

CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Chideock on Tuesday 26 March 2013 at 10:00 am.

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

In attendance: The Clerk and 1 member of the public.

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

1287 Apologies.

PCSO Miners and WDDC Cllr Summers sent their apologies.

1288 Grant of Dispensations.

None.

1289 Declarations of Defined Pecuniary Interests.

None.

1290 Minutes.

a) **RESOLVED** to accept and sign, as a true record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 26 February 2013. Proposed by Cllr Carey seconded by Cllr Geraghty, carried unanimously.

b) **RESOLVED** to accept and sign, as a true record, the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting of 13 March 2013. Proposed by Cllr Geraghty, seconded by Cllr Carey, carried unanimously.

c)

1291 County and District Councillors' and Police Reports.

PCSO Miners had sent a report, which the clerk read out.

"There has been an increase in thefts from unattended vehicles, especially in the Langdon Woods car park, I would like to remind everyone that it is vital that all valuables are removed from your vehicle at all times that it is unattended. Leave empty glove boxes open so thieves can clearly see that there is nothing there. Simply hiding items is not a crime deterrent and you may still end up being targeted. I do ask you to not let this report put you off of visiting this outstanding area of natural beauty but would make you aware of the risk you will be taking by leaving valuables in your vehicles. I do regularly patrol this area and also put up luminous crime prevention posters, unfortunately these seem to either get blown or ripped down.

To those who have access to a Facebook account and are interested in keeping up to date with local issues and information requests please 'like' our Facebook page 'Beaminster Safer Neighbourhood Team', the more members that this page has the easier it becomes to spread information requests to a larger audience."

Standing Orders were suspended for the following item.

1292 Democratic Period.

Ms Lyn Crisp spoke of her disappointment and feeling of offence that CPC had decided not to buy a bin for storing sandbags and to only order 70 sandbags. This went against the wishes of the Flood Group. The areas being flooded are changing all the time and so it makes sense to have extra sandbags at a central location.

Cllr Grant and Cllr Geraghty responded that they were offended by the tone of the emails received by the Parish Council from members of the flood group who had not been present at either of the meetings when the bin was discussed. The minutes of those meetings recorded that the Parish Council had not refused to buy a bin, but would reconsider the issue of numbers of bags in the light of information on the size of bags and the larger size of bin required.

Cllr Carey suggested that the bin could be placed somewhere other than Foss Orchard Car Park, for instance at the Clock or the George.

It was agreed to discuss this now and reach a conclusion in principle as Cllr Grant had to leave the meeting early and so might not be present Agenda item 11 - Flood Management Plan for the Winniford Valley.

As the Clerk had not yet ordered the 70 sandbags, it was agreed in principle

- to order 100 sandbags as soon as possible
- those people who have offered to store sandbags to collect theirs, the remainder to be covered against rain
- Cllr Carey to ask the Clock / George if they would be willing to store spare sandbags in a "bin" in the pub car park
- The Clerk to investigate possible "bins" from Screwfix / B&Q, with a view to ordering one in the near future, once a site has been determined.

This to be formally ratified under Agenda item 11 – Flood Management Plan for the Winniford Valley

Standing Orders were resumed.

1293 Reports / Updates by the Clerk and Councillors.

Items 1 to 16 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**, with the exception of those detailed below, which were discussed in more detail.

- a) **Item 1 – Report on the Dorset AONB event on 5 March and draft letter re AONB Management Plan.** Cllr Geraghty gave a brief report on the AONB event of 5 March but reported that the full details had not been sent to her yet. Information from this event had been circulated to Cllrs and it was **AGREED** that they comment back to Cllr Geraghty. Cllr Geraghty also read out her draft letter. **AGREED** that this be circulated to all Cllrs prior to being sent to Tom Munro and the members of the Dorset AONB Steering Committee. **AGREED** to ask BLAP and the Save Our Seatown group for support. **All KG**
- b) **Item 5 – Request for copy for the Spring DAPTC Newsletter.** **AGREED** that CPC submit an article about the Chideock Flood Group. Delegated to the Clerk, Mrs Crisp agreed to help. **CC**
- c) **Item 6 – DAPTC Western Area meeting.** Cllr Grant said that she is being informed of the meetings and had assumed that the Clerk was also being informed.

The Clerk reported that Mrs Sue McDougal had informed her that the drains outside Stonebridge Cottage have been cleared and appear to be functioning.

AGREED that the public and the Parish Council must keep pushing DCC Highways to clear all gullies in all DCC maintained roads, including jetting / roding as well as "sucking".

1294 Planning Matters.

a) Applications.

1/D/13/000257 IVY COTTAGE, MAIN STREET Remove existing windows and replace with new (Listed Building Consent)

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

The Parish Council notes that the arrangement of horizontal glazing bars on the upper windows differs between the drawings and the "photo", both upper & lower windows should be symmetrical with a single horizontal bar in both sets as in the "photo" not as per the sketch.

It is further noted that the proposed windows are based on those shown in a 1920s photo in "A Wander through Chideock".

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

c) Determinations.

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

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

e) Any Other Planning Matters.

Actions & Information List Item 17 and 34 were **NOTED** with the exception of those detailed below, which were discussed in more detail.

- **Item 19 – Anchor Inn.** A response from Mr Martin has been received and circulated. He says that the beach car park will provide ample room for plant and materials. **AGREED** to inform him that there is a weight restriction (max 16 seater bus) on the bridge into the car park and that the drive to the side of Anchor Cottage is private and not a public access to the rear of the Anchor Inn. **CC**
- **AGREED** to inform Mr John Hayes, Coastal Ranger, that the gabion on the western end of the footbridge at Seatown has collapsed. **CC**

- i. Mill Lane Bridleway 18 and Footpath 14 – need to work on a response now that the information for BW18 requested under the Freedom of Information Act has been received.
 - ii. 2 Complaints against DCC Highways and DCC Rights of Way. **AGREED** that Cllrs will send comments to the Clerk with suggestions as to how to reply to the responses received from DCC on the complaints. Cllr Murray suggested that, for the complaint against Carmel Wilkinson, there are 2 replies required a) from CPC regarding dual use and b) from Cllr Geraghty and Mrs Crisp regarding Ms Wilkinson's behaviour towards them at their meeting. **All**
 - iii. Freedom of Information requests re Mill Lane and Bridleway 18 – documents relating to TROs for Mill Lane are missing. Clerk to request these again. **CC**
- AGREED** to delegate Cllr Murray and the Clerk to work on items i, ii and iii.
- iv. Ridwood –1/D/12/001608. Awaiting response from Mr Paul Damen regarding Site Development Meetings. **CC**
 - v. Neighbourhood Planning. **AGREED** that Cllr Murray, Cllr Carey and the Clerk will attend the BLAP meeting and that no-one will attend the Kingston Maurward meeting with Oliver Letwin MP. **CC**
 - vi. WDDC Planning website errors. **AGREED** that the clerk will endeavour to find out more about how the service is run and by whom.

1295 Finances.

Items 34B - 38 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

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

Clerk's Salary & Expenses for January	£224.06
C N Richards – Foss Orchard grass cutting May, June, July 2012	£43.20
Clerk's Salary & Expenses for March	£293.62
PAYE Jan, Feb and March	£157.40
Village Hall Hire Jan, Feb & March	£72.00
PNW Services – Bus Shelter Cleaning Jan, Feb and Mar	£20.00

 Proposed by Cllr Geraghty, seconded by Cllr Carey, carried unanimously.
- b) **Foss Orchard Car Park – AGREED** that the Clerk continue to investigate private firms who manage car parks and / or provide enforcement. Clerk to also investigate retaining the WDDC ticket machine. **CC**
- c) **Flow Meter Lease –** waiting to the Environment Agency legal team to send the draft lease to CPC's solicitor.

Cllr Grant left the meeting at 12:20 pm.

- d) **RESOLVED** to make the following payments for March:-

Clerk's Salary & Expenses for March	£293.62
PAYE Jan, Feb and March	£157.40
Village Hall Hire Jan, Feb & March	£72.00
PNW Services – Bus Shelter Cleaning Jan, Feb and Mar	£20.00

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

e)

1296 Clapps Mead Playing Field.

AGREED to formally thank Mrs Teresa Mudford for her work in strimming around the edges of playing field and mowing the play area. **CC**
NOTED that Mr Nick Zaiger has said he will return the Parish Council's strimmer to Mrs Lyn Crisp.

1297 Flood Management Plan for the Winniford Valley.

Items 43 – 47C on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

RESOLVED that

- 100 sandbags be ordered from WDDC as soon as possible **CC**
- When the sandbags are delivered, those people who have offered to store sandbags be asked to collect theirs, the remainder to be covered against rain
- Cllr Carey ask the Clock / George if they would be willing to store spare sandbags in a "bunker" in the pub car park **RC**
- the Clerk investigate possible "bunkers" from Screwfix / B&Q, with a view to ordering one in the near future, once a site has been determined. **CC**

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

NOTED that the next Flood Group meeting is on 18 April March 2013 and that DCC Highways, Connect, Kate Taylor (EA) and Susan Woodhouse (DCC Flood Management) are attending. **AGREED** that the Clerk attend to take the minutes.

NOTED Mr Gary Cleaver, DCC Flood Management, is meeting with residents and CPC on Friday 5

April to discuss measures which could be taken regarding the erosion of the river bank especially in the Foss Orchard area.

1298 Current Consultations. None.

1299 Motions Received with Notice.

a) An amendment to clause vii of the motion was proposed: To add "Flood / " so that it reads "transfer the unspent Salt / Grit balance of £100 from the Precept to a restricted Flood / Winter Maintenance Reserve". Proposed by Cllr Geraghty, seconded by Cllr Carey, carried unanimously.

RESOLVED, as per the recommendations of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting of 13 March 2013 together with the above amendment, to take the following actions at Financial Year End 2012 – 2013

- i. transfer the budgeted amount of £250 from the precept to the Community Fund
- ii. transfer the budgeted amount of £400 from the Precept to the Earmarked Fund
- iii. transfer the budgeted amount of £500 from the Precept to the Foss Orchard Car Park Maintenance Fund
- iv. transfer the budgeted amount of £1000 from the precept to the Foss Orchard River Bank Fund
- v. transfer the unspent Training balance of £125 from the Precept to the restricted Training Reserve
- vi. transfer the unspent Bus Shelter Maintenance balance of £80 from the Precept to the Bus Shelter Maintenance Fund so that £250 is available to pay the excess if an insurance claim has to be made.
- vii. transfer the unspent Salt / Grit balance of £100 from the Precept to a restricted Flood / Winter Maintenance Reserve
- viii. exceptionally, 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 and to consider recommending that any of this money not spent by then be transferred to the Earmarked Fund.

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

b) **RESOLVED**, as per the recommendations of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting of 13 March 2013, that the following grants be made from the 2012-2013 Precept:

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

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

1300 Correspondence. There were no other items of correspondence to be brought to Councillors' notice.

1301 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 30 April 2013 at 10:00 am.

The meeting closed at **12:35 pm**.