Minutes of Cheselbourne Parish Council at Cheselbourne Village Hall 7pm on 7th March 2016

1 **Apologies**: None received.

**Present**: Cllr Greenwood (Chair), Cllr Hotblack, Cllr Roberts, Cllr Bere and Cllr Timlin.

**In attendance**: M Treccani-Chinelli (Clerk) and several members of the public.

2 **Open session**: Cllr Greenwood explained that the meeting would start with the open session so that any issues raised could be added to the agenda and discussed during the meeting.

A member of the public wanted to know if anything could be done about the cover for the well on the farm track by Little Revel as it was cracked and this may lead to someone coming to harm. Cllr Greenwood explained that the PC wasn’t sure who was responsible for the cover but that the landowner had been approached but that the farm is let. Cllr Greenwood to continue to investigate but Cllr Roberts to approach the farmer also.

A member of the public reported meeting the new PCSO 6500 Alison Donnison who was keen to be involved in the village and people should feel they could anything suspicious to her or call 101 or crimestoppers. Calls are confidential and not traced. The team are especially interested in tackling rural night crime such as poaching and farm burglaries. Cllr Greenwood had also been in touch with PCSO Donnison who she reported was very friendly and keen to come to a parish council meeting in the near future. The member of the public also wanted people to be aware of a Cybercrime event at Whiteman’s Orchard Piddletrenthide next Monday from 2.30-3.30pm.

Another member of the public asked if there was any news on the drains, Cllr Greenwood had chased this up and the job was under consideration by the council, she urged people to report it on the Dorset For You website in the hope the problem would be dealt with sooner.

Cllr Hotblack reported a broken fencepost on the bridge on the lane up to the church which may give way if someone leant on it. After a brief discussion it was decided to report this to the council as the lane is a bridleway. Cllr Timlin to report.

A member of the public wanted to talk about the issue of speeding in the village. Cllr Greenwood explained that this was later in the agenda, but if no one objected it would be discussed earlier as the member of public could not stay long. All agreed.

3 **Minutes of previous meeting:** Approved and signed

4 **Matters arising:**

**Flooding:** A member of the public wanted people to know there was now a place for recording flooding events and this can be found at: <https://swim.geowessex.com/dorset>

5 **Correspondence available to view:** DAPTC magazine, Lord Lieutenant (Queen’s birthday celebrations), Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981upgrading of bridleway. Cllr Greenwood reported that after looking into providing the school children with a coin from the mint that although the coins themselves were cheap the postage costs were prohibitive and the minimum order of 50 was too high for the number of pupils at the school and therefore the parish council would not be buying them for the children.

6 **Reports from District or County Councillors**: None received.

10 **Highways and Rights of way – Speeding:** Cllr Greenwood reported that PCSO Alison Donnison had contacted the parish council about the issue of speedingafter a puppy had been killed on Streetway Lane. Various options are available but the Police favour the Community Speedwatch policy – the Parish Council has to buy/rent a speed gun. People who are caught speeding have their number plates reported to the police and receive a letter, repeat offenders get a Police visit. The speed gun costs several hundred pounds but could be rented to other villages to offset the cost. At least 6 volunteers would be needed as the speed gun must be operated by a team of 3 people and the Police will advise places where it is safe to operate. This has been looked into before and a member of the public said the cost was about £300 when it had been looked at before with Piddletrenthide, maybe they have one we can rent. A member of the public wondered if the speed limit could be lowered to 20mph especially by the school, but Cllr Greenwood said evidence would need to be gathered before this would be considered. Another member of the public said that as people rushed through the village and didn’t slow down the verges were being worn away. Another member of the public said people didn’t take into account the conditions of the road when driving through the village and suggested asking the PCSO to get a survey of the road from the No Excuse team. Cllr Greenwood asked if anyone was interested in running the volunteer teams and a member of the public volunteered. Clerk and chair to write a letter to see if a no excuse road survey can be done. Milborne St Andrew don’t have a camera but Winterborne Whitechurch do, so they could be approached. The flashing speed signs are being withdrawn as they are too expensive so this is not an option. A member of the public asked if the council had been approached about changing the speed limit by the school, Cllr Greenwood said this had been tried before but she would call them again. Cllr Timlin said that speed had been monitored before and was found not to be a problem. A member of the public asked if the school could be asked to do something, Cllr Greenwood said she was in the middle of doing posters with the school children which could go up once completed.

**7 Flooding:**

Has been an issue again. Cllr Greenwood thanked Cllr Hotblack as the scheme had worked well and no one got flooded. More sandbags have been ordered and will be delivered soon to replace those used, though Cllr Greenwood suggested those who had used them could dry them out and store them if they had space. Cllr Greenwood thanked the member of the public who had delivered all the leaflets. Cllr Hotblack reported a great response to the request for people willing to be called at times of flood risk and said the list was being finalised and would be held by Parish council members. Some people were unable to get extra help as the water level was too high, but Cllr Hotblack was to split the village into three areas so people could get help more quickly. The system of phone calls put in place allowed people to get earlier warning. Cllr Greenwood asked a member of the public who had done work to alleviate flooding to write to the village news outlining what they had done and how it had worked. Cllr Greenwood also thanked the people from Domus Alba who she understood had been out helping even though they weren’t on the list. One member of the public said they were on the list and hadn’t been called and Cllr Hotblack explained that no extra help had been requested. Cllr Greenwood also reported that the issue of weeds blocking the stream in places has also been resolved.

**8 Planning**:

**WD/D/15/002912**: Rosehill Farm, access to Rosehill Dairy, Cheselbourne, Dorchester DT2 7QB Erect extensions and annex to dwelling. Returned with no objections, awaiting decision.

**WD/D/16/000087**: Campion Cottage, School Access Road, Cheselbourne, Dorchester, DT2 7NT Erection of a single storey extension to the rear of the property with associated internal alterations and the replacement/enlargement of the existing lean-to garden store. Returned with no objections, awaiting decision.

**WD/D/16/000171**: Cheselbourne Village School, Drakes Lane, Dorchester, Dorset, DT2 7NT - Retention of existing modular classroom. Previous retention reference 1/D/12/001674 Returned with no objections, awaiting decision.

**Outcome of the Rivers Arms Planning Appeal:** Cllr Greenwood reported thatthe appeal was turned down despite the expert witnesses and documentation provided by the opposition. A publican has since tried to negotiate a price for the Rivers Arms but this has been turned down and the price increased to stall things once again. The inspectors report cited insufficient marketing and Cllr Roberts reported being unable to find the property easily on the internet and the listing once found has no price. Cllr Greenwood reported that the parish council had received an email from someone interested in running the pub and also a small business to help keep it going, she was meeting with Oliver Letwin to discuss options to get the current owners to be more reasonable. The owners planning consultant had said they might take the matter further but the outcome would be unlikely to change as there is no other pub in the village. The owners make take the case to the High Court and the parish council would have no right to be present unless they were asked to appear as a witness.

9 **Finances**

The clerk reported the balance of the current account as £4600 and the deposit account as £3000.

Some of this money is needed to repair the fingerposts and replace the playground equipment however despite efforts no quotes had been received for the repairs. Cllr Greenwood explained that three quotes were needed. Cllr Roberts said he knew someone who might do the work and a member of the public said they knew someone who had repaired the fingerposts in another village, these to be approached for quotes.

The clerk reported that the parish council had to provide a pension for its employee but that she could not discuss further as she had been unable to print the document as her printer was broken, this would have to be discussed again.

**10 Highways and Rights of Way**: See earlier

11 **AOB:** Cllr Greenwood reported that the clerk had decided to stand down and a new clerk was being sought. She thanked the clerk for the work she had done.

12 Date of the next meeting was discussed and all agreed to change to 9th May 2016 at 7pm to avoid the bank holiday.