

CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Chideock on Tuesday 24 April 2012 at 7:30pm.

Present: Cllrs Rob Murray (Chair), Kate Geraghty and Elizabeth Grant. Cllr Caroline Barnes arrived during agenda item 4.

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

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

1148 Apologies. None.

1149 Declarations of Interest. None declared at this point in the meeting.

1150 Minutes.

a) **RESOLVED** to accept and sign, as a true record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 27 March 2012, after the following amendments were made:

- Page 1, minute 1137, 3rd bullet point, 5th line: amend "speed" to "speeding"
- Page 1, minute 1137, 5th bullet point, 2nd line: amend "-lead" to "-led"
- Page 12, minute 1139 e), 2nd line: amend "principal" to "principle"
- Page 4, minute 1145 b) ii): remove "as" and "(" at end of line
- Page 4, minute 1145 b) iii): insert "(" between "Dorset" & "from") and remove "as"

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

1151 County and District Councillor's and Police Reports.

Cllr Brierley reported as follows:-

- Money invested in the Icelandic banks is being recovered. Both DCC and Dorset Fire and Rescue had money invested.
- DCC Chief executive retires in October, and probably the Head of Corporate Services also. This will probably lead to some restructuring at DCC, with possible cost savings.
- Dorset Police are taking part in a command post exercise, as part of preparations for the Olympic Games, together with all other agencies involved in the Games.
- The estimated cost of policing the Games in Dorset is £40m, which is coming from the Olympic Games Security Fund. This includes the purchase of inflatable boats and training for operating from the sea.
- The estimated cost for Dorset Fire and Rescue is £1m, again from the Olympic Games Security Fund.

Cllr Barnes arrived at 7:40pm.

Cllr Summers reported as follows:

- David Clerk, WDDC Chief Executive, is sending out a letter to members about the current problems being experienced in Development Control Administration since the merger with Weymouth and Portland. They are currently about 6 weeks behind in registering applications and anticipate catching up by October. This is the only area which has experienced problems since the merger.
- Cllr Summers will meet the Queen when she visits Sherborne on 1 May.
- Public toilets – WDDC are rolling out the Community Toilet Scheme. Old facilities will be disposed of, and "community" toilets introduced e.g. at Art Centres, museums and any businesses such as pubs and restaurants who wish to participate. WDDC will inspect the facilities and contribute to the cost. WDDC will ensure that disabled facilities are available, this is being done over 3 / 4 years, starting with Sherborne. Bridport will be one of the last towns.

- Super-fast broadband. All the papers have now been signed. The money from WDDC (£1.3m) is coming from reserves not Council Tax. Work has started on “undergrounding” BT cables and BT is spending £18m on upgrading their lines.

Cllr Barnes asked Cllr Summers to ensure that all “community” toilets are suitable for use by children of all ages.

Cllr Geraghty asked if all cafes / food outlets have to have toilet facilities. Cllr Summers said she would find out.

Cllr Geraghty raised the issue of records of requests for enforcement by WDDC being used as evidence in applications for Certificates of Lawfulness, for example 1/D/12/000330 for 16 Acre Field. Agreed that the Clerk send to Cllr Summers the 2011 DAPTC AGM resolution re enforcement and the recent letter from Mrs Lyn Crisp re 1/D/12/000330. CC

Cllr Summers said that TV cameras will be present in Chideock for the Olympic Torch Relay. She mentioned the poly-tunnel which has appeared at Quarr Lane. The Clerk said she would report this to WDDC Planning Enforcement. CC

Cllr Summers gave a brief update regarding Adjoining Parish planning application 1/D/11/001823 LAND ADJACENT A35, MORCOMBELAKE, saying that serious questions regarding ownership of the land have emerged and the Police are involved.

Standing Orders were suspended for the following item.

1152 Democratic Period.

No member of the public wished to speak.

Standing Orders were resumed.

1153 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 7A – Clerk to find out dates for work so that CPC can inspect at the end, and to also ask Connect to ensure that no paint is allowed to pollute the River Winniford. CC
- b) Item 11 – **AGREED** that a “round table” meeting between West Dorset Leisure Holidays, the Police, National Trust, CPC and residents be organised. **AGREED** that, in the meantime, an article be put in the Chideock News telling people to take the registration number of any car involved in pedestrian conflict on any bridleway or un-paved roadway, and to report it to the police, or in the case of Mill Lane Bridleway, to WDLH. CC
- c) Item 11C – Clerk to ask Mr Rob Aspray, WDDC Rural Housing Officer, for a copy of the draft S106 covering the Ridwood housing allocation policy. CC
- d) **Footpath Guides.** This was missing from the list. The Clerk reported that there are still in excess of 1,800 unsold copies of the footpath guide. **AGREED** that the price be halved i.e. 25p each to the outlets with the re-sale price to be no more than 50p.

1154 Planning Matters.

- a) Applications.
 - 1/D/12/000383 FELICITYS FARM SHOP, MAIN ROAD, MORCOMBELAKE 2no. lean-to extensions (Full) – ADJOINING PARISH
Chideock Parish Council has no objection.
 - CA/12/00120 - VINE COTTAGE, SEA HILL LANE - Proposal: T1 - Weeping Willow - reduce height back to previous topping points. T2 - Beech - light crown thin - removal of dead/crossing branches (thinning by 5-10%)
Chideock Parish Council has no objection, subject to the Tree Officer's recommendation.
 - CA/12/00132 - THE COTTAGE, MILL LANE - Proposal: 2 No. Cupressus Macrocarpa – fell
Chideock Parish Council has no objection, subject to the Tree Officer's recommendation.
 - P/12/00163. HOLME COTTAGE, PETTYCRATE LANE - Proposal: 3 No. Macrocarpa - shorten second order branches back from roof and garden by 1-2m to a suitable pruning position; remove dead wood and shorten lane side by 1-2m to a suitable pruning position.
Chideock Parish Council has no objection, subject to the Tree Officer's recommendation.
- b) To consider any applications received after the agenda was circulated. **NONE.**
- c) Determinations.
 - 1/D/12/000151 ROSE COTTAGE, MAIN STREET Replacement double garage and workshop (Full) **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 information given by Cllr Summers in her report was **NOTED.**

- ii. 1/D/11/001952 - Hazel Bower. The update from Kevin Perry, WDDC Planning Officer, was **NOTED**.
- iii. 1/D/12/000330 - CLU16 Acre Field. **AGREED** that CPC would make a response. Cllr Murray outlined the points which he considered should be made. **AGREED** that Cllr Murray and the Clerk would draft the response the following day and send it to all Cllrs for approval. It has to be with WDDC Legal Department by start of business on Thursday 6 April 2012. **RM, CC**
- iv. Proposed development at Golden Cap Holiday Park. The update from Mr Martin Cox, WDLH, and his intention to come to the May meeting, were **NOTED**.
- v. BDP Renewable Energy Strategy. **AGREED** that Cllr Murray drafts a response, to be considered at the June CPC meeting. **RM**
- vi. Draft West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland Local Plan. **NOTED**.
- vii. National Planning Policy Framework. **NOTED**.

1155 Finances

a) Payments.

RESOLVED to make the following payments:-

Clerk's Salary & Expenses for April £222.71

Cllr Grant for Cuprinol and brushes for Playing Field £36.97.

Proposed by Cllr Murray, seconded by Cllr Barnes, 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 28, 29 and 29B) were **NOTED**. It was **AGREED** that it is not essential to have the repair done before the Torch Relay.

Grass Cutting. Cllr Murray said he would follow this up with C N Richards, who had agreed to cut the grass 4 times a year, at a cost of £12 per cut. **RM**

c) Internal Audit, Year End Accounts & Annual Return.

AGREED to consider approval of the Year End Accounts and Annual Return at the full Parish Council meeting on 29 May 2012. The draft accounts and return will be circulated to Cllrs by 9 May 2012 for comment, after the internal audit. **CC**

1156 Clapps Mead Playing Field.

The report on Clapps Mead for April 2012 was **NOTED**.

Cllr Grant said that the dips under the swings should not be filled as there is insufficient clearance if the ground is level.

The following was **AGREED**:-

- a) The Clerk and Cllr Murray will work on producing the 1st draft of the Management Plan.
- b) Informal Working Group meetings will be re-introduced to deal with day to day matters, with authority to spend up to £50 on comestibles at any one time, without going to the Parish Council for permission, provided that there is still budgeted money available.
- c) Regular reporting from the Working Group meetings to CPC via the Clerk is required, especially with regards to expenditure
- d) Expenditure on equipment can only be authorised by the full Parish Council
- e) The working Group must have at least 1 member who is on the Playing Field Committee
- f) The Playing Field Committee to meet at least twice a year in a "management role" to
 - monitor the general condition of the Playing Field and of all therein
 - to ensure that the conditions set in the Grafton Bequest are adhered to
 - deal with any major items reported from the Working Group meetings
- g) Playing Field Committee recommendations must be ratified by the full Parish Council

It was **NOTED** that, as new Council year starts in May, the membership of the Playing Field Committee will be re-determined and new lay members are welcome.

Cllr Grant reported that the following was completed by the Work Party on 4 April 2012:-

- All rubbish removed
- Rest of the wood Cuprinol'd.
- Grafton Stone cleaned
- Anthills under the swing bridge removed and the earth used to fill in some minor dips elsewhere.

AGREED that wildflower seeds be scattered along the boundary area, which are not mown.

AGREED that Cllr Grant order a Premium Cradle Seat from Online Playgrounds at a cost of £63 + VAT and carriage. Fitting to be arranged when it has arrived. **EG**

1157 Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Celebrations & Olympic Torch Relay Event.

NOTED that it is now too late to order personalised commemorative mugs.

AGREED that Cllr Geraghty order mugs showing the Young queen and how she is now, to be invoiced to Chideock Parish Council

CC

AGREED that either a round sticker be put on the base of each mug or a label be tied to the handle, to say that the mug is a gift from Chideock Parish Council and the Chideock Society

AGREED to accept the Chideock Society's offer of a contribution up to £125 towards the cost, the amount to be determined later.

Cllr Barnes left the meeting at 10:15pm.

Cllr Grant agreed to e-mail her report on the meeting at WDDC on 23 April regarding the Torch Relay.

EG

1158 Current Consultations.

a) Consultation on draft WDDC Corporate Plan 2012 - 2016. The draft comments were **AGREED**.

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.

NOTED that the submissions for consultations b) and c) were submitted by the due date.

1159 Motions Received with Notice.

As proposed by Cllr Murray, it was **RESOLVED** to authorise the Clerk to register the dedication of Clapps Mead Playing Field as a Queen Elizabeth II Field with the Land Registry at a cost of £50 and to draw the cheque for this amount, the money to be taken from the Earmarked (Playing Field Depreciation) fund.

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

1160 Correspondence. There were no other items of correspondence to be brought to Councillors' notice.

1161 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 29 May 2012 at 7:00pm if Mr Martin Cox is attending, else at 7:30pm.

NOTED that this meeting will be the Annual Parish Council meeting, at which the Chair and Vice Chair for the coming year will be elected; membership of Committees re-determined and representatives re-determined. The Chair of each Committee will be elected at the 1st meeting of that Committee.

The meeting closed at **10:30pm**.