

CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held at the Village Hall, Chideock on Wednesday 13 March 2013 at 10:00 am.

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

In Attendance: The Clerk and 2 members of the public.

The meeting opened at 10:03 am.

FGP333 Apologies for Absence. None.

FGP334 Grant of Dispensations. None.

FGP335 Declarations of Defined Pecuniary Interests. None.

FGP336 Minutes.

NOTED that the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 19 March 2012 were adopted and signed, as a true record, at the full Parish Council meeting of 27 March 2012.

FGP337 Clerk's Report.

a) River Bank Erosion – Foss Orchard.

NOTED that approval for remedial works to the River Winniford now has to come from DCC not EA.

AGREED to ask Gary Cleaver, DCC, for dates when he is available to meet with affected Foss Orchard house owners and CPC to look at the situation and to then ask Mrs Lyn Crisp, Flood Liaison, to organise the meeting with the affected residents and CPC.

b) Clapps Mead Grass Cutting.

Cllr Grant said that Mr Maskell was more than willing to cut the grass free of charge as and when it needs doing. **AGREED** that Cllr Grant ask him if he has the necessary insurance as he will not be covered by CPC's insurance because he is using his own equipment.

AGREED that it is still worthwhile to ask for volunteers in the Chideock News. Cllrs to confirm by 20 March that the suggested wording (see Clerk's Information) is acceptable.

AGREED that Cllrs confirm as soon as possible that the wording of the reply from CPC to Mr M Cox, West Dorset Leisure Holidays, is acceptable (see Clerk's Information).

c) Foss Orchard Car Park Operation.

The Clerk reported that she is in contact with Napier Parking Services and that this will be on the Agenda for the full Parish Council meeting on 26 March 2013.

There has been no further information from DCC Parking Services.

d) Great Dorset Beach Clean and West Dorset Spring Clean.

The Great Dorset Beach Clean is on Sunday 21 April. **AGREED** that the West Dorset Spring Clean be held the same weekend, as usual, Chideock on Sat 20th and Seatown on Sun 21st.

e) A35 Closures.

The Clerk has attempted to obtain clarification regarding the overnight closures from 10 March – 23 March. **AGREED** that notices not be put up unless the Clerk is absolutely sure that the content is correct.

f) Neighbourhood Planning.

- i. Stinsford Parish Council - Oliver Letwin MP is speaking about 'Neighbourhood Planning' on Friday 19th April at 6.30 pm in the Pengelly Room at Kingston Maurward College.
- ii. BLAP - initial meeting 7 pm 10 April to consider the feasibility/ desirability of a Neighbourhood Plan for the wider Bridport area. Cllr Murray said he would attend.

Standing Orders were suspended.

FGP338 Democratic Period.

A member of the public said that emergency vehicles would be allowed through the A35 closure

AGREED that the Clerk investigate with First Bus whether the 31 and X53 buses would be able to run.

Standing Orders were resumed.

FGP339 Accounts to 28 February 2013.

The Receipts and Expenditure and the Foss Orchard Car Park account were **NOTED**.

FGP340 Budget Monitoring Report to 28 February 2013.

The Summary of Accounts and the Budget Monitoring Report were **NOTED**.

NOTED that HMRC have informed the Clerk that the VAT refund amount has been paid directly into CPC's bank account via BACS.

NOTED that it is predicted that there will be an approximate underspend of £420.

AGREED to make the following recommendations to the full Parish Council meeting of 26 March 2013:-

- a) To transfer the budgeted amount of £250 from the precept to the Community Fund
- b) To transfer the budgeted amount of £400 from the Precept to the Earmarked Fund
- c) To transfer the budgeted amount of £500 from the Precept to the Foss Orchard Car Park Maintenance Fund
- d) To transfer the budgeted amount of £1000 from the precept to the Foss Orchard River Bank Fund
- e) To transfer the unspent Training balance of £125 from the Precept to the restricted Training Reserve
- f) To transfer the unspent Bus Shelter Maintenance balance of £80 to the Bus Shelter Maintenance Fund so that £250 is available to pay the excess if an insurance claim has to be made.
- g) Exceptionally, to transfer the Precept underspend amount to the General Reserve (rather than the Earmarked Fund) as contingency for payment for grass cutting at Clapps Mead QEII Playing Field. To be reviewed in October / November 2013 to consider recommending that any of this money not spent by then be transferred to the Earmarked Fund.

AGREED that the restricted Reserve amounts held for Affordable Housing and the All Weather Footpath be reviewed in October / November 2013 and be reallocated by resolution if not required for their original purpose. The amount being held for Parish Plan to be similarly reviewed and possibly re-allocated to Neighbourhood Planning.

AGREED to thank Mr T Fuller for his hard work on the 100 Plus Club raising funds for the continuance of the Chideock News.

FGP341 Grants to external bodies from 2012/13 Budget.

AGREED to recommend to the full Parish Council meeting of 26 March 2013 that the following grants be made:

- £15 to Axe Valley Ring and Ride
- £70 to Bridport Citizens Advice Bureau
- £15 to Victim Support in Dorset.

FGP342 Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and the Risk Register.

AGREED to recommend to the full Parish Council meeting of 26 March 2013 that the following motion be resolved:-

- To confirm the amendments to Standing Orders and Risk Register to reflect the 2012 Code of Conduct
- To confirm CPC's continued acceptance of the current Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Risk Register
- To modify as necessary and adopt the forthcoming revised NALC Model Standing Orders and Financial Regulations when they are published.

FGP343 Ridwood Affordable Housing Development.

AGREED that the Community Representative continue to liaise with Magna on outstanding matters.

AGREED that CPC wishes to be involved with Magna's suggestion that there is village representation at "Development Site Meetings" so that local residents have a voice and also are kept up to date on progress.

AGREED that CPC suggests to Magna that there are 2 CPC representatives and 2 community representatives, one of whom should be a resident of Ridwood.

FGP344 Community Sand Bag Store.

AGREED that 70 sandbags be ordered from WDDC at no cost to CPC, all to be stored by residents.

AGREED that, if it becomes necessary to have more sandbags, then the suggestion of having some form of storage for them at Foss Orchard be reconsidered.

FGP345 To agree date of next Finance & General Purposes Committee.

The next Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting will be held as and when deemed necessary.

The meeting closed at 11.53 am.