

**CHESELBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2023 AT
CHESELBOURNE VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING 7PM**

Present: Cllrs C Byrom, N Searle, D Walsh, C Hampton

Chair: Cllr A Taylor

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also present: 3 members of the public

Public participation

Mr Bob Denton informed the meeting that, after reading the minutes from a previous meeting regarding the overgrown stream banks, he met with Wessex Water who advised him that no-one should touch the bed of the stream or cut the weed. A brief discussion took place on this with councillors, and it was agreed unanimously that, whilst the stream bed should not be touched, it was acceptable for the stream bank to be maintained.

Following the last meeting, it was noted that Cllr Waters had a discussion with Dorset Council regarding the maintenance of the stream. Dorset Council Highways have said they do not have any responsibility for the stream bank, but they contacted the Countryside Team and the Property Team for their input on this matter. No response has been received from either at this stage.

Cllr Byrom agreed to send Mr Denton a copy of the riparian handbook.

Mr Denton raised the issue of parking by the school. It was noted that this matter is raised at most meetings and has been discussed with Mr Perry, Headteacher on many occasions, asking him to remind parents to park more considerately. It was noted that parking close to school under discussion at Dorset Council with the prospect that double yellow lines may be painted around all the County's schools. This will be raised with Cllr Bryant.

1. To receive apologies

23.48 Apologies had been received from Cllrs Graham Waters (holiday) and Roger Sewill (work), Dorset Cllr Jill Haynes and PCSO Alison Donnison.

2. To receive declarations of interest

23.49 Cllr Taylor declared an interest in the planning application at item 8. Cllr Searle declared an interest in item 13 for the cricket club. No other interests had been declared and no requests for dispensations had been received.

3. To approve minutes of the meeting held 3rd July 2023

23.50 A copy of the minutes of the meeting had been issued to all members. Cllr Byrom proposed them to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Hampton and agreed unanimously. The Chair signed the minutes in the presence of the meeting.

4. Matters arising for report only

23.51 Setting up and using OneDrive – Cllr Walsh had issued an outline for setting up a shared

drive with access by all councillors. This will contain some read/write files for members to access and add files. Cllr Walsh will liaise with the Clerk to put the system in place and test it prior to the November meeting.

Laptop – The new laptop has been purchased for the Clerk.

Hedge alongside Hillside Cottage – The hedge has been cut but it is still leaning into the lane. No further action will be taken unless additional complaints are received.

5. Dorset Council Councillor's report

23.52 Copies of Cllr Haynes' reports for July and August were forwarded to members each month and are available on the Parish Council website.

6. To consider the Police Report

23.53 A copy of the latest report had been issued with the agenda.

7. Parish Councillors' reports

23.54 Cllr Byrom – Notices have been put up on the verge by the bus shelter. A meeting with representatives of the Dorset Community Foundation took place on the 4th September and they seemed very interested in the proposed work. A grant of £1,575 has been received to go towards the work on the wildflower verge.

Cllr Searle – Community Speed Watch (CSW) dates have been arranged for the coming weeks. The Streetways Lane site will be risk assessed by Dorset Police later in September. A second TrueCam operator has been appointed by Dorset Police so it may be possible to have more regular visits from them.

The EV charging points in the village – The proposed site at the Rivers Arms is being reviewed with regard to feasibility. More evidence of future demand may need to be considered. Cllr Searle will go back to Dorset Council to discuss the points raised in their recent email.

Litter picking will be held on the 9th September. Cllr Searle requested funds to the value of £25.74 for the purchase of more litter picking sticks and black bags. Cllr Taylor proposed the money is spent. This was seconded by Cllr Hampton.

Notification of the next round of household support is due out and could be advertised locally although it was felt that those affected by this would be aware of the funding dates.

Cllr Taylor – The trimming of the vegetation around the 30mph signs at the Rivers Arms has been completed. The 20mph limit request was submitted in February and numerous requests for progress reports have been submitted. Cllr Taylor advised that he has now heard from Mr Tony Burden, Road Safety Manager at Dorset Council, that the Council have lost our application. Cllr Taylor resubmit the application.

Earlier in August there was an awful stench for several days throughout the village, which turned out to be treated human waste being spread on local fields. This was reported to Dorset Council's Environmental Health Department by Cllr Taylor and other village residents. On the 8th August an Environmental Health Officer attended the village but the matter did not seem to go any further as he could not determine where the stench was coming from. Cllr Taylor advised that Environmental Health had been in touch with a

local landowner who denied that it was them. Cllr Sewill has offered to speak to the landowner should and it was unanimously agreed that this would be helpful.

ACTION: CLLR SEWILL

The South Dorset Hunt came through the village on the 1st September and the commotion caused a considerable amount of distress. It was felt that the Hunt should provide details of when they are likely to be hunting in the area. Cllr Sewill has offered to speak to hunt master, but Cllr Searle will speak to PCSO Donnison in the first instance.

Cllr Sewill is now the Parish Council's representative for DAPTC and the next meeting will be on the 7th October.

Overgrown footpaths around Cheselbourne. This has been reported to Dorset Council but nothing has been done to date. This will go on the agenda for further discussion at the November meeting.

8. Planning Applications

23.55 P/FUL/2023/03773 4 Brook Green – Change of use of agricultural land to garden. Retain existing retaining wall, erect additional retaining wall, recontour land.

As the response to this application had to be in during August, it was discussed by email. No objections had been raised.

P/FUL/2023/04192 1,3,4 & 5 Robins Gardens – Install insulation with render finish to external walls and install solar panels to roofs.

Cllr Welsh recommended supporting this and this was unanimously agreed.

9. Play Area Update

23.56 To receive an update on the play area repairs and upgrade

Cllr Byrom had prepared a report which was issued with the agenda and noted by councillors. A fund-raising Jumble Trail will be held on the 10th September and three grants have been applied for from; Dorset Council, Hall and Woodhouse Brewery; and the National Lottery Fund. Mr Bob Denton informed the meeting that he had drawn up a site plan some years ago and would pass this to Cllr Byrom. A 'Just Giving' site has also been set up for additional funding for the play park but this has had to be set up with Cllr Byrom's personal account as business account will not be accepted.

Cllr Hampton noted that the Parish Council has not approved the proposal of keeping dogs out of the play area or the purchase of a farm gate to put across the entrance. He asked if Magna Housing, the owners of the land, had been approached about the gate as their lorry does need access. The Parish Council leases the land so any amendment must be with the approval of the Parish Council and with Magna Housing. Cllr Byrom will contact Magna accordingly and the matter will be brought to the November meeting.

ACTION: CLLR BYROM

10. To confirm the payment of accounts and bank reconciliation

23.57 The following payments have been requested:

Community Action	Cancellation fee re old insurers	BACS016	22.21
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C Byrom	Reimburse cost of verge plants	BACS017	179.77
A Crocker	July/August salary + expenses	BACS018	914.73
HMRC	July/August PAYE	BACS019	60.00
Dorset T&G Care	Village green & play area cut	BACS020	90.00
Cheselbourne VH	Hall hire for 2023/2024	BACS021	72.00
Cheselbourne VH	CAG hall hire 10.06.23 4 hours	BACS022	24.00
C Hampton	Printing playpark questionnaires	BACS023	12.00

A total of £1,374.71.

Cllr Searle proposed the payments are made. This was seconded by Cllr Walsh and agreed unanimously.

23.58 To confirm the appointment of the Play Inspection Company to carry out the 2024 review

Cllr Byrom proposed the Play Inspection Company are reappointed at a cost of £99.60. This was seconded by Cllr Hampton and agreed unanimously.

11. To receive an update on PlusBus

23.59 The service has now been agreed and will start on Thursday 14th September with the fortnightly trip to Blandford. The service is free to those with a bus pass and £7 return for anyone else. Dorset Council have provided six months' worth of funding after which alternative funding may be required.

12. To approve policies

23.60 The following policies had been issued to all members with the agenda;

- (a) Safeguarding
- (b) Equality
- (c) Environmental Statement
- (d) GDPR – remove item 6.4

With the amendment made to the GDPR policy, Cllr Hampton proposed they are all accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Searle and agreed unanimously.

13. To receive an update on the village bus shelter and book exchange and to consider a donation of £100 to the Cricket Club for the work carried out

23.61 Mr Ross McFadyen kindly cleaned the roof, steam cleaned the inside of the bus shelter. Rather than take any payment for this work, he asked if a donation could be made to the Cheselbourne Cricket Club. Any donation received will go towards having the wicket re-laid. Cllr Hampton proposed the donation is made. This was seconded by Cllr Taylor and agreed unanimously.

A few people responded to the survey regarding the book exchange, most of whom wanted the book exchange to continue. Cllr Byrom proposed that the book exchange is continued for the time being. Cllr Searle felt that perhaps there was more that could be done to make the bus shelter look more attractive and more of a village asset.

Cllr Taylor suggested that the situation is monitored and this was unanimously agreed.

14. To consider the future of the website and hosting

23.62 Until now, the website had been hosted by Hugo Fox for free. As from the 1st October,

they will be charging for the service. Cllr Hampton had looked into the various option and his report was submitted with the agenda. He recommended that the Parish Council remain with Hugo Fox and adopt their bronze support package at a cost of £9.99 a month +VAT. Cllr Taylor proposed that the recommendation is accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Searle and agreed unanimously.

15. To receive an update on the grit bins

23.63 The location of the bins has been confirmed by Highways and the Clerk will now arrange for the purchase of the bins. It may be necessary for them to be base.

ACTION: CLERK

A check will be made on the Drakes Lane bin to ensure it is on the system as it does not have a number on it.

16. To receive an update on the Brook Green footpath

23.64 Cllr Hampton informed the meeting that he had received an email from Neil Le’Maire, Dorset Council Enforcement Officer, saying that he had been tasked to seek an opinion regarding the footpath from the Highways Department. Mr Le’Maire was looking to do this by the end of September.

17. Date of next meeting

23.65 The next meeting will be on Monday 6th November, at Cheselbourne Village Hall, commencing 7pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.40pm.