Minutes of Cheselbourne Parish Council at Cheselbourne Village Hall 7pm on 2nd November 2015

1 **Apologies**: Cllr A. Canning

**Present**: Cllr Greenwood (Chair), Cllr Hotblack, Cllr Bere, Cllr Roberts and Cllr Timlin (arrived late) Cllr Warren told me he thought he might not be able to come.

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

Cllr Greenwood reported on a very informative course attended by the clerk and herself following which a few changes to the order of agenda items would follow and also reminded all councillors that they need to attend regularly. Councillors who miss more than two consecutive meetings have to be removed from office.

2 **Open session**: Cllr Greenwood explained that the open session would now be at the beginning of the meeting so that any issues raised could be discussed during the meeting.

A member of the public said the hedge outside Ashton House was becoming a concern as it was narrowing the road and making it dangerous for pedestrians walking past. This is the second complaint to the council about this section of hedge. Cllr Greenwood said she would approach the owners and ask them to trim it back.

A member of the public said that there would be a hearing about planning for the pub at County Hall on 15th December at 10am. Cllr Greenwood explained that the hearing is very unusual and therefore we need to get as many people as possible to turn up and show their support. Cllr Greenwood would ask if we could get a full page announcement in the Village News, if not fliers could be made, Cllr Hotblack offered to deliver.

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

4 **Matters arising:**

**Finger Posts:** Quotations not received yet, Cllr Greenwood to chase up.

**Flooding at Chebbard:** Cllr Bere said that a channel had been dug, but that the road was still flooding, was there perhaps a pipe to the stream that was blocked? Cllr Greenwood to check with Highways.

**Overgrown Trees at Drakes Lane:** Cllr Greenwood had spoken to District Cllr Peter Hiscock and he was speaking to the landowners but this should be sorted soon.

**Broadband:** Cllr Greenwood reported that Wessex Internet still waiting on paperwork from local businesses.

**Bus stop:** Cllr Greenwood reported that this had been inspected at a time when it hadn’t been raining so will need chasing up again to get the inspector to visit and see the problem.

**Sandbags:** Cllr Hotblack reported that the sandbags had still not arrived but that he would chase this up.

5 **Reports from District or County Councillors**:

6 **Correspondence:** LGBC Final Recommendations available to view. Sol Planning and design to be filed for possible use when neighbourhood plan underway.

**7 Planning**:

WD/D/15/001812 Demolish garage, replace single storey extension with larger extension. Erect two storey extension. Build ‘green’ garden building with bunker below. Rosewood Cottage, Drakes Lane, Cheselbourne, Dorchester DT2 7NR. Granted.

WD/D/14/002446: Erect a 28'x12' wooden shed-type leisure building with open ended storage area. Deya, Streetway Lane, Cheselbourne, Dorchester DT2 7NT. Granted

Rivers Arms discussed earlier in meeting.

8 **Finance:**

Financial regulations were outlined and discussed with amendments made to draft regulations to make them more suitable for size of parish and budget. All agreed to adopt the Financial Regulations.

Cheques to be paid out to: DAPTC Bring your own chair course (£30); British Legion donation for wreaths (£30) and Clerk’s salary (£200).

The clerk outlined current financial position of parish council with £3000 in the deposit account and £4600 in current account. To be used for fingerposts, revamp of playground, sandbags and salt.

9 **Highways and Rights of Way:** Salt bins need filling. Clerk to forward email for application for filling forms. Also new salt bin in Cllr Greenwood’s barn which needs installing. Cllr Warren has been sent an email to sign up for regular updates from Highways.

10 **Village Plan:** Village plan found by Cllr Hotblack was overview of village in 2006 but is not same as Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Greenwood explained that a developer might say the area in front of the church would be good for development whereas the residents might not agree. Without a neighbourhood plan the planning authorities would have no back up in stopping any such development. In order to preserve places that residents don’t wish to be developed sites which could be developed must be outlined in the neighbourhood plan. Cllr Roberts suggested that if planning were applied for individual landowners could still say no. Cllr Greenwood reported that she had been given names to contact for more information by Cllr Hiscock. Cllr Hotblack reported that he had been speaking to someone from Puddletown and that they were a step ahead with their neighbourhood plan and were therefore able to provide information that may help. A member of the public pointed out that planning for the area by the church had been applied for previously and been refused and this would make future applications more difficult. Cllr Greenwood explained that planning is more likely to be sought in areas with good infrastructure, making Cheselbourne an unlikely target but neighbourhood plan still needed. Cllr Roberts suggested residents opinions need to be sought and everyone agreed. Pub not within village envelope as originally a drover’s pub. Cllr Bere apologized but had to leave early.

11 The Working Together document was discussed. This explains how councils will devolve more powers to parish and town councils including any land they own, but no council owned land in Cheselbourne. Grass cutting done in Cheselbourne. Clerk to put document on website so anyone can read.

12 DAPTC courses highly recommended after recent attendance on Bring Your Own Chair course by chairman and clerk. All dates to be passed on by clerk.

13 **AOB:**

**Xmas tree:** Cllr Roberts reported that lights and decorations available. Cllr Hotblack reported that school agreed to have tree on verge so more visible.

**Playground:** Cllr Roberts explained he was unable to make decision about playground revamp until cost of repairing fingerposts is known and budget decided, but had spoken to D. Eastment about groundworks. Woodchip for playground is in storage in a resident’s barn but is to remain there. She was thanked for storing it until it is required.

**Use of village hall:** The village hall committee have asked that we pay £5 per time for use of the hall for meetings. All agreed. Clerk to ask for invoice once a year.

14 Next meeting: 4th January 2015 at 7.00pm