

CHAR VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

FOUR HUNDRED AND EIGHTH MEETING OF THE CHAR VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 10TH APRIL 2017 AT JAMES HARGREAVES COMMUNITY HALL

3820: Present: Cllrs: D Snook, S Creed-Castle, C Everidge, H Joyce, C Peck, C Mahaddie, S Johnson, D Turner (DCC), S Christopher (WDDC), A Marks (Clerk) and one member of the public

3821: Apologies : K Vaughan, C Bailey and C Sage

3822: Public Discussion Period: there were no questions raised

3823: Resolution to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 13th March 2017: Draft minutes had been circulated and were approved and signed by **Cllr Snook**

3824: Actions following last meeting: The clerk has written to the householders in Stoke Mill Lane regarding the overhanging hedges that need to be cut back once the nesting season is over i.e. after the end of August and has received three replies. She has written to the Highways Department regarding Taylors Lane and asked that a sign is erected requesting that the road is only accessible for cars and small vehicles, she has received a reply stating that Dorset Highways will not put up any additional signage but the Parish can pay for this and have responsibility for the maintenance. She has also written to the Enforcement Officer regarding the ramp on the A35 and is awaiting their reply.

3825: Reports:

Dorset Association of Town and Parish Councils Cllr Snook advised the meeting that no-one from the parish council attended the annual conference however the presentations can be viewed on the website, the main topic was the matter of unitary authorities.

Bridport Local Area Partnership : Cllr Everidge reported that the BLAP meeting took place on 6th April to discuss what is to be expected when unitary authorities are in place as very little information is being provided. The parishes under BLAP will raise questions and these will be presented via BLAP to find out who is liable for what. It seems that no-one wants to take ownership of the legal responsibilities.

Transport : Cllr Everidge advised that the Chideock By pass group have resurfaced. **Cllr Christopher** advised that he had attended a meeting at Chideock with Andrew from Highways and Oliver Letwin who commented on the pollution on the A35 and average speed monitoring however he did not wish to get involved unless there was a consensus. They met with the farmers for their feedback and a group of them feel that the by pass would be a good idea. The Chideock by pass group in Chideock are counselling opinion. However they have backed the wish to have national park in their parish. The clerk will write to Chideock parish council asking to be kept informed of developments.

Trees and hedges: Cllr Peck reported on the E mail sent by Graham Cox (the tree officer) that due to cut backs they will no longer be informing CVPC when tree works are taking place. We need to save the conservations areas within our parish as tourism is a major form of income in the area. We will write to the district council and Oliver Letwin and raise our objections.

3826: Councillor Reports :

Cllr Snook: Mill Lane on the right hand side on top of Westover Hill in Wootton Fitzpaine has been upgraded to a restricted byway and can be used by walkers, riders and cyclists. Four lots of land that were up for auction are all now sold – one portion has been sold to a developer. William Miller used to maintain the ground around the Partway in Wootton has now moved to Chideock, however his neighbour will take over the maintenance.

Cllr Everidge: said that there is a lot of mud and growth on the roadside on the east side of Ship Knapp and wants to know whether this can be cleared by the council, we will contact Alaric Little. Water is still flowing onto Stonebarrow Lane, the kerbside collection were unable to get up – a plan was proposed and rejected – turned down by the resident. The proposal is to put a collection grid across the drive that would be collected by WDDC – but we are unsure how long the offer will remain for. Residents would have to pay for the catchment drain.

Cllr Creed-Castle: mentioned that the road closure sign on Bluntshay Lane was being removed on the evening of Wednesday 12th April, there had been a number of complaints that holidaymakers had turned away when they had seen the road closed sign thus resulting in a loss of income. We will write to Highways advising them of this and stating that the sign should have read that businesses were open as usual.

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Cllr Peck: advised the meeting that it had been reported that the roundels for the finger posts have different tops. Some have DCC, some have the name of the fingerpost – it would preferable for them all to say CVPC – Cllr. Peck will get a quote for this work. As the National Trust is a major land owner in this area the question was raised whether they should be involved in the Neighbourhood Plan should it go ahead – Cllr Peck will contact them.

Cllr Joyce: advised that there had been a complaint about the yellow reflector light on Becklands Bridge which is shining into a resident's house in Whitchurch. There are spillages of earth onto the road in Becklands Lane and she asked who did the work. Cllr Turner thinks that it was Highways but he isn't certain.

Cllr Johnson: advised the meeting that she had been advised that a gully near her land had been cleared but as yet no work has been done. Cllr Everidge advised that jobs are marked 'work done' when the job has been allocated.

Cllr Mahaddie: nothing to report

3827: County Councillors Report : Cllr D Turner reported on the unitary policy – the report from the Secretary of State may be here this month. Cutting the verges – the first cut is due in June and the second in November if necessary.

3828: District Councillors Report : Cllr S Christopher suggested that CVPC look at the minutes for the planning committee meeting for March regarding conversion of an ex-farm building and the unintended consequences. Application now with the Enforcement Officer.

3829: Planning : In Whitchurch planning applications are currently split between Cllr. Bailey in the north and Cllr. Mahaddie in the south, however Cllr Bailey has asked to be excused for the time being – in the meantime any applications received for properties in the north will be sent to all councillors for Whitchurch apart from Cllr Mahaddie to be picked up by one of them, if this doesn't happen then the applications will be sent to the councillors alphabetically

i) To Consider : WD/D/17/000521 – 1, Sunnyside, Gassons Lane, Whitchurch Canonichum, Bridport DT6 6RQ – Change double garage door from metal up and over to a single pair of wooden doors and infill remaining opening and render – no objection

ii) To Note: WD/D/17/2880 – Hill Farm, The Green, Morcombelake DT6 6EA – replacement outbuilding – resubmission pending – no objection to the amendment
WD/D/16/002881 - Valley View, Carters Lane. Morcombelake, DT6 6SF - Erect ancillary building – pending as have asked for more information on drainage and sewerage
WD/D/17/00823 Paddocks Farm, , Paddocks Lane, Broadoak, Bridport DT6 5NR - Use of the land for siting of camping pods and toilet/shower block – require further information on the erection of hedging to provide privacy on the north side.

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

iv) Appeal Decision – appeal allowed on WD/D/15/001719 Little Oak Farm, Champernhayes Lane - Erection of a main shed, a cow shed, a small shed, a hay shelter, two polytunnels, track and entrance way. – Cllr Snook to write a general letter expressing our dissatisfaction.

v) Enforcement: Cllr Everidge is concerned about the continued work on the ramp on the A35 although the enforcement officer Mr Perry states that works have stopped. The clerk has written to the Enforcement Officer and is awaiting his reply.

Brigs Farm, Champerhayes Lane – application was submitted for a house and permission was granted provided a sustainable living was made from farming, however evidence shows that this was not the case. The enforcement officer has visited the site and needs to revisit to see if any agricultural work is taking place. We are writing to Mr Perry the enforcement officer asking him to revisit the site.

3830: Clerks Report:

(i) Payments – The following payments were approved :

Payee	Detail	Chq	amount
Wootton Fitzpaine Village Hall	Hire of hall 13 March 2017	500090	£22.00

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S Lee Garden Services	Lengthsman – March 2017	500091		£955.20
Annette Marks	Clerks pay – April 2017	500092		£431.14
HMRC	PAYE – April 2017	500093		£27.80
John West	Replacement chq. for clerks pay for February 2017 (original lost)	500094		380.13

(ii) Received a cheque for £20.00 from Richard Fowler of Greenway Farm towards the cost of the finger posts at the junction of Ryall Road, Pitmans Lane and Beerland Drive in Ryall.

Have contacted Ken Hussey to repair the swing seats at the play area in Whitchurch Canonicorum, The supply cost for the seats from Sutcliffe is as follows;

Cradle seats, complete with chains and fittings - £200.05 + VAT Each

Flat Seats, complete with chains and fittings - £113.98 + VAT Each

Delivery @ 10% of cost

The labour only cost to remove the existing swing seats and fit new seats as per the above spec. will be £93.88. This price will last for 13 weeks.

The lengthman's charges for the financial year ending 5th April 2017 are £6,039.80 of which £748.80 is VAT, he did not start to charge VAT until November 2016.

3831: Residents' Survey – there is a short report summarising the results of the survey undertaken by John West on the website and this is to be passed to the residents at the parish meetings taking place after Easter. Flyers for the annual parish meetings have been produced – half of these have been hand delivered and other half are being sent by first class post. Following the comments by Mr. Dyson (E mail of 8th April)

3832: Play Area Whitchurch: we have contacted Ken Hussey asking him to undertake the work and are still waiting to hear when the work will begin.

3833: Verges: Cllr Mahaddie requested that we chase up the E mail sent to Russ Goff last month.

3834: Char Valley identity: Cllr Mahaddie is concerned that Char Valley as the parish council is losing it's identity and the area is still known by the name of the three villages making up the council. She asked the clerk to contact WDDC to clarify the position especially as we are known as a grouped council. The clerk spoke to the council and in relation to the planning applications these are found under the names of Whitchurch Canonicorum, Wootton Fitzpaine and Stanton St. Gabriel and this cannot be changed.,

3835: Items for next agenda: Reports from parish meetings, Neighbourhood plan, Stoke Mill Lane, signs for Taylor's Lane, contributions to BLAP, conservation areas/unitary council.

3836: Date of next meeting: Monday 8th May 2017 at Whitchurch Canonicorum Village Hall.

3837: Any matters of urgency: None were raised.

3838: Closure of Meeting: The meeting was closed at 9.40pm.