

CHAR VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

FOUR HUNDRETH MEETING OF THE CHAR VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 13TH JUNE 2016 IN THE WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM VILLAGE HALL

3587: Present: Cllrs: D Snook, C Peck, S Creed-Castle, C Everidge, C Mahaddie, C Bailey, C Sage, J West (Clerk), S Christopher (WDDC), D Turner (DCC).

3588: Apologies : H Joyce, S Johnson, K Vaughan

3589: Public Discussion Period: No requests

3590 : Declarations of interest : Cllr Everidge declared a personal interest in any discussion relating to Ship Knapp to Pickaxe Cross area, due to the proximity to her home address.

3591 : Resolution to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 9th May 2016 : Draft minutes had been circulated and were approved subject to amendments to minute 3572 (BLAP).

3592 : Actions Following Last Meeting: As circulated by the Clerk.

3593 :Reports:

Dorset Association of Town and Parish Councils (DAPTC) : Cllr Snook reported that she had attended Chairs training and that this had raised some questions relating to the place of the public discussion period on the agenda. This was discussed and it was agreed that the agenda as it stood appeared to be acceptable, but that further enquiries could be made, if desired in relation to the advice given on the course.

Bridport Local Area Partnership : Cllr Everidge reported that the annual assembly had been very interesting, despite a poor turnout. Speakers were Michael Deegan from the Pilsdon Community on housing and George Streatfeild, who talked about the Melplash Society.

Transport : Cllr Everidge : Cllr Everidge referred to the recent works on the A35 and noted that signage had been left in situ outside the hours of work causing confusion to road users.

Trees and Hedges : nothing to report.

Lengthsman : Cllr Creed-Castle reported that she had been chasing the Lengthsman and was now getting better paperwork and feedback.

3594 : County Councillors Report : Cllr Turner reported that talks on the re-organisation of councils in Dorset were ongoing. There would be a meeting of councillors on the tri-council partnership next week.

3595 : Councillor Reports :

Cllr Snook reported that **Cllr Joyce** had advised her that there were new reports of complaints about shooting in the Whitchurch area. It was agreed that following receipt of details from Cllr Joyce, the Clerk would contact the Police Community Support Officer and ask them to make enquiries. It was understood that clay pigeon shooting could take place for limited periods under planning regulations. **Cllr Snook** went onto report that a successful evening at Wootton Village Hall had been held to welcome new families into the village.

Cllr Bailey noted that the Shave Cross Inn change of use application had been refused once again.

Cllr Everidge stated that while she welcomed the effort to make repairs to the highway between Ship Knapp and Pickaxe Cross the nature of the repairs carried out had not been sufficient to remedy the problems. She went onto report the latest position with regard to the water/ice problem on Stonebarrow Lane. Highways advice was that a catch drain was needed in front of four properties to channel water towards the gully (current building regulations would require this on a new property). She had been advised that the cost of providing the drain would have to be met by house owners concerned with the council picking up the costs of gully work. Highways were prepared to relocate the grit bin to the front of Damson Cottage subject to the property owners consent. **Cllr Everidge** would let the Clerk have the details, who would then draft suitable letters to property owners.

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Cllr Mahaddie asked the Clerk about verge cutting notification emails from DCC. He advised that the system was proving unduly onerous. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask for emails for the West area only to be directed to **Cllr Mahaddie** in future.

3596 :Planning :

(i)To Consider : none but it was noted that the application for the parcel of land adjacent to Harcombe House had reportedly been withdrawn. The Clerk to ascertain the position. It was agreed this was an application that preferably should be considered by the Council/Planning Committee.

(ii) To note :

WD/D/16/000661 - Hogchester Farm, Charmouth Bypass, DT6 6BY - Convert redundant barn into artist's studio – no objection

WD/D/16/00098521 - Meerhay lane, Wootton Fitzpaine, DT6 6NG - Demolition of lean-to sheds and store, erect single storey extension – no objection – now approved

iii) West Dorset District Council Decisions (to note):

WD/D/15/002875 - Thistlegate House, Charmouth, DT6 6BY - Extension to bungalow, new first floor and swimming pool area- approved

WD/D/16/0000256 – Partway Cottage, Spence Lane, Wootton Fitzpaine - Ground floor extensions to provide garden room and porch – approved.

WD/D/16/000470 - St Christophers, Butt Lane, Ryall. DT6 6EJ - Erect two storey extension - Refused

iv) Enforcement: In relation to the Dolphin Rivers Caravan Park the Clerk advised that West Dorset District Council had written to the complainant to advise that they had found no evidence to support the alleged breach of conditions in the operation of the Dolphin Rivers Caravan Park and were thus closing the case.

It was noted that the position at the Veiw, Muddyford Lane had not yet been concluded.

3597 : Clerks Report :

(i) Payments

Date	Payee	Detail	Chq no.	amount
13.6.16	Wootton Fitzpaine Village Hall	Hall hire 14 April	500020	£16.50
13.6.16	S Lee	May	500021	£494.00
13.6.16	K C Taylor	Tree surgery Wootton Fitzpaine	500022	£350.00
13.6.16	J West	Clerks pay and expenses June	500023	£375.12
13.6.16	HMRC	PAYE June	500024	£79.60
13.6.16	DAPTC	Chairmans course	500025	£35.00
13.6.16	DAPTC	Annual subscription	500026	£361.68

3598 : Clerks Report : The Clerk reported that he had made a further bid for funds from the Government's transparency fund, which if agreed would amount to around £150.00 for upkeep of the council website during the current year. He reported on updates made to website content in the past month.

3599 : Neighbourhood Planning : The meeting considered the initial questionnaire draft tabled by the Clerk at the meeting. While various suggestions were made to be accommodated in a revised draft the Clerk was thanked for the general presentation of the questionnaire. The Clerk advised that one of the things that needed to be considered was analysis of responses, while software could be used to help, the task would still require approximately 20 hours of work, which he could not resource from his normal working hours. He offered to see if there were other means of getting this analysis done. It was agreed that the Clerk would continue to work on the questionnaire in consultation with Nick Cardnell with the aim of bringing a further draft to the July meeting.

3600 : Fingerposts : **Cllr Peck** reported that Roger Bond now had the Wootton Cross, Gassons Lane and Crooked Lane posts and had contacted her to detail the work in hand. Given the cost he had asked for an advance of £500 which was considered fair.

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3601 : District Councillor's Report : Cllr Christopher reported that he had received correspondence From Highway's England stating that funding was being sought for the provision of the additional pedestrian crossing in Morcombelake. He advised that West Dorset District Council's Corporate Plan was now on their website. He reported that he had recently talked to Neil Parish MP about the difficulties facing rural farms.

3602 : Char Chat : The Clerk reported that it was his understanding that the latest edition was ready to go to print. It was agreed that he would ring Ivan Gollop and confirm this. **Cllr Creed-Castle** would collect from printers when ready..

3603 : Parish Meetings : Cllr Everidge reported on the Stanton St Gabriel Parish Meeting. Parking was one of the biggest concerns and some potential sites for parking had been suggested but none were easy to progress.

3604: Superfast Broadband : Cllr Everidge noted that the coverage map provided on Dorsetforyou could not be relied upon, it had been acknowledged by the Superfast Team that it was not always up to date. **Cllr Peck** mentioned an on-line petition currently in circulation in support of Superfast Broadband being rolled out in the Whitchurch area. **Cllr Sage** commented on problems experienced by a campsite owner in Monkton Wyld who had made their own arrangements.

3605 : Items for the next agenda : Superfast Broadband, planning questionnaire, Char Chat, Verges, Fingerposts.

3606: Date of next meeting : 18 July 2016 – Wootton Fitzpaine Village Hall

3607: Closure of meeting :The meeting was closed at 9.50pm.