

CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Chideock on Tuesday 29 January 2013 at 10:00 am.

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

In attendance: The Clerk and 8 members of the public.

The meeting commenced at **10:04 am**.

1254 Apologies.

DCC Cllr Brierley, PCSO Miners and WDDC Cllr Summers sent their apologies.

1255 Grant of Dispensations.

Dispensations regarding Cllr Murray's, Cllr Geraghty's and Cllr Grant's 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 was previously granted for the life of this council at the meeting of 27 November 2012.

1256 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 previously granted.

1257 Minutes.

- a) **RESOLVED** to accept and sign, as a true record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 27 November 2012. Proposed by Cllr Grant, seconded by Cllr Geraghty, carried unanimously.
- b) **RESOLVED** to accept and sign, as a true record, the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 10 December 2012. Proposed by Grant, seconded by Cllr Geraghty, carried unanimously.

1258 County and District Councillors' and Police Reports.

None.

Standing Orders were suspended for the following item.

1259 Democratic Period.

Members of the public spoke as follows:-

- The Parish Council was thanked for all their work on planning application 1/D/12/000410 which is much appreciated
- The Parish Council was asked to continue to pursue the issues surrounding Bridleway 18 especially for the section between the 2 entrances to Alberlon Caravan Park.
- The road up to Venn Farm is in a very poor state. Cllr Murray asked the Clerk to follow up with Dawn Atkins, DCC Highways, on the actions agreed at the Annual Highway Inspection on 6 November 2012 and to ask for a schedule of works. CC
- Cllr Grant said that there has been a landslide in Pettycrate Lane just before Christmas, which had been reported to DCC Highways but no action appears to have been taken. **AGREED** that the Clerk ask Dawn Atkin for a list of all outstanding reported Highway issues and to ask for this to be provided monthly in future. CC
- 2 blocked drains outside Stonebridge Cottage, North Chideock, were reported to DCC Highways yesterday
- An informal "flood group" consisting of several residents has been set up – a public meeting is needed to decide what can be done and how
- 5 people have said that they are willing to store sandbags to help protect nearby properties which are vulnerable to flooding

- Cllr Grant said that the Parish Council needs more councillors as well as people in work groups – it would mean that more could be done by the Parish Council and give greater flexibility.
- The Wessex Water water main replacement works have caused little disruption despite the need for 24 hour temporary traffic lights.
- Cllr Murray said that the VAS counter shows that number of vehicles exceeding 30 mph has dropped by approximately 20 - 25%. The Highways Agency / Connect has been asked to provide traffic figures for the period before the works, during the works and a period after the works. It certainly appears that there is less traffic on the A35 since the works began. But will the volume revert to normal when the works are complete? It does show that alternative routes can be used.
- Why has Mr Cox, WDLH, said he cannot mow the Clapps Mead Playing Field anymore? Couldn't the mower be taken down on a trailer if it can't be driven down the Mill Lane?
- Could Mr Cox be asked to continue for this year as the Parish Council has not budgeted for mowing the playing field for 2013 – 14 but could include it in the budget for 2014 – 15?
- Should it be the Community which takes this forward rather than the Parish Council as Grafton bequest gave the land to the Parish Council for the community?

Standing Orders were resumed at 10:45 am.

It was agreed to bring forward Agenda Item 11 – Flood Management Plan for the Winniford Valley and Agenda Item 10 – Clapps Mead Playing Field.

1260 Flood Management Plan for the Winniford Valley.

Items 31 to 34 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**

- RESOLVED** to accept the Environment Agency offer of funding and assistance in drawing up a Community Resilience Plan. Proposed by Cllr Grant, seconded by Cllr Geraghty, carried unanimously.
- RESOLVED** that a flood action work group be set up and that an initial public meeting be convened as soon as possible. Proposed by Cllr Murray, seconded by Cllr Geraghty, carried unanimously.
- AGREED** that the public meeting be held on Thursday 7 February at 2:00 pm in the Village Hall. To be publicised by posters and on the community website.

1261 Clapps Mead Playing Field.

AGREED that the Clapps Mead Management Committee write to Mr Cox, WDLH, asking him to reconsider his decision to stop mowing Clapps Mead Playing Field. Mrs Crisp, long standing member of the Management Committee and of the Playing Field Working Group, was asked to draft a suitable letter. Proposed by Cllr Murray, seconded by Cllr Grant, carried unanimously.

1262 Reports / Updates by the Clerk and Councillors.

Items 1 to 10 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**, with the exception of those detailed below, which were discussed in more detail.

- Item 3A – A35 Miles Cross Junction. AGREED** to thank Mr Bob Gillis, Bridport Town Clerk, for convening the meeting with Oliver Letwin MP and to endorse the e-mail from Cllr David Wragg, Symondsburry PC, to Andy Roberts, Highways Agency. **CC**
- Item 5A – Dorset AONB Management Plan.** Cllr Geraghty said she would draft a letter to the AONB detailing CPC's strong disappointment in the AONB team. To be circulated to all. **KG**
- Item 6A – New 111 telephone number for the NHS.** Agreed to put this in the March issues of the Chideock News. **CC**
- Item 9A – Tour of New WDDC Offices.** Cllr Murray said he would attend the tour on Monday 11 February 2013. **CC**

1263 Planning Matters.

a) **Applications.** None.

b) **To consider any applications received after the agenda was circulated.**

1/D/13/000085 CHURCH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS AND ST IGNATIUS, NORTH ROAD Reinstatement of original dome (Listed Building Consent)

Chideock Parish Council has no objection, subject to the Listed Building Officer's recommendation.

However, the new dome appears to be taller than the original dome which it is intended to reinstate – please can this be checked?

c) **Determinations.**

1/D/12/000410 GOLDEN CAP HOLIDAY PARK, SEATOWN Site reorganisation comprising changes of use & operational development including removal of all 108 touring caravan pitches & siting 'lodge' style caravans & static caravans on OS 0586 & 2500. Siting (Full) **Approved**

d) **To note any determinations received after the agenda was circulated.** None.

e) **Any Other Planning Matters.**

Items 11 to 19 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED.**

i. Mill Lane Bridleway 18 and Footpath 14.

AGREED that CPC will continue to pursue the issues, in conjunction with the community.

AGREED that this be delegated to the Clerk and Chair.

ii. 2 Complaints against DCC Highways and DCC Rights of Way.

These are still being prepared. **AGREED** that this continue to be delegated to the Clerk and Chair and that drafts will be circulated to all and agreed by all before submission to DCC.

**RM,
CC**

iii. WDDC Planning Process.

The meeting to inform the Policy Scrutiny Committee has not yet taken place. Clerk to follow-up.

CC

iv. Ridwood –1/D/12/001608.

AGREED to clarify to the Case Officer, Ms Redding, as to who requested Professor Brunsdon to comment on the Drainage, Traffic and Geo-technical reports; the Chair or the corporate body. (Ref minute 1247 e) v of minutes of 27 November 2012.)

v. Timing of and time allowed for consultations / planning applications. (Ref minute P152 of Planning minutes of 10 December 2012.)

AGREED to write to BLAP and DAPTC on this matter.

CC

1264 Finances.

Item 20- 28C on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED.**

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

Clerk's Salary & Expenses for January £281.26

PNW Services- bus shelter cleaning Oct, Nov, Dec 2012 £20

Hall Hire Oct, Nov, Dec 2012 £48

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

b) **Localisation of Council Tax Support.**

AGREED that CPC should write to Oliver Letwin and Eric Pickles, DCLG, objecting to how the Localisation of Council Tax Support has been implemented. To be delegated to the Clerk and Chair.

**RM/
CC**

c) **Budget and Precept for 2013-14.**

Due to the changes in the taxbase as a result of Localising Council Tax Support, it is necessary to reconsider the budget and precept figures as set on 27 November 2012.

RESOLVED to rescind the resolutions made on 27 November 2012

i. to set the budget for 2013 – 2014 at £8787

ii. to set the precept for 2013 – 2014 at £8,591.00, the same amount as for 2012-13.

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

RESOLVED to increase the budget item "General Contingency" by £24, giving a total budget of £8811 and set the precept at £8591 + £24 less the Council Tax Support Grant of £434 = £8181 which keeps the Band D council tax rate at the same amount as 2012 -2013.

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

d) **Accounts and Budget Monitoring to 31 December 2012.**

The Accounts and Budget Monitoring to 31 December 2012 were **NOTED.**

e) **Foss Orchard Car Park.** Still no progress with DCC.

f) **Flow Meter Lease.**

RESOLVED to enter into a new agreement with the Environment Agency for the Chideock Flow Measuring Site, on land at Foss orchard owned by Chideock Parish Council, with the following terms

• the lease to run for 21 years

• the initial rent to be £125 per annum, subject to reviews in line with the Retail Price

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- the Environment Agency to reimburse the Parish Council's reasonable legal fees incurred in the preparation of the lease.

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

1265 Current Consultations.

a) Dorset County Council Bus Service Consultation - Invitation to Stakeholders' Workshop, Dorford Centre, Dorchester Baptist Church, Dorchester, DT1 1RR, 13th February 2013 at 10 am – 12 noon. Cllr Murray to attend. **RM**

b) Statement of Community Involvement on County Council Planning Matters - Consultation Draft (January 2013) – by 1 March 2013. Clerk to obtain a copy. **CC**

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

1266 Motions Received with Notice. None

1267 Correspondence. There were no other items of correspondence to be brought to Councillors' notice.

1268 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 26 February 2013 at 2:30 pm.

The meeting closed at **1.00 pm**.