store.

**No objections were raised and no comments made.**

P/VOC/2021/01875 - Site of Brook Cottage, Drakes Lane; demolish existing outbuildings and erect 4 cottages (Without complying with condition 6 of Planning Permission WD/D/20/001603 relating to location of meter boxes.)

**Objection submitted.**

P/HOU/2021/01738 - Maryfield, Streetway Lane; Erect porch, replace all existing windows and doors, install 2 velux windows, form replacement roof and install timber cladding.

**Support – it was felt that the proposal will be an improvement to the whole appearance of the property.**

The following application was received after the agenda was issued:

P/FUL/2021/00848 - The Rivers Arms, Retrospective application for the retention of 7 holiday lodges (revised layout to that previously approved, retention of decking areas and terrace, extension to decking and terrace, internal access route for emergency vehicles, external lighting, raised landscaping areas, screen fence and the proposed erection of an additional screen fence panel.

It is known that the property is currently on the market and this will regularise any anomalies of the planning in order for any sale to go through.

**Support – The Pub is a great asset to the village. Nothing in the proposal is contentious.**

#### **11. To consider adopting a Members' Allowance Policy**

- 21.44 A copy of the draft policy had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Dorset Council is currently consulting on a new members' allowance. This policy allows members to maintain the possibility of offering members an allowance should the case arise.

**Resolved: The Policy will be adopted and when the next budget is set, a figure will be set aside for potential future allowances.**

#### **12. To consider the bus shelter book swap**

- 21.45 Cllr Maslin has received several suggestions as to how the bus shelter could be used going forward. Residents would find the book exchange of interest but it would be necessary to find a way of managing the books and keeping them dry, as well as keeping the shelter clean and tidy. An information board could also be installed although there may not be sufficient footfall to warrant this. Whatever happens, it must be managed.

**Resolved : Cllr Maslin will contact those residents who were in favour of the book exchange and see if they could produce a rota for keeping it clean.**

#### **13. To consider community events for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022**

- 21.46 The Village Hall Committee will be acting as a co-ordinator and they have suggested that a small committee is formed to take on the running of the event.

The first meeting of the event committee will be held during the week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> October and Cllr Waters will act as liaison for the Parish Council.

#### **14. To consider the Climate Action Group report**

- 21.47 Cllr Byrom reported that the PCC have given permission to rewild a very small area of the church yard. A tree event, as part of the Green Canopy Project, will take place at the end of October/

beginning of November where whips will be given out for a small donation. Cllr Shaw-Porter will assist with providing stakes and guards.

**15 To approve the payments for August and September 2021**

21.48 The following payments had been requested:

DAPTC	Code of Conduct training	30.00
C Haskett	Grass cutting	100.00
A Crocker	July/August salary	214.20
HMRC	PAYE	53.60
St Martin's Church	Cemetery maintenance	200.00

The total amount of payments requested £597.80.

**Resolved: Payments amounting to £597.80 are accepted.**

21.49 A copy of the bank reconciliation had been distributed to all members prior to the start of the meeting.

**16. To consider delegated authority to pay for grass cutting**

21.50 It had been previously agreed that Chris Haskett should be asked to take on the additional grass cutting around the bus shelter and, from next year, the triangle around the fingerpost. Cllr Byron will take over the management of the new areas and explain how they need to be managed.

At the moment, the invoices for grass cutting always arrive after a meeting has taken place. This delegation would enable payments to be made when the invoice arrives.

**Resolved: Delegated authority is given to Cllr Hampton to permit invoice payments to be made as the invoices arrive. Any such payments will be confirmed at the first available Parish Council meeting.**

**17. Date of next meeting**

21.51 The next meeting will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:18hr.