

CHAR VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

FOUR HUNDRED AND SECOND MEETING OF THE CHAR VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2016 IN THE JAMES HARGREAVES COMMUNITY HALL

3628: Present: Cllrs: D Snook, S Creed-Castle, C Everidge, C Bailey, H Joyce, S Johnson, C Sage, C Mahaddie.

J West (Clerk), S Christopher (WDDC) and four members of the public

3629: Apologies : C Peck, K Vaughan, D Turner (DCC).

3630: Public Discussion Period:

Mr R Holmes spoke in relation to the naming of the eastern end of Pitman's Lane, where he was resident, which had recently been the subject of an exercise initiated by the Council to re-instate the former name of Loscombeswell Road. He emphasised that despite the outcome of the review process carried out by Dorset County Council the original name was clearly shown on Ordinance Survey maps from 1951 and should not have been changed at some previous point in time.

Mrs A Taylor spoke in relation to the planning application at Bredon, Stonebarrow Lane of which she was the joint applicant. She thanked the council for being prepared to review its position in relation to its submission and went on to say that the council's remaining concerns were noted and they would do their best to address them. She explained how it was proposed to manage surface water, and with their neighbour's agreement disperse it into drains from an adjoining property.

3631: Declarations of interest : none

3632 : Resolution to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 18TH July 2016 : Draft minutes had been circulated and were approved subject to "Stanton St Gabriel" being inserted to replace "Vale" in 3616.

3633 : Actions Following Last Meeting: As circulated by the Clerk.

3634: Reports:

Dorset Association of Town and Parish Councils (DAPTC) : Cllr Snook reported the date for resolutions to be submitted for the annual conference had been extended. She had attended a meeting on 8 September in relation to unitary authorities. It was proposed to have two unitary councils for the Dorset area, although there were options on the make-up of these. The nine existing councils would have the final say. There would be some devolution of services to town and parish councils but the details of this were not known yet.

At the July meeting, Jean Marshall, Head of Planning at WDDC had been a guest speaker, she had stated that the backlog of planning applications had been reduced considerably but could not say when it would be cleared. Andrew Martin DCC's Head of Highways had also talked and stated that there was no funding to carry out minor works in the future and that these would either need to be done by voluntary effort, contractors employed by parish councils or the service bought from DCC.

Bridport Local Area Partnership : Cllr Everidge reported that the Melplash Show had been a success. The new BLAP and project manager had taken up her post and was very good. It was agreed that the fingerposts article could go into the BLAP newsletter, the Clerk to action

Transport : Cllr Everidge reported that she was due to attend a meeting of the A35 group with Oliver Letwin shortly.

3635 : Councillor Reports :

Cllr Mahaddie reported on verge cutting issues; Pitman's Lane had not been cut at all this year. She had contacted Simon Jackson, the contractor, who had said they would not be carrying out any September verge cutting, this had been confirmed by an email from DCC. She noted that DCC's Jill Exton was leaving at the end of the month. **Cllr Creed-Castle** noted that Bluntshay Lane had not been cut at all. There was general discussion about the impacts on traffic and safety from insufficient verge cutting, whether two cuts were essential in all areas rather than the specific spots as suggested, and what the approach for verges protected due to their wildflower content should be. The role of farmers in keeping lanes clear and the constraints on them doing so was also discussed. Cllr Everidge referred to a letter received by residents in her area. It was agreed to consider the matter further at the next meeting.

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Cllr Everidge reported that plans were developing to alleviate flooding in Stonebarrow Lane. The National Trust had failed to replace the temporary fingerpost sign in Stonebarrow Lane – the Clerk to follow up. Langdon Lane had been resurfaced.

Cllr Everidge went onto report that St Gabriel's Church remained under threat of closure. For the last year the congregation had numbered no more than three people. The Diocese wished that every effort should be made to either keep the church open or find another active use for it. General opinion appeared to be that it should be closed. The Clerk responding to a question advised that in his opinion there was no assistance that the Parish Council could give that would render the church any more viable.

Cllr Joyce reported that there had been work carried out to apparently construct an access onto the road between Abbots Wootton Lane and Long Lane. With the removal of the hedge the land was not stable and was likely to spill onto the road. **Cllr Snook** agreed to investigate.

Cllr Snook reported that the stabilisation work at Knapp Bridge had been completed.

Cllr Johnson asked that the Lengthsman remove soil from over a drain in Cardsmill Lane.

3636 : District Councillors Report : Cllr S Christopher reported on recent planning cases considered by the District Council's Planning Committee. He also reported that unfortunately there was no improvement in the backlog of land charges searches for home buyers. He made reference to the impending announcement of the constituency boundary reviews, the impact on the West Dorset constituency was unknown. Finally he reported concerns about traffic problems caused by vehicles towing caravans using lanes around the area.

3637 Planning :

i) To Consider :

WD/D/16/000859 Land at junction with B3165 Scotts Lane, Monkton Wyld, Erect post mounted aluminium sign – **Cllr Sage** reported that this had been considered and that there was no objection subject to a condition that the sign be removed if the business ceased to trade.

WD/D/16/001811 Lower Pound Farm, Pound Lane, Monkton Wyld Proposed garage/studio- **Cllr Sage** reported that this had been examined and that there were no grounds for objection.

Both the above recommendations were supported by the meeting.

ii) To Note:

WD/D/16/000841 – St Paul's Church, Wootton Fitzpaine - Installation of a new oil tank on a new concrete base and erection of trellis fencing surrounding the new oil tank – no objection

WD/D/16/TP00229 - Stonebarrow Manor, Stonebarrow Lane, Charmouth. DT6 6RA - Crown thin one horsechestnut – no objection - note WDDC approved

WD/D/16/001405 - Dairy Farm, Wootton Lane, DT6 6NQ - Demolish existing garage and lean to structure. Erect replacement garage. Tarmac road frontage up the edge of road. – no objection - note WDDC approved

WD/D/16/001381 - Bredon, Stonebarrow Lane, Charmouth, DT6 6RA - Demolish existing dwelling, outbuilding and garage, Erection of replacement dwelling and car port – the original objection had been rescinded following further information from the applicant, thus there was no objection subject to some residual concerns including road access.

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

WD/D/16/001250 - Land to the south of Harcombe House, Pitmans Lane - Erect Eco Plus dwelling with car parking – Refused

WD/D/16/000676 - Forest Farm, Pound Lane, Monkton Wyld. DT6 6DD - Demolition of existing extension and replace with new two storey extension - Approved

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3638 : Clerks Report :

(i) **Payments** – The following payments were approved :

Payee	Detail	Cheque no.	Amount
Chris Everidge	Re-inbursement of noticeboard repair	500033	£25.00
Wootton Fitzpaine Village Hall	Hall hire July	500034	£22.00
CPRE	Annual membership	500035	£36.00
Came & Company	Insurance	500037	£723.86
J West	Pay and Expenses Aug/Sept	500038	£852.49
HMRC	PAYE Aug.Sept	500040	£198.60

3639 : Fingerposts : Cllr Snook in **Cllr Peck's** absence drew attention to the update provided by Cllr Peck, which had recently been posted on the Council's website.

3640 : Repairs to Church Path culvert, Whitchurch Canonorum : Cllr Joyce reported that the work was now complete. The cost had been £30k, which was £5k over the original estimate.

3641: Pitmans Lane (part) name change : The Clerk reported on the process that had followed the original request by Mr Holmes for the name of Loscombeswell Road to be re-instated for the eastern section of what was currently Pitman's Lane. However the County Council's formal consultation had resulted in at least one objection from an affected resident, meaning that the issue could not be pursued further. While the 1951 OS map showed Loscombeswell Road, the Clerk advised that the current OS mapping showed it as Pitman's Lane. After some discussion it was agreed that the most practical approach would be to confirm that the navigation/mapping systems used by the emergency services showed the road as Pitman's Lane, thus ensuring some degree of consistency. The Clerk undertook to investigate this aspect further.

3642 : Report of the St Georges, Bermuda/Lyme Regis Twinning Association Parade Day and visit to Whitchurch : **Cllr Snook** and **Cllr Creed-Castle** had attended the annual parade in Lyme. **Cllr Snook** reported that eleven members of the St Georges twining association were present. The parade, which included the town criers of Lyme Regis and St Georges was followed by a visit to Berne Manor and then continued to the church of St Candida in Whitchurch, where there was another short service before returning to Lyme.

3643 : Residents Survey : The meeting considered the questionnaire, which had been revised further following a working group meeting. Several additional changes to wording and questions were agreed by the meeting. It was also agreed that the names and email addresses of **Cllrs Snook, Joyce** and **Everidge** would be given as contacts. The following "post boxes" would be used for completed questionnaires : Fishpond church, Whitchurch - Five Bells Inn, and Crabbs Bluntshay Farm, Wootton - 1 Longlands Cottages and Morcombelake Post Office (subject to agreement). A press release would be written by the Clerk for "The View", Golden Cap magazine and any other appropriate outlet. Six hundred copies of the questionnaire would be printed and the return date for completed questionnaires would be the end of November.

3644 : Items for the next agenda : planning questionnaire, verges, fingerposts.

3645 : Date of next meeting : 10 October 2016 – Whitchurch Canonorum Village Hall

3646 : Closure of meeting :The meeting was closed at 9.50pm.