

CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Chideock on Tuesday 27 March 2012 at 7:30pm.

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

In attendance: The Clerk, DCC Cllr Brierley and 2 members of the public.

The meeting commenced at **7:30pm**.

1134 Apologies. WDDC Cllr Summers sent her apologies.

1135 Declarations of Interest. None declared at this point in the meeting.

1136 Minutes.

- a) **RESOLVED** to accept and sign, as a true record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 28 February 2012, after the following amendments were made:
Page 1, para starting "Inspector Darby":- replace "SNT" with "Safer Neighbourhood Team"
Page 1, minute 1124 b):- add "to deal with blocked sewer"
Page 1, minute 1124 c) 1):- add "to Seatown"
Page 2, minute 1124 f):- insert "with Cllr Geraghty" after "attend"
Proposed by Cllr Geraghty, seconded by Cllr Murray, carried unanimously.
- b) **RESOLVED** to accept and sign, as a true record, the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting of 19 March 2012.
Proposed by Cllr Geraghty, seconded by Cllr Murray, carried unanimously.
- c) **RESOLVED** to accept and sign, as a true record, the minutes of the Playing Field Committee meeting of 21 March 2012, after the following amendments were made:
Page 1, minute PF91 Swings, line 2:- replace "swig" with "swing"
Page 1, minute PF91 Swings, line 3:- replace "Paris" with "Parish"
Page 1, minute PF91 Stumps from old climbing frame, last line:- replace "he" with "Mr Ian Stoker"
Page 2, minute PF92, 1st line:- Replace "October" with "April"
Proposed by Cllr Geraghty, seconded by Cllr Grant, carried unanimously.

1137 County and District Councillor's and Police Reports.

Cllr Brierley reported as follows:-

- He apologised for not attending the last meeting
- **Council Tax.** Though both the Police and Fire authorities wanted to raise their precept above the government guideline, this was overruled by the Elected Members.
- **Police "No Excuses" campaign.** This will continue. The KSI figure for Dorset is down by 4%. Whilst there is an improvement in the number of people not wearing seatbelts, mobile phone use appears unchanged. The scheme has won the Prince Michael of Kent Road Safety Award and is the best scheme in the country and is being copied by other Police Forces. A significant number of motorists caught speed are opting for the safer driving course at Winfrith, instead of receiving penalty points. The cost of £105 per course is funding the Road Safety Education programme.
- **Chideock Speed Watch.** He asked what has happened to this as he has not seen the volunteers out recently. Cllr Murray said that it appeared to be in abeyance and asked Cllr Brierley to talk to the Safer Neighbourhood team about it.
- **Charmouth Library.** On 9 March DCC Cabinet agreed to offer leases for library buildings to Charmouth and 8 other parishes, with the new community lead service due to start in September 2012. DCC have agreed to carry out any necessary repairs. At Charmouth the activities on offer have already increased and the building is now being utilised far more than the 10 hours the library is currently open. £4,000 has already been raised by the community.

- There is currently a legal dispute with DCC regarding payment of legal fees to DCC.
- **Lengthsman Scheme.** He spoke about the Lengthsman scheme operated by both Bridport Town Council and Upper Marshwood Vale parish Council and suggested that CPC consider hiring one of these lengthsman for small one-off jobs.
- **Elected Police & Crime Commissioner.** Elections for this post are being held on 15 November, and the current Police Authority system ceases to exist on 27 November 2012.

Standing Orders were suspended for the following item.

1138 Democratic Period.

No member of the public wished to speak.

Standing Orders were resumed.

1139 Reports / Updates by the Clerk and Councillors.

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

- a) Item 2 AQMA – **AGREED** that this be reported in the May Chideock News CC
- b) Item 4 – **AGREED** that the matter of days/ times of Parish Council meetings will be formally considered at a future Parish Council meeting
- c) Item 9 - Street name plate North Road at junction with A35 Main Street – **AGREED** to inform Dorset Highways that CPC has no objection in principal, to ask them to also consult with St Giles PCC and to ask if it is possible to have signs for both sides of the road CC
- d) Item 10A - Hedge / tree cutting / pruning on bank in North Road between Annables and Winniford Close – **AGREED** to put an article in the May Chideock News to inform people that they can ask DCC Highways to cut back hedgerows / trees on land owned by DCC. The Clerk will ask DCC Highways to cut back the hedge / trees between Annables and Winniford Close at the end of summer, after the bird nesting season is over. CC
- e) Item 11 Pettycrate Lane – Cllr Grant said that the potholes have been filled but that they were not cleared out beforehand. **AGREED** that the Clerk will report this to Ms Dawn Atkin, DCC Highways. **AGREED** that Cllr Grant will speak to the owners of the 2 fields and that the Clerk will follow up with formal letters as required. CC
EG,
CC
- f) Item 13 Signage for Mill Lane and SWCP – Cllr Geraghty said that the Chideock Society may be willing to pay for the signs. **AGREED** that the Clerk check that John Hayes, DCC Coastal Ranger, is proposing 2 signs, one for each end of Mill Lane and to also check that the Cumbrey Lane fingerpost will be replaced at DCC's expense. (N.B. Cllr Geraghty explained that DCC pay for replacement / repair of existing fingerposts but not for new ones). CC
- g) Item 21B Winter Matters- the response re use of red diesel was **NOTED**. **AGREED** that the Clerk write to DCC Highways means that no volunteer gritting by farmers will be possible, so Chideock will be dependent of DCC Highways resources. CC

1140 Planning Matters.

- a) Applications.
1/D/12/000163 26 RIDWOOD Demolition & erect single storey extension (Full)
AGREED that CPC had concerns over some aspects of the application and that the Clerk will circulate draft comments for approval by Cllrs.
- b) To consider any applications received after the agenda was circulated. NONE.
- c) Determinations.
CA/12/00087 - THE LODGE, NORTH ROAD – Proposal - 2 No. Lime tree - repollard - **APPROVED**
- d) To note any determinations received after the agenda was circulated. NONE
- e) Any Other Planning Matters.
 - i. 1/D/11/001823 - Land Adj A35. The letter from WDDC Development Control to Mrs Smith-Bendell querying matters pertinent to the application, including ownership, was **NOTED**.
 - ii. Trees in the Conservation Area. **AGREED** that Cllr Murray and the Clerk draft a document over the next 3 months and that the WDDC Tree Officer be involved. RM,
CC
 - iii. 1/D/11/001952 Hazel Bower. **NOTED** that a comment was submitted on the amended plans which were received after the last Parish Council meeting with comments required by 9 March. The comments were drafted by the Clerk and Cllr Murray and circulated to all for approval before they were submitted.
 - iv. 16 Acre Field. The application for a CLU was **NOTED**- see also v. below.
 - v. Applications for Certificates of Lawful Use. The 2 CLU applications were **NOTED**. The Clerk reported that she had not been formally notified of these and that there are no supporting documents available on the dorsetforyou website and that Ms Ricketts, WDDC Legal

Officer, has been asked to investigate.

- vi. Other. Cllr Geraghty asked the Clerk to inform Highways Agency of the car parking area recently formed at the last house on the south side of the A35 at the top of Chideock Hill, and to ask them to inspect it for road safety. **AGREED** that this be done and that WDDC Development Control be asked if this car parking area needs planning approval. **CC**

1141 Finances

a) Payments.

RESOLVED to make the following payments:-

Cllr Grant - travel expenses (Olympic Workshop)	£6.45 (deferred from February)
Clerk's Salary & Expenses for January	£268.64
PAYE for Jan, Feb & March 2012	£157.40
DAPTC – Finance Seminar	£20.00
PNW Services for bus shelter cleaning	£20.00
Village Hall Rent for Jan, Feb & March	£66.00

Proposed by Cllr Geraghty, seconded by Cllr Murray, carried. Cllr Grant declared a personal and prejudicial interest and abstained.

b) Foss Orchard Car Park – ACO drain repair.

The reports by the Clerk (Actions and Information List items 25, 26 and 26A) were **NOTED**.

c) Footpath Guides.

Cllr Grant said that she thinks that CPC should further reduce the price of Footpath Guides, given that they are so old, even though a disclaimer sticker is put on each to say that the advertisements may be out of date.

AGREED that Cllr Grant will go to the usual outlets and see what response she gets, the Clerk will estimate how many copies are left, and a report will be given at the next Parish Council Meeting. **EG, CC**

1142 Clapps Mead Playing Field.

The registration of Clapps Mead as a QEII Field, and receipt of the dedication document from Fields in Trust was **NOTED**. **AGREED** to defer approval to register this with the Land Registry until the next Parish Council meeting, so that the Clerk can find out if the fee to register the 2 forms is £50 or £100.

The Playing Field Committee minutes were **RECEIVED** as the report and recommendations from the Playing Field Committee meeting of 21 March 2012.

The Clerk reported on the options for replacing the cradle swing seat, and possible also it's chains.

AGREED Cllr Grant will investigate further and make a recommendation to the next full Parish Council meeting. **EG**

AGREED that the Clerk pursue investigations regarding the cost of replacement turf for the goal mouths, under the swings, and other worn areas, to include the cost of delivery / laying, and to make a recommendation to the next full Parish Council meeting. **CC**

AGREED that Cllr Grant will lead an informal meeting at Clapps Mead, on behalf of the Playing Field Committee, with Mrs Lyn Crisp. The Clerk and Cllr Murray will also attend.

1143 Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Celebrations & Olympic Torch Relay Event.

Cllr Grant reported that the next meeting of the Village Fete Committee is on the evening of Wednesday 4 April.

The Clerk agreed to ask WDDC about the grant applications prior to this meeting, as this has an impact on what it will be possible to afford to do for the 2 events. **CC**

Cllr Geraghty reported that she has so far identified 36 children of school age (16 or under) but does not know how many children there are who are not yet at school. Cllr Grant said that she would help with this.

Cllr Geraghty passed round information and designs of some of commemorative mugs which are available. Cllr Barnes said that she knows some of the suppliers through her business and that she would speak to them. It was **PROVISIONALLY AGREED** to choose the design showing both the "young" and the "old" queen and to, if possible, have the mugs personalised to say that they were presented by Chideock Parish Council. **CB**

AGREED that the Clerk ask what Symondsburry Parish Council is intending to give to the children in their Parish. **CC**

1144 Current Consultations.

a) Consultation on draft WDDC Corporate Plan 2012 - 2016. By 2 May.

b) DCLG - Consultation on the Allocation of Accommodation: Guidance for local housing authorities in England. By 30 March.

c) DCLG - Consultation on Proposed policy statement for Part 2 of the Localism Act 2011. By 22 April..

AGREED that Cllr Murray and the Clerk prepare responses to these consultations as required.

1145 Motions Received with Notice.

- a) As recommended by the Finance and General Purposes Committee at the meeting of 19 March 2012, **RESOLVED** to
- To transfer £275 from the General Reserve, £75 as an additional grant to the Chideock News and £200 to the Community Fund
 - To transfer the budgeted amount of £250 from the Precept to the Community Fund
 - To transfer the budgeted amount of £400 from the Precept to the Earmarked Fund
 - To transfer the budgeted amount of £500 from the Precept to the Foss Orchard Car Park Maintenance Fund
 - To transfer the budgeted amount of £1000 from the Precept to the Foss Orchard River Bank Fund
 - To transfer the unspent balance of £170 of the budgeted amount of £250 from the Precept to a new Bus Shelter Maintenance Fund, to be included as a new column on the "Summary of Accounts".

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

- b) As recommended by the Finance and General Purposes Committee at the meeting of 19 March 2012, **RESOLVED** to make the following grants:-
- £20 to Axe Valley Ring and Ride (from the £100 as budgeted in the Precept)
 - £50 to Bridport Citizens Advice Bureau (from the as £100 budgeted in the Precept)(
 - £30 to Victim Support in Dorset from the as £100 budgeted in the Precept)
 - £150 to the Chideock News (£75 as budgeted in Precept plus £75 from the General Reserve as above).

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

- c) As recommended by the Finance and General Purposes Committee at the meeting of 19 March 2012, **RESOLVED** to
- Confirm CPC's continued acceptance of the current Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Risk Register be confirmed,
 - Review the Risk Register and Asset Register in conjunction with insurance cover at the end of May 2012
 - Adopt the forthcoming revised NALC Model Financial Regulations (due summer 2012), after any necessary amendments, before the end of the Financial Year 2012 – 13.

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

- d) As recommended by the Playing Field Committee at the meeting of 21 March 2012, **RESOLVED** to
- Develop a Management Plan for Clapps Mead Playing Field, starting with a clear map of what natural and man-made features exist, and to then produce a detailed maintenance plan, schedule and action list.

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

1146 Correspondence. There were no other items of correspondence to be brought to Councillors' notice.

1147 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 24 April 2012 at 7:30pm.

The Clerk reminded Cllrs that Dr David Evan's, WDDC Director of Environment, is speaking about Localism at the Symondsbury Village Meeting at 7:30 on Tuesday 3 April, at Symondsbury School.

The meeting closed at **9:30pm.**