

CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Chideock on Tuesday 27 November 2012 at 10:00 am.

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

In attendance: The Clerk and 11 members of the public.

The meeting commenced at **10:05 am**.

1240 Apologies.

DCC Cllr Brierley, WDDC Cllr Summers sent their apologies.

1241 Grant of Dispensations.

All Councillors had requested, in writing prior to the meeting, for a dispensation regarding their Defined Pecuniary Interest in Land or Property in the Parish, which would prevent them participating and voting in Agenda Item 9 d) Budget and Precept for 2013-14.

Grant of dispensations was proposed by Cllr Murray, seconded by Cllr Grant, carried unanimously.

1242 Declarations of Defined Pecuniary Interests.

All Councillors declared a Defined Pecuniary Interest in Land or Property in the Parish, in connection with Agendas Item 9 d) Budget and Precept for 2013-14, for which dispensations had been granted in the previous item.

1243 Minutes.

a) **RESOLVED** to accept and sign, as a true record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 30 October 2012.

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

1244 County and District Councillors' and Police Reports.

None.

Standing Orders were suspended for the following item.

1245 Democratic Period.

Members of the public spoke as follows:-

- Concerns regarding the quality of the water in the lagoon formed by the River Winniford at Seatown and the possible danger to children and dogs, especially given the likely increase in visitors if planning application 1/D/12/000410 is granted. Cllr Geraghty said that the beach is privately owned but that WDDC has to provide the warning signage and it is difficult to get them to do it. Testing of the water quality is the responsibility of the Environment Agency. Cllr Murray suggested that the concerned resident write to WDDC Environmental Health.
- Is it possible to have No Entry signs at the start of Bridleway 18? Cllr Murray explained that it is necessary to determine who has rights of way before DCC can be asked to do this. The Parish Council has no powers to erect such signage.

There was some discussion regarding the upper portion of Bridleway 18, which is also listed in the List of Streets as being maintained at public expense. It appears that it has "dual status" but no mention of this appears in the 1996 creation Order for Bridleway 18.

Standing Orders were resumed at 11.15 am.

1246 Reports / Updates by the Clerk and Councillors.

Items 1 to 20B on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**, with the exception of those detailed below, which were discussed in more detail.

- a) **Item 1A – A35 – AQM.** Cllr Geraghty said she would also attend the meeting on 7 December 2012 at Stratton House, following the working group meeting.
- b) **Item 4 - Site Visit with Connect re vibration at Bilberry Close.** Cllr Murray said that the vibration was not significant. Connect said that any problems regarding clacking covers are best reported by residents to the relevant utility company (e.g. Wessex Water, BT) as the issue will be dealt with more quickly – complaints from the public carry more weight than those from the Parish Council or Connect. CC
- c) **Item 11 – water main replacement.** Agreed that Councillors meet with Wessex Water for a site visit – Clerk to ask for dates / times. One or two members of the public will also be invited. CC
- d) **Item 13 – 2011 DAPTC Resolution re Planning Enforcement. AGREED** to send DAPTC's response to Cllr Summers and Dr David Evans, WDDC.

1247 Planning Matters.

a) Applications.

1/D/12/001275 LARKS HEY, DUCK STREET Construct additional parking (Full)

Items 21 to 25B were noted.

After discussion of the draft comment it was agreed to vote on the possible options for this application:-

- i. To approve. All councillors voted against this proposal.
- ii. To object. Cllr Geraghty voted in favour, Cllr Murray and Cllr Grant voted against. Not carried.
- iii. "Has no objection". Cllr Geraghty abstained, Cllr Murray and Cllr Grant voted against. Not carried.
- iv. "Has concerns". Cllr Geraghty abstained, Cllr Murray and Cllr Grant voted for this proposal. Carried.

The final wording was agreed by Cllr Murray and Cllr Grant:-

Chideock Parish Council has concerns regarding this application

1. *The impact on the setting of the adjacent Listed Buildings which surround this development - the Parish Council trusts that the Listed Buildings Officer has been asked to comment.*
2. *The lost of vegetation and its replacement with a more "urban" stone wall.*
3. *The cumulative impact on the Conservation Area and its effect on the street scenes - the Parish Council trusts that the Conservation Officer has been asked to comment.*
4. *This development could set a precedent for more of the street scene to be given over to hard standings and car parking along Seahill Lane and Mill Lane.*
5. *The limited visibility, which is not improved by the proposal.*

If the application should be approved, the Parish Council asks that the following conditions be made, in addition to those recommended by the County Highway Authority:

1. *On completion of construction, the disabled parking space on Seahill Lane at the gable end of Roadstead Farm, to be returned to normal parking use.*
2. *A road sign to be accommodated on or immediately adjacent to the new stone wall according to a specification to be agreed between the applicant and DCC Rights of Way (Jill Exton) along the lines of the Option 2 proposal photo-montage attached.*
3. *The sign not to protrude over the highway.*
4. *That any high vehicle only be parked in the bay closest to the Larks Hey steps, so as not to impede visibility.*
5. *That the wall be built of suitable local materials, and if possible using stone recycled from the existing wall, such that it is sympathetic to the Conservation Area, the adjoining Listed Buildings and the general street scene.*
6. *That vegetation is reinstated, of local native species that will mature to an adequate height.*

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

c) Determinations.

CA/12/00343 LITTLE ORCHARD, MILL LANE - Proposal: 1 No. Whitebeam – fell. **APPROVED.**

d) **To note any determinations received after the agenda was circulated.**

1/D/10/001957 ANCHOR INN, SEATOWN Extension & convert first floor to form 2 bedroom suites & staff facilities (Full) **Confirmation of Approval after WDDC acceptance of required S106 agreement.**

TP/12/00352 2 FAIRFAX - Proposal: T1 - Silver Birch - reduce 2/3 side branches; T2 - Silver Birch - 10% crown reduction; T3 - Alder - 20% crown thinning; T4 - Ash - 20% crown thinning; T5 - Alder - reduce branch length overhanging neighbour's drive, and general crown reduction by 20%; T6 - Alder - 25% crown thinning; T7 - Sycamore - crown reduction, 17m from gate, thin spindly tree; T8 - Sycamore - crown lift and minor reduction; T9 - Larch - trim two lateral

branches; T10 - Alder - 30% crown thinning; T11 - Alder - 30% crown thinning; T12 - Alder - 30% crown thinning; T13 - Sycamore - 20% crown thinning; T14 - Ash - 20% crown reduction; T15 - Alder - 20% crown thinning; T16 - Ash - 30% crown thinning; T17 - Sycamore - 10% crown thinning; T18 - Sycamore - 10% crown thinning; T19 - Ash - 5% crown thinning; T20 - Beech - 5% crown thinning; T21 - Sycamores - 20% crown thinning; T22 - Field Maple - 5% crown thinning. **APPROVED.**

e) Any Other Planning Matters.

Items 26 to 55H on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED.**

KG

- i. Mill Lane Bridleway 18 and Footpath 14.
Cllr Geraghty queried Ms Susie Rickett's calling Ms Carmel Wilkinson "Rights of Way Manager" and volunteered to find out the hierarchy within DCC Rights of Way.

- ii. 1/D/12/000410 – Golden Cap Holiday Park.

CC

AGREED that all councillors attend the meeting with Sophie Wright, Case Officer, on Thursday 29 November. A list of items for discussion was agreed. Clerk to send this to Sophie Wright as soon as possible.

- iii. Two Complaints against DCC Highways – see Minute 1251

- iv. WDDC Planning Process – see minute 1251.

RM/

- v. Ridwood –pre application reports and plans from Magna Housing Association.

CC

AGREED to ask for an extension for comments until after the Christmas / New Year break.

AGREED that a Planning Committee meeting be held on Monday 10 December to consider this application. The plans will be available for public inspection at 7:00 pm, with the meeting commencing at 7:30 pm.

1248 Finances.

Item 55J on the Actions & Information List was **NOTED.**

a) RESOLVED to make the following payments for November:-

Clerk's Salary & Expenses for November £353.78

Given that there will be no CPC meeting at the end of December, **RESOLVED** to draw and sign post dated cheques for the following payments:-

- Clerk's net salary + office allowance for December £215.31
- PAYE payment for Oct, Nov, Dec 2012 £171.60

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

b) Budget and Precept for 2013-14.

RESOLVED to increase Councillor's petrol allowance from 15p per mile to 25p per mile, without increasing the budgeted amount. Proposed by Cllr Murray, seconded by Cllr Grant, carried unanimously.

As per the recommendation of the Parish Council meeting of 30 October 2012, **RESOLVED** to

- i. Set the budget for 2013 – 2014 at £8787
- ii. Set the precept for 2013 – 2014 at £8,591.00, the same amount as for 2012-13.

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

c) Foss Orchard Car Park.

- i. Revised WDDC car park Management Contract. No update available.

1249 Clapps Mead Playing Field.

The area is rather wet and muddy after the recent heavy rains and flooding.

Thanks are due to Mr & Mrs Mudford for clearing the ditches the previous weekend.

1250 Current Consultations.

- a) DCLG - Extending permitted development rights for homeowners and businesses: technical consultation – end date 24 December 2012.

- b) DCLG - Making it easier to set up new town and parish councils - end date 9 January 2013. See also DAPTC Circular 10/12.

- c) BLAP - Protocol and Organisation of Working Groups consultation

- d) DCC - Joint Health and Well-being Strategy – submitted by the due date.

AGREED that responses for items a) to c) be delegated to the Chair.

1251 Motions Received with Notice.

As proposed by Cllr Murray

- a) That CPC initiates a formal complaint against DCC Highways Officer Mr Ian Madgwick
An amendment to remove the words "Officer Mr Ian Madgwick" was proposed by Cllr

Murray. Seconded by Cllr Grant, carried unanimously.

The amended motion was put to the vote and It was **RESOLVED** that CPC initiates a formal complaint against DCC Highways. Proposed by Cllr Murray, seconded by Cllr Grant, carried unanimously.

- b) **RESOLVED** that CPC initiates a formal complaint against DCC Rights of Way Officer Ms Carmel Wilkinson. Proposed by Cllr Murray, seconded by Cllr Geraghty, carried unanimously.
- c) **RESOLVED** that Cllr Murray attend the WDDC Efficiency Scrutiny Committee meeting in January as a "witness" - the committee will be conducting their scrutiny of the Development Control process . Proposed by Cllr Murray, seconded by Cllr Geraghty, carried unanimously.

1252 Correspondence. There were no other items of correspondence to be brought to Councillors' notice.

1253 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 January 2013 at 10:00 am.

The meeting closed at **1.15 pm.**