

CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Chideock on Tuesday 27 February 2018 at 10 am.

The Parish Council meeting was preceded by a presentation and question and answer session on vehicle testing, particularly of HGVs, from Stuart Carter of the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency.

The Parish Council meeting commenced at **10.40 am**.

Present: Cllr Roger Carey (Chair), Cllr Rob Murray, Cllr Peter Hunt, Cllr Vanessa Glenn, Cllr David Rogers and Cllr Kate Geraghty.

In attendance: The Clerk, District Councillor Simon Christopher, PCSO Bishop and 7 members of the public.

2097 Apologies.

Cllr Laurie Elliot sent his apologies, which were accepted.
County Councillor Daryl Turner sent his apologies.

2098 Grants of Dispensations.

None.

2099 Declarations of Defined Pecuniary Interests.

None.

2100 Minutes.

a) **RESOLVED** to accept and sign, as a true record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 30 January 2018.

Proposed by Cllr Hunt, seconded by Cllr Glenn, carried unanimously by those who were at the meeting.

2101 County and District Councillors' and Police Reports.

a) Cllr Daryl Turner's report was taken as read.

b) Cllr Simon Cristopher reported as follows: -

- He met with Sir Oliver Letwin MP in early February regarding the A35. He assured the Council that Sir Oliver is actively investigating what can be done to get HGVs to use the A37 / A303 instead of the A35.
- Is the Police and Crime Commissioner aware of the incidents involving HGVs unable to ascend Chideock Hill?
- A planning application for 36 houses in Mosterton has been approved under the National Planning Policy Framework sustainable development criterion despite considerable local oppositions and the location of the site being in the AONB. The NPPF currently overrides the Local Plan as the 5-year land supply is not currently being met.

c) PCSO Alex Bishop reported as follows: -

- The team covering the Beaminster area (which includes Chideock) is now based in Bridport.
- Considerable changes to Dorset Neighbourhood Policing have occurred over the last 18 months
- The Beaminster team consists of 1 Sergeant, 2 Constables and 3 PCSOs.
- PCSO Bishop hopes to attend future meetings, or send a report
- There is little crime to report in the area, but livestock have been reported missing and scrap metal stolen. If anyone sees anything suspicious they should report it via 101.
- A lot of scam phone calls being received – these should be reported to Action Fraud, either on-line or to 0300 123 2040.

- To join HomeWatch or to get their messages, sign up to Dorset Alert.
- Speed Watch – a resident has asked if this can be restarted – he is taking this forward. The original equipment was damaged in the fire at the Clock House. The scheme has evolved, and more feedback is now given to the volunteers. It would also give evidence regarding speeding and the need for average speed cameras.

The Clerk said that she will mention Action Fraud, Dorset Alert and Speed Watch in the April Chideock News.

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There was some discussion regarding signage of diversions when the A35 is closed due to an incident.

Standing Orders were suspended for the following item.

2102 Democratic Period.

Mr Duncan Salter spoke about planning application WD/CA/18/00018, for which he is acting as agent. He assured the Parish Council that due care will be taken by the tree surgeon to avoid harm to all vegetation and plantings adjacent to the trees.

A member of the public asked if the Actions & Information List and the Follow-Up List can be made available to the public, in the interest of transparency. The Clerk said that this would be considered later in the meeting.

Standing Orders were resumed.

2103 Updates to the Follow-Up List.

The Clerk said that the Follow-up List had been amended following discussion with Cllr Murray. Items are now grouped under specific headings.

No specific additions were requested.

2104 Reports / Updates by the Clerk and Councillors.

Items 2 to 3 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

2105 A35 Matters.

Items 3A - 13 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED** except for those detailed below, which were discussed in more detail.

Item 6 – Clear Air Zones. AGREED that the Clerk will draft a response and circulate it to all councillors for approval.

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2106 Motions Received with Notice.

Cllr Carey proposed the following 2-part motion -

1. The Parish Council supports the democratic result of the Parish Poll for an alternative route for through traffic outside the Chideock parish boundary, but not to the detriment of the Parish Council's short and medium-term policy for a Low Emission Zone and Safety Improvements.
2. The Parish Council supports the democratic result of the Parish Poll for de-trunking of the A35 and its designation as scenic route, particularly when the A303 / A358 improvements have been achieved.

Seconded by Cllr Rogers, carried with 1 abstention.

Cllr Murray proposed the following multipoint motion: -

1. To ADOPT the RIS2 Initial Report Response as the basis of Chideock Parish Council's A35 Policy and Strategy.
2. To PRÉCIS the Response as the basis of an Action Plan, and to PUBLISH it
3. To PRODUCE an Action Plan for dealing with A35 Traffic Impacts on Chideock village
4. To PUBLISH the Action Plan to the Parish and beyond
5. To ENGAGE with Delivery Authorities and Interest Parties
6. To PRODUCE an Actions Time-line
7. To PRODUCE a Prioritised Actions List
8. To PRESENT the Time-line and List to Delivery Authorities for support, funding and implementation.

The Clerk said that the wording of point 2 was unclear as to what was to be published and suggested "it" be replace with "the PRECIS". This change was proposed by Cllr Murray, seconded by Cllr Glenn, carried unanimously.

The amended motion was proposed by Cllr Murray, seconded by Cllr Glenn, carried

unanimously.

2107 Planning Matters.

a) Applications.

WD/D/18/000057 1 GREENWICH COTTAGES, MAIN STREET Construction of single storey lean to garage (Full)

Chideock Parish Council has no objection.

WD/CA/18/00018 LAND ADJACENT TO 3 & 5 ARUNDELL Yew Trees x 7 - Trim height and width by up to 2m overall

Chideock Parish Council has no objection in principle, subject to the Tree Officer's recommendation.

The Parish Council suggests that No7 Tree is left at its current height and the other 6 be reduced to that height. The original reference height for the row of trees was No7. In 1997 this was weakened by the building works associated with the construction of Arundel, so was not trimmed at that time. The aim was to allow it to recover (which it now has) and to reach the reference height, which it has now done.

The works should ensure that the overall character of this row of yew trees, which form the significant boundary on the eastern edge of the Grade 1 Listed Graveyard, should be preserved, both in relation to the setting of the churchyard itself, the setting of the Grade 1 Listed St Giles Church, and the significant contribution made to the tree-scape of this part of the village.

The churchyard is maintained under the Living Churchyards Project and the yew trees form a major feature of the wildlife churchyard area to the north of the church itself. The bank on which the trees are growing is a significant area of wild flower under-planting maintained by the St Giles Living Churchyards Project team.

b) Determinations.

WD/D/17/002810 4 APPLE TREES LANE Erect single storey extension (Full) **APPROVED**

WD/D/17/002501 HOGIN COTTAGE, MAIN STREET Installation of flu to rear wall (Listed Building Consent) **APPROVED**

WD/D/16/002731 BRIGHTHAY FARM, BRIGHTHAY LANE Erect garden building (retrospective) and change of use of land to amenity land incidental to the enjoyment of Brighthay Farm. (Full) **APPROVED**

c) Appeals. None.

d) Any Other Planning Matters.

i. AONB / Lighting & Dark Skies, Dorset National Park, Conservation Areas.

Nothing to report.

ii. Enforcement and Retrospective Planning Applications.

Nothing to report.

iii. Mill Lane Bridleway 18.

Actions and Information List Item 34 – Mill Lane Bridleway 20 Proposed Definitive Map Modification Order.

AGREED to ask Oliver Letwin MP to press for DCC to allocate a resource to this.

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iv. Bullen's Lane / Bridleway 20 at Junction with A35.

Cllr Geraghty said that the Chideock Society is still trying to get funding for improvements.

v. All Weather Footpath.

It was suggested that the Parish Council contacts Chideock Manor regarding the possibility of a route on the northern side of the A35.

vi. Seatown.

Nothing to report.

vii. Seatown Regeneration Project.

Cllr Geraghty reported that

- The rock armour extension has been completed
- WDDC have said that the outside of the public toilets will be painted

Cllr Murray said that the responsibility for public toilets will be devolved but at present there are no details of projected costs or of devolved funding.

viii. Other.

Item 18A – Neighbourhood Planning. The Clerk said that she would endeavour to meet with Cllr Glenn prior to the next meeting, so that Cllr Glenn can progress a report and recommendations regarding a Neighbourhood Plan for Chideock.

Cllr Geraghty suggested that WDDC be asked to conduct a tree survey for Chideock –

the previous one was carried out many years ago and a significant number of trees have been removed since then.

2108 Finances.

a) Payments.

Item 37A on the Actions & Information List was **NOTED**.

a) Clerk's Salary and Expenses for February	£274.36
b) Chideock Village Hall Hire – February	£67.50
c) Clive Richards – strimming FOCP - 2016	£28.80
d) Clive Richards – strimming FOCP - 2017	£28.80
e) Bibby Financial Services - Bus Shelter Repair	£2,250.00

This includes £375.00 VAT which will be reclaimed.

Proposed by Cllr Hunt seconded by Cllr Rogers, carried unanimously.

b) Damage to the Bus Shelter on the Northern Side of the Road at Chideock Bridge.

Items 10 and 20 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

c) Budget Monitoring Prediction to 31 March 2017.

The Year End Budget Monitoring Report was **NOTED**.

d) Grants to External Bodies.

AGREED, in principle, to grant £200.00 to Bridport Citizen's Advice Bureau, subject to resolution at the March Parish Council meeting.

e) Foss Orchard Car Park.

Item 22 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

Clerk to follow up regarding training from WDDC Parking Services as to how to empty the new machine, change the time, etc. **CC**

Clerk to give all councillors copies of the "polite" reminder that parking is not free, as there are several cars persistently parking without paying. **CC**

f) Parish Council Website.

The Clerk said that the website (www.chideockpc.org.uk) was on schedule to go live on 1 March 2018.

AGREED that in future the full agenda, the Actions & Information List, the Follow-Up List and any other pertinent documents will be published on the website 3 full days, excluding Sunday and Bank Holidays, prior to a meeting. Personal details will, where necessary, be removed. **CC**

Cllr Geraghty left the meeting prior to the next item.

2109 Clapps Mead Playing Field.

Actions & Information List Item 26 – Surfacing the Public Footpath. **AGREED** that the Clerk will discuss this with DCC Rights of Way to determine whose responsibility this is and how it could be done. **CC**

2110 Dorset Highways and Flood Management.

No update

2111 Current Consultations.

None.

2112 Correspondence.

There were no other items of correspondence to be brought to Councillors' notice.

2113 Format of the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Annual Village Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 8 May 2018.

Councillors were asked to consider how the format could be changed and to communicate ideas to the Clerk for consideration at the March meeting.

2114 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of Chideock Parish Council.

The next scheduled meeting is at 10 am on Tuesday 27 March 2018.

The May meeting will be at 7 pm on 22 May, not 29 May.

The meeting closed at **12.30 pm**.