

CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Chideock on Tuesday 31 January 2012 at 7:30pm.

Present: Cllrs Rob Murray (Chair), Caroline Barnes, Kate Geraghty and Elizabeth Grant.

In attendance: The Clerk, DCC Cllr Brierley and 6 members of the public.

The meeting commenced at **7:32pm**.

1105 Apologies. WDDC Cllr Summers and PCSO Miners sent their apologies.

1106 Declarations of Interest. Cllr Geraghty said that she had a personal interest in the History Interpretation Board, Agenda item 8 c.

1107 Minutes.

a) **RESOLVED** to accept and sign, as a true record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 29 November 2011, after the following amendments were made:-

- Page 1, minute 1094 a, 2nd bullet point, penultimate line – replace “Council” with “Councils”
- Page 1, minute 1094 b, 2nd bullet point, 2nd line – replace “Darby” with “Derby”
- Page 2, minute 1096 a, last line – replace “devise” with “device”

Proposed by Cllr Geraghty, seconded by Cllr Barnes, carried unanimously.

b) **RESOLVED** to accept and sign, as a true record, the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 12 December 2011, after the following amendments were made:-

- Page 2, minute P135, 3rd bullet point on page 2, penultimate line – replace “great” with “greater”

Proposed by Cllr Grant, seconded by Cllr Geraghty, carried unanimously.

1108 County and District Councillor's and Police Reports.

a) DCC Cllr Brierley spoke about the following matters:-

• **Highways.**

Mill Lane is to be resurfaced.

• **Fire.**

There have been 16 barn fires in the last 6 months, not all deliberately started, and Fire teams are out talking to farmers about precautions which can be taken. 35% of all fires in the last year in Dorset were caused by electrical faults. When fire teams inspect homes and premises they now also look at the condition of the electrical wiring and appliances.

• **Police.**

A meeting with the Marshwood Vale Safer Neighbourhood Team was held at Lyme Regis. Chideock is now under the Beaminster SNT and Insp. Darby will come to talk to the Council and public. There is a move away from PACT meetings. Half yearly meetings with Parish Chairs are planned. The new policing arrangements introduced last year appear to be working well.

• **Council Tax Rise.**

This is being voted on at the DCC meeting on 16 February 2012. It is likely that there will be a 0% rise, so DCC will receive the maximum Government grant. However both Fire and Police have asked for a rise greater than their government grant level, which increases their precept amounts.

• **Libraries.**

Cllr Geraghty asked what progress was being made regarding Charmouth library. Cllr Brierley said that the volunteer group is working very hard and should be in a position to take over the running of the library service in September. The business plan is with DCC.

b) The Clerk read out the following information from PCSO Miners:-

“The caravan fire at the site at the junction of Muddyford Lane and the A35 was treated as arson and investigated. No-one was charged with that offence. He is unaware of anything significant

since. Police do visit the site from time to time but nothing should be read into that.”

Standing Orders were suspended for the following item.

1109 Democratic Period.

a) Planning Application 1/D/11/001952 Hazel Bower (aka Hit & Miss)

A member of the public, who lives next to Hazel Bower, spoke of his concerns regarding overlooking onto his house and garden and loss of privacy; loss of light from the proposed tall “hedge” screening; the visual impact of the proposed building on the AONB. He said that the new application did however address many of his concerns with the previous refused application.

The architect spoke about the changes made in the current application to overcome previous objections and stated that they would try to overcome the issues raised by the neighbour in relation to the current application.

Councillors expressed concerns over light pollution. The architect said this had been addressed in the application - interior lighting was designed to be unobtrusive from outside the building and tinted non-reflecting glazing would be used. Councillors said that they did not see how this could be enforced, especially after a change of ownership.

b) Potholes.

A member of the public said that potholes in North Chideock had not been repaired. The Clerk asked him to let her have full details and she would follow this up with DCC Highways.

Standing Orders were resumed.

1110 Reports / Updates by the Clerk and Councillors.

All items from the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**, with the exception of those detailed below.

- a) The Clerk said that she had been informed that stripped cabling had been dumped in Langdon Lane. Cllr Grant said that other material had also been dumped in the vicinity. **AGREED** that Cllr Grant send photos to the Clerk, who will take the matter up with WDDC. **EG, CC**
- b) Item 0B – **AGREED** to invite Insp. Darby to the next CPC meeting but not to have a meeting with him prior to that. Clerk to pass the report to Mr Pettifer. **CC**
- c) Item 6 – **AGREED** to write to the PCC pointing out that the grant is sourced from the precept and that the amount for 2012 has already been budgeted for out of the 2012 – 13 precept. Also to ask them if they have considered the suggestion that the eastern part of the Cemetery be a wild flower garden and only mown twice a year, thus reducing costs. **CC**
- d) Item 7 – **AGREED** that the Clerk ask Nick Zaiger if he will get the stumps from the old climbing frame out of the ground. If not, Cllr Grant will arrange a small working group to do it. **CC**
- e) Item 7A – **AGREED** to defer consideration of using DCC for Play Area inspections (rather than RoSPA / Playsafety) until the Autumn when the budget is set. The Clerk will obtain more information regarding the service offered and get feedback from other Parishes.
- f) Item 10A – **AGREED** that CPC wishes the cleaning of the DCC owned bus shelter at Broadmead to continue under the DCC contract. **CC**
- g) Item 12 – the presentation notes on Coastal Protection will be circulated between councillors.
- h) Item 15 – **AGREED** to accept the invitation from Symondsburry Parish Council to hear Dr David Evans, WDDC Planning, speak on Localism as this is very important to the village. The Clerk will ensure that it is publicised to residents. **CC**
- i) Item 18A – the Clerk will put a copy of the Temporary Traffic Regulation Order and map for the Mill Lane resurfacing on the Notice Board and will ask DCC to clarify the southern end point of the works. **CC**
- j) Item 26 – **AGREED** by all that the Clerk attend the DAPTC Financial Update seminar on 24 February at a cost of £20.
- k) Item 27 – **AGREED** by all that the Clerk attend the DAPTC Localism seminar at Lodors on 15 May at a cost of £20.

1111 Planning Matters.

a) Applications.

1/D/11/001952 HAZEL BOWER, RYALL ROAD Demolition of an existing two storey dwelling and erection of a partly one, partly two storey replacement dwelling. (Full) – N.B. previous application 1/D/10/001623 was refused 19/11/2010.

After discussion it was **AGREED**

- that councillors send their views to the Clerk
- that Cllr Murray and the Clerk draft the response and circulate to all
- that CPC inform WDDC that their comments will be submitted by 18 February, in line with

Char Valley PC

- that councillors will attend the Char Valley PC meeting on 13 February

CA/12/00004 ROSE COTTAGE, MAIN STREET 1 No. Bramley Apple tree – fell
Chideock Parish Council regrets the loss of a mature tree within the Conservation Area and asks that a replacement be planted.

CA/12/00012 CAR PARK OPPOSITE PETERS FINGER, MILL LANE 1 No. Crack Willow tree – fell
Chideock Parish Council has no objection, subject to the Tree Officer's report.

b) To consider any applications received after the agenda was circulated. NONE

c) Determinations.

1/D/11/001916 DUCKLING COTTAGE, External & internal alterations (Listed Building Consent)

APPROVED

1/D/11/001669 ROSE COTTAGE, MAIN STREET Replace double garage with B&B accommodation to first floor (Full) **WITHDRAWN**

1/D/10/001957 29/11/2010 ANCHOR INN Extension & convert first floor to form 2 bedroom suites & staff facilities (Full) **APPROVED**

CA/11/00457 SIMONS ORCHARD, MAIN STREET 1 No. Thuja - reduce crown and reshape by up to 30%, 2 No. Yew trees - reduce crown spread, reshape and lightly thin **APPROVED**

d) To note any determinations received after the agenda was circulated. NONE

e) Any Other Planning Matters.

- 11 Broadmead – **NOTED** that work to the front extension has resumed. **AGREED** that the Clerk request an urgent update from WDDC Planning Enforcement.
- The Planning Appeal statistics for 2011 were **NOTED**. The Clerk has also asked for statistics for the previous 3 / 5 years.

1112 Finances

a) Payments.

RESOLVED to make the following payments:-

Clerk's Salary & Expenses for January	£229.71
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Hall Hire for Oct, Nov, Dec	£50.00
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PNW Services - Bus Shelter Cleaning Oct, Nov, Dec	£20.00
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Proposed by Cllr Murray, seconded by Cllr Barnes, carried unanimously.

b) Insurance of the History Interpretation Board and the Vehicle Activated Speed Sign (VAS).

The History Interpretation Board has been erected but the VAS has not. **RESOLVED** that both items be insured immediately. Proposed by Cllr Barnes, seconded by Cllr Murray, carried unanimously. **CC**

1113 Clapps Mead Playing Field – Queen Elizabeth II Field.

The application by Chideock Parish Council to Fields in Trust for Clapps Mead Playing Field to become a Queen Elizabeth II Field has been accepted.

RESOLVED that Clapps Mead Playing Field should be dedicated as a Queen Elizabeth II Field, that the Chair and Vice Chair sign the dedication document x2 and Land Registration plan x2 and that the Clerk remits these, with a copy of the Land Registration document, to Fields in Trust. **CC**

Proposed by Cllr Geraghty, seconded by Cllr Grant, carried unanimously.

The documents were signed by the Chair and Vice Chair and witnessed by the Clerk.

1114 Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Celebrations & Olympic Torch Relay Event.

Cllr Grant gave a report of the Dorset Olympic Torch Workshop which she had attended that morning, with WDDC Cllr Summers. Cllr Grant is now the "named person". Cllr Grant will take this information to the Village Fete Committee meeting on 8 February (both Cllr Grant and Cllr Barnes are on this committee). Cllr Grant will also ask if other village groups (e.g. W.I., Chideock Society) are going to be asked to be involved in both the Torch Relay event and the Queen's Golden Jubilee celebrations.

AGREED that the Clerk ask the Highways Agency if the Chideock Bridge railing can be repaired and repainted prior to the Torch Relay.

1115 Current Consultations.

a) Community Infrastructure Levy. Response required by 30 Dec 2011.

b) Technical Reforms of Council Tax. Response required by 29 Dec 2011.

c) Neighbourhood Plans Regulations. Response required by 5 Jan 2012.

NOTED that responses were prepared by Cllr Murray and the Clerk and submitted by the due dates.

1116 Motions Received with Notice.

None.

1117 Correspondence. There were no other items of correspondence to be brought to Councillors' notice.

1118 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of Chideock Parish Council.

The next meeting of Chideock Parish Council will be on Tuesday 28 February 2012 at 7:00pm and that Inspector Darby will be invited to attend to speak to Councillors and members of the public regarding traffic issues on the A35 and any other Police matters.

The meeting closed at **9:45pm.**