

CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Chideock on Tuesday 30 October 2018 at 10 am.

The Parish Council meeting commenced at **10 am**.

Present: Cllr Laurie Elliot (Vice Chair), Cllr Rob Murray, Cllr Peter Hunt, Cllr Vanessa Glenn and Cllr David Rogers.

In attendance: The Clerk and WDDC Cllr Simon Christopher and 5 members of the public.

Cllr Elliot took the Chair in the absence of Cllr Carey.

The Clerk asked for a minute's silence in honour of Kate Geraghty who lost her long battle with cancer on 3 October. She had been a Chideock councillor since March 1993.

2221 Apologies.

Cllr Roger Carey (Chair) sent his apologies which were accepted.
PCSO Alex Bishop and DCC Cllr Daryl Turner sent their apologies.

2222 Grants of Dispensations.

All councillors have an existing Grant of Dispensation to allow consideration of the Budget and Precept – Agenda Item 11 d.

2223 Declarations of Defined Pecuniary Interests. None.

2224 Minutes.

- a) **RESOLVED** to accept and sign, as a true record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 25 September 2018.
Proposed by Cllr Rogers, seconded by Cllr Glenn, carried unanimously.

2225 County and District Councillors' and Police Reports.

- a) West Dorset Cllr Christopher gave the following report: -
- He paid tribute to Kate Geraghty, who he had known for many years
 - WDDC has appointed a new Head of Paid Service, to replace Matt Prosser who has been appointed as Chief Executive to the new Dorset Council.
 - The Budget Task and Finish Group continues to look at how cost savings can be made
 - Adult and child social care services will continue to need a very large proportion of the Dorset Council budget despite the additional funding from central government announced in the Budget. This is demand led and cannot be accurately budgeted for.
 - The additional funding for pot hole repairs from central government announced in the Budget is welcomed.
 - Harmonisation across all services, which are currently provided by the 5 councils, is needed – this includes Council Tax and Planning.
 - There appears to be is no desire within local or central government to improve public transport links in rural areas
 - Proposed improvement of the A37 from Dorchester should take some traffic off the A35 through Chideock as it will provide an improved north / south route.
- b) PCSO Bishop had sent the following report: -
"On Sunday 30th September, we had a report of a theft of a handbag and two iPads from a vehicle at Langdon Woods. Unknown offenders smashed a rear window to pull a seat forward to gain access to the boot to get to the items. May I remind anyone that leaves their vehicle unattended, whether in an isolated area or busy one, not to leave any valuables in vehicles, even if hidden away.
We have had a report of a red Nissan pickup hanging around the area earlier this month. If anyone notices anything suspicious, please report it to us, at the time on 101. Now that the Eastern speed camera is in operation, the Community Speed Watch team have ceased their activity. Should there be other long-term issues with the cameras, I am hopeful that the team will be able to pick up to fill the void. Should that happen, and people are

- interested in joining the team, please contact myself or George Dunn for further details."
- c) Dorset Councillor Daryl Turner had sent the following report: -
"I've got nothing more than last time, there is an Informal Shadow Exec this evening & if anything "Public" come from that I'll update.
I will mention to other Councils The Voluntary Awards Night & how inspirational they were.
My "strapline" will be "Special people doing special work across Dorset"."

Standing Orders were suspended for the following item.

2226 Democratic Period.

Cllr Elliot asked the Chideock Bypass Working Group representative for his feelings following the meeting with WDDC, held on 15 October, regarding air pollution. The representative said that it was good to have an ongoing relationship with HE but is disappointed in WDDC who don't seem able to / capable of doing anything to improve air quality. They do not want to promote a LEZ and have no other ideas.

Mr Dunn reported that

- the Community Speed Camera team had consisted of 11 members, all of whom are prepared to carry on if necessary, i.e. if there is an issue with the static cameras
- 11 sessions were held between 9 July and 5 October 2018
- 11 motorists were recorded as exceeding the speed limit, with a maximum speed of 42 mpg recorded
- The highest traffic count for a session was 504 vehicles eastbound between 15:00 and 15:45 on Friday 28 September.

Mr David Everidge reported that the DCC Highways surveyor was pegging out the area within Mr Everidge's fields required for the passing places. His land agent will then assess how much land is being taken and will then meet with the DCC surveyor. He pointed out that the banks of Sea Hill Lane were being eroded because vehicles have become wider.

A member of the public asked how the council intended to fill the casual vacancy. The Clerk said that this matter was on the agenda.

Mr Richard Benjamin, Village Hall Chairman, said that 3 poppy wreaths had been purchased at a cost of £19 each. The Village Hall Committee would lay one wreath on 11 November, Remembrance Sunday and the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War One; and that the Chideock Society had agreed to pay for one wreath and that a representative of the Society would lay it. He asked if the Parish Council would agree to do the same.

Mr Benjamin also noted that the land on which the war memorial stands appears to have no owner and therefore no-one is responsible for maintenance. **AGREED** to consider this at the November meeting.

CC

Standing Orders were resumed.

2227 Reports / Updates by the Clerk and Councillors, and Updates to the Follow-Up List.

Items 3 - 10 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED** with those detailed below discussed in more detail.

Item 7 – Filling the Casual Vacancy. The Clerk said that the 1972 Local Government Act gave detailed information as to how a casual vacancy must be dealt with but is silent regarding how candidates for co-option are identified.

After discussion it was **AGREED** to invite Mr George Dunn, who was unsuccessful in last year's contested by-election, to stand for co-option and to ask for other volunteers to come forward. Mr Dunn said that he is willing to stand. The Clerk said she would post notices on all Village notice boards the following morning, with an end-date such that all names of those willing to be co-opted would be known prior to the issuing of the agenda for the November meeting, in order that the co-option could take place at that meeting.

CC

Item 9 – DAPTC AGM Motions. Chideock Parish Council will support all the motions put forward. The Clerk suggested that she ask Beaminster Town Council to support CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL's motion and said that she is willing to attend the AGM and to put CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL's motion forward. This was **AGREED** by councillors.

CC

Item 10 – Poppy Wreaths for 11 November 2018. **AGREED** that CHIDEOCK PARISH

COUNCIL would pay for one of the wreaths and lay it at the War Memorial, with formal approval by resolution at the November meeting. The Clerk suggested that the £19 be taken from the Community Fund.

2228 A35 Matters, and Updates to the Follow-Up List.

Items 11 to 15 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED** with those detailed below discussed in more detail.

Item 11 – Air Quality Meeting with WDDC (HE in attendance), held on 15 October. Cllr Elliot reported on the meeting:

- The meetings appear to be a “talking shop”, WDDC have no real power and do not appear willing to exercise what little power they have.
- The new Dorset Council will take over responsibility for Air Quality on 1 April 2019.
- What demands can CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL make to Dorset Council?
- DEFRA and HE would appear to be the only hope of action for Chideock.
- Dorchester Town Council is working to establish a LEZ. The Clerk pointed out that the Dorchester Air Quality Management Area does not involve a trunk road, unlike Chideock with the A35.

In connection with Cllr Christopher’s comment about A37 improvements, it was pointed out that this will not impact on traffic to / from the west and therefore the benefit to Chideock may be minimal.

Item 12 – Bridport A35 Meeting. Cllr Elliot reported on the meeting:

- Weight in Motion is not currently being progressed – it is hoped that checks made at the revamped Puddletown DVSA Test Site will provide evidence to indicate if Weight in Motion is needed. **AGREED** to ask DVSA for the status of the site, when it will begin operating and whether weight checks will be carried out on all vehicles. **CC**
- HE is to investigate the possibility of commissioning an Origin / Destination Study for traffic using the A35.
- HE is commissioning a study to determine why the number of accidents on the A35 has increased. This will be done in 2 stages – Devon, then Dorset.
- This study could delay the release of the WSP Safety and Severance report for Chideock, Morecombelake and Winterbourne Abbas. **AGREED** to write to HE, copy to Sir Oliver Letwin MP, saying that this delay is unacceptable. **CC**

2229 Motions Received with Notice. None.

2230 Planning Matters.

a) Applications.

WD/D/18/002304 FAR END, CHIDEOCK HILL Erection of garage (Full)

Chideock Parish Council has no objection in principle but has concerns about this application for a garage as there is an existing double garage with an "up and over" door to the west of the property, adjoining the bungalow. It does appear that the existing garage may be in use as living accommodation. This garage is not shown as such on the submitted plan.

WD/D/18/002151 BARNCROFT, SEA HILL LANE Erection of single storey extension (Full)

Chideock Parish Council has no objection to this application.

The Parish Council notes that the application gives no information as the disposal of rainwater from the new roof area and asks the applicant to incorporate rainwater harvesting.

b) Determinations.

WD/D/18/001997 GREENHILLS, CHIDEOCK HILL Erection of dwelling (Outline)
APPROVED

WD/D/18/002121 HELL FARM BUNGALOW, HELL FARMHOUSE, HELL LANE Change of use of barn to office and storage/garage (Certificate of Lawfulness (Proposed))
WITHDRAWN

c) Appeals.

None.

d) Other Planning Matters.

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

Items 15B on the Actions & Information List was.

ii. Enforcement and Retrospective Planning Applications.

Items 16 to 19 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

- iii. **Mill Lane Bridleway 18.**
Items 21 to 23A on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.
AGREED that CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL calls an Extraordinary Meeting when the Order has been made, to determine publicly what action is to be taken and why.
- iv. **Bullen's Lane / Bridleway 20 at Junction with A35.** No update.
- v. **All Weather Footpath.** No update.
- vi. **Seatown.** No update.
- vii. **Seatown Regeneration Project.**
Items 24 and 25 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.
- viii. **Neighbourhood Planning.** No update.
- ix. **Additional Matters.**
Items 26 on the Actions & Information List was **NOTED**.

2231 **Finances.**

Items 27 to 31 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**, with those detailed below discussed in more detail.

a) **Payments.**

RESOLVED to make the following payments: -

- i. Clerk's Salary & Expenses for October - £303.11
- ii. Chideock Village Hall Hire – October- £54.00
- iii. Theresa Mudford – hire of mower x 4 – October £80.00
- iv. Mr M Kelson – materials for Clapps Mead fencing £62.98

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

- v. St Giles PCC – Cemetery Grass Cutting Grant - £625.00

Cllr Hunt abstained as he is a member of St Giles PCC.

Proposed by Cllr Murray, seconded by Cllr Elliot, carried unanimously by those voting.

b) **Accounts and Budget Monitoring to 30 September 2018.**

NOTED.

c) **DRAFT Budget and Precept 2019 - 2020.**

AGREED that this be deferred to the November meeting.

CC

d) **Public Conveniences at Seatown.**

No revised proposal for the devolution of the toilets to the Parish Council has been received. **AGREED** that the Clerk informs the Local Council Re-organisation Centre Team, who are acting for WDDC on this matter, that in the light of the Dorset Council Shadow Executive's rejection of WDDC's proposal, the earlier provisional acceptance by CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL is void.

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e) **Foss Orchard Car Park.**

Item 31 – Renewal of white lining at Foss Orchard Car Park. AGREED to defer the renewal of the white lining until spring 2019.

CC

2232 **Clapps Mead Playing Field.**

Items 32 to 34A on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

Additionally, it was **NOTED** that

- the post between the pedestrian and vehicle gate is loose
- the benches are in a poor state of repair and should be replaced
- the older equipment in the children's play area needs painting.

AGREED that this should be taken forward to the January meeting.

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2233 **Dorset Highways and Flood Management.**

Items 35 to 37 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

2234 **Current Consultations.** None.

Items 38 to 40 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

2235 **Correspondence.**

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

2236 **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 November 2018.

The meeting closed at **12:25 pm**.