

CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Chideock Village Hall on Tuesday 29 June 2021 at 10 am.

The Parish Council meeting commenced at **10.00 am**.

Present: Cllr Vanessa McAra, Cllr Anna Dunn, Cllr George Dunn, Cllr Coates, Cllr Peter Hunt, Cllr Mick Downes, Cllr Peacock.

In attendance: The Clerk, and 1 members of the public.

2587 Apologies.

PCSO Bishop sent his apologies.

2588 Grants of Dispensations.

None.

2589 Declarations of Defined Pecuniary Interests.

Cllr Anna Dunn declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the Friends of Clapp's Mead.

2590 Minutes.

RESOLVED to accept and sign, as a true record,

a) the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 25 May 2021.

Proposed by Cllr Anna Dunn, seconded by Cllr Peter Hunt, carried unanimously.

2591 Dorset Ward Councillor and Police Reports.

a) PCSO Bishop had reported by e-mail as follows: -

- Whilst it is nice to be easing out of lockdown, this has brought with it visitors to the area and in turn, thefts from vehicles. On the afternoon of Tuesday 1st June, a bag was stolen from under the seat of a vehicle at Langdon Woods.
- In my last update, I mentioned the theft of catalytic converters from vehicles being a rising issue Nationally. Fortunately, we have not seen any further thefts in the Bridport area since my last update, but please be vigilant and continue to report suspicious activity to us on 101, or 999 if you believe a crime is in progress.

The Clerk reported that she had referred the matter of electric scooters being ridden on the A35 to PCSO Bishop. His response is:-

"It would appear that the information (*re illegal use on a highway*) is correct as per this link to the Gov website: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/e-scooter-trials-guidance-for-users>.

If anyone witnesses this, call it in on 101 at the time so that an Officer could attend. If you have any dashcam or camera footage, all the better."

AGREED that the Clerk write to West Dorset Leisure Holidays asking them to inform visitors that electric scooters can only be used on private land, with landowner permission.

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b) Cllr Christopher, Dorset Ward Councillor, had reported by e-mail, his report is appended to the minutes.

At the meeting he reported as follows: -

- Particulate matter (see report at end). He is of the opinion that PMs should be monitored in 2 locations – Chideock and somewhere more rural and remote. Whilst the government Environment Bill should address this matter action is needed now not at some future date. He said he stressed Chideock's unique topography at his meeting with Dorset Councillors Ray Bryan and Jill Haynes. He will keep on fighting for Chideock.

- He is meeting with the new Highways England representative soon.
- The Green Lanes Environmental Action Movement (GLEAM) (see <http://www.gleam-uk.org/>) works to preserve England's Green Lanes to prevent them being destroyed. GLEAM is active in Dorset and it may be worth while contacting them about Hell and Shutes Lanes.
- In regard to Hell and Shutes Lanes, Dorset Council lacks resources to improve them. "Green Laning" is continuing despite the Traffic Regulation Order prohibiting mechanical driven vehicles.
- The Police and Crime Commissioner is willing to meet with the Parish Council.

Cllr Coates asked how she and Mr Maskell can progress the all-weather all-purpose path to link Chideock to Bridport / Eype. Cllr Christopher said that a letter is needed which sets out the position, to be sent to Chris Loder, Ray Bryant, and others at Dorset Council. The need must be identified before any money can possibly be made available

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Cllr McAra asked Cllr Christopher if he is a member of the Vearse Farm Stakeholder Group. He said he is not and asked the Parish Council to write to him about this.

Cllr McAra said that Chris Loder MP appears reluctant to meet with councillors in Chideock, despite, by his own admission, having visited Chideock recently.

Standing Orders were suspended for the following item.

2592 Democratic Period.

Richard Benjamin, Village Hall Committee Chairman, said that free internet access is now available at the Village Hall, with a grant from Dorset Council. The Village Hall Committee has received a grant from Low Carbon Dorset to improve insulation and a grant from Dorset Council to replace the boiler. A grant has also been obtained to improve the disabled access – as the intended work will be within the Village Hall curtilage Highways England's approval is not required.

Standing Orders were resumed.

2593 Reports / Updates by the Clerk and Councillors.

Items 1 to 12 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED** with those detailed below discussed in more detail.

Item 5 – BBQ disposal. AGREED that, if an empty oil bin can be sourced, permission is requested from the beach owner to site this on his land, emptied periodically by volunteer Councillors into the local waste bin. **ALL**

Item 8 - Code of Conduct, Register of Interests & Complaints Training. AGREED that adoption of the Code of Conduct will be deferred until the September meeting, when all councillors should have completed the on-line Register of Interests.

Item 9 – Dorset Volunteer Ambassadors. The Clerk said that volunteers are being sought for Seatown but with no success as yet.

Chideock War Memorial.

Cllr Anna Dunn reported that this is almost complete.

2594 A35 Matters.

Items 13 to 27 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED** with those detailed below discussed in more detail.

Item 25 – Air Quality and Public Health. AGREED that details of precautions which can be taken by people be made available via the Chideock News and the Chideock Parish Council website. Cllr Peacock agreed to draft this. **TP**

Item 27 – Vehicle Activated Sign. AGREED that, as a first step, the Clerk contacts parishes on the A35 with a VAS to find out how it was funded. **CC**

Air Quality Study. Cllr Tony Peacock gave a brief update on progress.

Dorset Council Draft Air Quality Action Plan, AGREED that the Clerk asks Dorset Council when **CC**

- a. A response to the Parish Council's comments will be received
- b. The dates for the public consultation period.

Chideock Speed Monitoring. At Cllr Christopher's suggestion, **AGREED** to request a meeting with the Police and Crime commissioner to discuss this and other police related issues. Cllr Downes agreed to draft a letter to the Police and Crime Commissioner inviting him to come to Chideock to discuss these matters. **MD**

Chideock Speed Watch. **AGREED** that this be discussed at the July meeting. **CC**
letter, dated 14 June, from Chris Loder MP to Cllr McAra. **AGREED** that the Clerk removes the reference to the number of e-mails received by Chris Loder MP, at his request, and then publishes the notes of the meeting held on 5 February 2021 on the website. **CC**
AGREED that Cllr McAra will draft a reply to the letter. **VM**

2595 Motions Received with Notice.
None.

2596 Planning Matters.

a) Applications.

P/HOU/2021/01422 Hopyard North Road Conversion of garage. erection of front porch and rear single storey extension.

Chideock Parish Council has no objection but queries the absence of a Design and Access Statement.

b) Determinations. None.

c) Appeals. None.

d) Other Planning Matters.

Item 28 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

Enforcement. The Clerk reported that she has raised 3 queries with Dorset Council Planning Enforcement: -

- Concerns about unauthorised development at a property in North Road
- West Dorset Leisure Holidays advertising the VWs can be used on 16 Acre / Big Berries camp site, whilst the 2012 Certificate of Lawfulness states camping with tents and trailer tents only.
- The possible exceedance of the permitted number of days use of 16 Acre / Big Berries specified in the Certificate of Lawfulness and as amended by the relaxation permitted by government due to COVID-19.

2597 Finances.

Items 28A to 31 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

a) Payments.

RESOLVED to make the following payments: -

i.	Clerk's Salary and Expenses for	£266.22
ii.	HMRC – PAYE for April, May, and June	£184.20
iii.	Mr Ian Wigglesworth for Internal Audit	£60.00
iv.	CPRE Subscription	£36.00
v.	Hall Hire June	£14.00
vi.	Grant to St Giles PCC for Cemetery Grass Cutting	£675.00

Proposed by Anna Dunn, seconded by Cllr Peter Hunt, carried unanimously.

b) Internal Audit & Annual Governance and Accountability Return.

RESOLVE to accept the Internal Auditor's Report.

Proposed by Cllr Hunt, seconded by Cllr George Dunn, carried unanimously.

RESOLVE to accept and sign page 5 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2020-2021, - this must be approved by the Council and signed by the Chair and Clerk

Proposed by Cllr Anna Dunn, seconded by Cllr George Dunn, carried unanimously.

RESOLVE to accept and sign the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2020-2021, page 6 - this must be approved by the Council and signed by the Chair.

Proposed by Cllr Peacock, seconded by Cllr Coates, carried unanimously.

a) Foss Orchard Car Park.

Nothing to report.

- 2598 Clapps Mead Playing Field.**
Cllr George Dunn said that he and Mike Kelson will look at the fencing next to the River Winniford to see if they can do the job of replacing it – councillors considered that Mr Ken Hussey's quote was too high and possibly covered a longer length of fence than is required. **GD**
- Cllr Anna Dunn gave a brief update regarding the Friends of Clapp's Mead – a bank account has been set up, a constitution has been adopted and the Chideock and Seatown website has made a donation of £100. The Chideock W.I. has donated a further bench for the enjoyment of villagers, the delivery date for this is from 28th August.
- 2599 Dorset Highways and Flood Management.**
Items 34 and 35 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.
- 2600 Current Consultations.**
Dorset Council - Definitive Map Modification Order x 2 The British Horse Society has asked for 2 roads which are currently classified as "unclassified highways" to be made into Byways Open to All Traffic (BOATs). Both are wholly in Symondsbury Parish, but a small part abuts the Chideock parish boundary. Further investigation of the implications is required before any response is made. **CC/ ALL**
Forestry Audit - NT Golden Cap Estate – councillors will look at this and send any comments to the Clerk for collation before submission by 16 July **ALL**
Wessex Water Draft Drought Plan 2021- councillors will comment on this individually if they so wish - by 14 July **ALL**
Boundary Commission Review of Parliamentary Boundaries, including changes to the West Dorset constituency - councillors will comment on this individually if they so wish by 2 August. **ALL**
- 2601 Correspondence.**
There were no other items of correspondence to be brought to Councillors' notice.
- 2602 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 July 2021.

The meeting closed at **12.22 am**.

Cllr Christopher's E-mailed Report.

I am a cyclist and I am an enthusiast for the monitoring of particulate matter PM 2.5.

These are not necessarily the items that all the other 81 Dorset Councillors will put in the first sentence of a report to a parish council.

I will explain further.

You will have hopefully seen an exchange of correspondence between myself and the minister Chris Heaton Harris MP responsible for safe walking and cycling.

A safe link ,avoiding the A35 is the issue, perhaps, that I discuss most regularly with my fellow Dorset Councillors and our MP ,second only to air quality and pollution.

I now turn to monitoring of particulates.

I have met with Dorset Councillors including Councillor Ray Bryan and Councillor Jill Haynes together with officers to discuss monitoring of PM2.5.

You have been sent an e mail by Councillor Jill Haynes. (**See below**).

My thoughts are different from other Dorset Councillors cited above as I would welcome monitoring in Chideock commencing without further unreasonable delay rather than awaiting further Government direction.

To delay means recognising that the Government has declared Air Quality as a priority within the Environment Bill and awaiting new targets for PM2.5.

Clearly, I suspect, that you and I believe that Chideock should be treated preferentially ,as a pilot perhaps, prior to the creation of an exciting new monitoring network rolled out across the Country to capture more detailed air quality information.

Email to Chideock Parish Council from Cllr Jull Haynes

Dear Miss Robinson

After the request from Chideock Parish Council to Dorset Council please see the response below.

This is a Dorset Council position statement in response to the request by Chideock Parish Council to monitor levels of PM2.5 in the Air Quality Management Area next to the A35 in Chideock.

The A35 is a trunk road managed by Highways England, not Dorset Council, and there is no statutory duty for the council to monitor this size of particulate matter. Given the concerns of the Parish Council and the increasing evidence around of how exposure to PM2.5 can affect health, we and our partner organisations have considered the request very carefully. However, Dorset Council has taken the decision not to undertake this particular type of monitoring at this time.

The Government has rightly declared Air Quality as a priority within the Environment Bill 2021 and have stated that they will be setting new targets for PM2.5 and as part of this, will be introducing a new monitoring network to capture more detailed air quality information. We feel it is prudent to await the details from Government and then consider how we can improve the Air Quality in a more strategic way.

We acknowledge that this decision will be disappointing for Chideock Parish Council. However, providing meaningful data around PM2.5 is fraught with practical, technical, and analytical difficulties. Public Health England consider that a long-term study would be required, using sophisticated equipment and it is not feasible to site large analysers along this section of the A35. Furthermore, there are many transboundary sources that can contribute to particulate matter, but our current technology does not allow us to identify specific sources, we can only infer these.

For all the above reasons, we intend to wait for further guidance from the Government and our partners at Public Health England before we set out a more systematic and coordinated plan on how best to address PM2.5 throughout the Dorset Council area. Work has started on the Dorset Council Air Quality Action Plan and we will

shortly produce an online consultation that will invite public comment on the actions within and any broader concerns they may have about Air Quality in the Dorset area.

Yours sincerely

Jill Haynes