

CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Planning Committee held at the Village Hall, Chideock on Monday 10 December 2012 at 7:30 pm.

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

In Attendance: The Clerk and 10 members of the public.

The plans for application 1/D/12/001608 Land at end of Ridwood were available for members of the public to view from 7:00 pm.

The meeting opened at 7:30 pm.

P148 Apologies for Absence.
None.

P149 Grant of Dispensations.
None.

P150 Declarations of Defined Pecuniary Interests.
No declarations were made at this point in the meeting.

P151 Minutes.
NOTED that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 20 August 2012 were agreed, approved and signed at the full council meeting of 25 September 2012.

P152 Clerk's Report.

- **AGREED** that CPC submit a formal Freedom of Information request to WDDC asking for all the information used by Ms Ricketts in determining ownership and rights over Bridleway 18, in connection with 1/D/12/000410 Golden Cap Holiday Park expansion and reorganisation. **CC**
- **RESOLVED** to write to Bridport Town Council in support of their attempts to get a roundabout at Miles Cross and to send a representative to the public meeting to be chaired by Oliver Letwin on Friday 18 January 2013. Proposed by Cllr Geraghty, seconded by Cllr Grant. Cllr Murray abstained. The motion was carried. **CC**
- **AGREED** to write to Sophie Wright regarding hedge removal at Golden Cap (1/D/12/000410) – is this subject to the Hedgerow Regulations 1997? **CC**
- **NOTED** that both Char Valley and Charmouth Parish Council have written to WDDC Planning supporting CPC's complaint about planning applications being submitted at holiday periods and the tight deadlines this causes.

Standing Orders were suspended for the following item.

P153 Democratic Period.
Mrs Lyn Crisp (Community Representative for Ridwood Affordable Housing proposals) said that in previous discussions with Magna about the S106 agreement regarding conditions controlling who would be offered any new Affordable Housing at Ridwood, the following was agreed:-

1. People currently living in Chideock
2. People with a strong association with Chideock
3. People working in Chideock

She said that she has been promised a further meeting with Magna and WDDC on this.

Concerns were expressed by residents and councillors regarding drainage issues, given the current problems with run-off from Ridwood in to Seahill Lane.

Several residents said that the scheme for Affordable Housing must be supported – older people need

young people and it is incomers such as themselves who have made it almost impossible for younger people to afford to live in Chideock. However, it is vital that this housing is protected for local people.

Other residents also spoke in favour of the development, including a young disabled resident who is still living at home due to the lack of Affordable Housing in the village. It was also pointed out that there were people in their late teens and twenties having to live with their parents in the village.

Mrs Crisp explained that the tenancies are protected for 10 years and can be extended if the tenant's circumstances mean that they still need Affordable Housing.

It was also clarified to all present that the allocation of the housing is made by Magna and not by the Parish Council, who have no input into the allocation.

There was some discussion regarding parking provision for the proposed new housing.

Standing Orders were resumed.

P156 Planning Applications.

1/D/12/001608 Land at Read or Ridwood.

- a) It was **RESOLVED** that the scheme be supported in principle, but that attention should be drawn to the concerns raised by the public. Proposed by Cllr Geraghty, seconded by Cllr Grant. Cllr Murray abstained. The motion was carried.
- b) **AGREED** that the letter drafted by Cllr Murray to the BLAP Chair regarding BLAP's lack of consideration of the Ridwood scheme should be sent. **CC**

P155 Determinations.

1/D/12/001275 LARKS HEY, DUCK STREET - Construct additional parking (Full) **Approved. NOTED.**

AGREED that the Clerk write to Mr Baylis regarding the possibility of putting the proposed pedestrian signage directing walkers down Mill Lane on the end of the new wall, provided that it will not protrude over the Highway. **CC**

P156 Finances.

The communication from DAPTC regarding the setting of the precept was **NOTED.**

NOTED that the resolution to set the precept made at the Parish Council meeting of 27 November 2012 will have to be reviewed when the details for calculation of precept are received and may have to be rescinded prior to a new resolution being made.

AGREED that a Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting be arranged in early January 2013 to set the precept for 2013 – 2014 after notification by WDDC of the special adjustment required by government in relation to the tax base.

The meeting closed at 9:05 pm.