

CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Chideock on Tuesday 24 September 2013 at 10:00 am.

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

In attendance: The Clerk, DCC Cllr D Turner and 1 member of the public.

The meeting commenced at **10:00 am**.

1365 Apologies. WDDC Cllr Summers and PCSO Miners sent their apologies.

1366 Grant of Dispensations. None.

1367 Declarations of Defined Pecuniary Interests. None.

1368 Minutes.

RESOLVED to accept and sign, as a true record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 30 July 2013. Proposed by Cllr Grant seconded by Cllr Carey, carried unanimously.

Cllr Murray arrived at 10:04 am.

1369 County and District Councillors' and Police Reports.

a) The Clerk read out PCSO Miner's report:-

"There are only a few crimes to note, these are;

On the 21st August two cherub garden ornaments were stolen in the North Chideock area.

Between Sunday 1st and Monday 2nd September a tractor was damaged and parts stolen in the North Chideock area.

And please note that since the 3rd of August there have been two (reported) further thefts from vehicles at Langdon Woods; please stress that visitors are not to leave any valuables in their vehicles.

If anyone has any information about any crimes or suspicious behaviour, please report it, at the time, to Dorset Police on 101.

If anyone is interested in joining a home watch scheme and receiving Police messages of what is happening locally, please get in touch with us at Beaminster Police Station on 01305 222735 (the previous local 862222 number is now out of use). You can also follow Beaminster Safer Neighbourhood Team on Facebook.*

b) DCC Cllr Turner reported as follows:-

- There is a forthcoming training for drivers over 75. Session 1 – Highway Code. Session 2 – 6 months later on the road with an instructor.
- Part Night Time Street Lighting will be implemented in the next few months.
- Community Action Groups – for highway works by volunteers. Training will probably be free. DCC are currently working on what can be done by volunteers and on insurance and liability issues.

Cllr Geraghty reminded Cllr Turner that last month he said he would get a copy of a DCC Flood Risk document prepared by Brian Richards. He said he would follow this up.

Cllr Geraghty asked again about regular side verging. Cllr Turner said that there is no DCC budget for this and it is only done when a road is to be resurfaced. There is no equipment available as it was always hired in.

Cllr Geraghty said that side verging is vital for drainage and to prevent flooding.

Cllr Carey said that maybe DCC could clear the verges either side of gulleys when they are cleared.

Cllr Geraghty said that surely prevention is better than cure and cited the problems at the junction of Cumbrey Lane / Seahill Lane where water misses the drain and floods across Seahill Lane. In winter this then freezes and is a danger to vehicles and walkers. The water itself damages the road surface as does ice. This is also a problem at the Pettycrate / Seahill Lane and Ridwood / Seahill Lane junctions.

Cllr Murray said that volunteers cannot do side verging if the equipment is not available.

Cllr Murray asked Cllr Turner to add his voice to Chideock Parish Council's urgent request for an annual maintenance plan for DCC roads in Chideock / North Chideock / Seatown.

Cllr Grant said that she understands that Chideock Manor is now in the "enhanced stewardship" plan and it doing a lot of work on hedges and ditches. She said that they appear to have the necessary equipment.

Standing Orders were suspended for the following item.

1370 Democratic Period.

No matters were raised.

Standing Orders were resumed.

1371 Reports / Updates by the Clerk and Councillors.

Items 0A to 12 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**, with the exception of those detailed below, which were discussed in more detail.

- a) **1 - Bullens Lane / A35 junction. AGREED** to write to the Weld Estate Trustees asking if the Parish Council can take over this small patch of land and possibly gravel it and put in a seat. **AGREED** to write to Connect regarding work in this area along the A35 – can CPC do it or will Connect as there are safety issues for volunteers. **CC**
- b) **1A – Clerk’s Seminar – Insurance / Assets-Trees owned by CPC.** Cllr Murray had prepared a list of trees at Clapps Mead owned by CPC and reported that he inspects them quarterly. **CC**
- c) **5 – “No Through Road” at Duck Street / A35 junction.** Clerk to ask Mr Steve Howard, DCC Highways, who should be contacted about this. **CC**
- d) **10 – Pettycrate Lane resurfacing.** Cllr Carey gave a brief report – it took 2 goes before it was completed satisfactorily. Top dress will be done next year.
- e) **11B – Reduction in DCC bus subsidies. AGREED** to write to Oliver Letwin asking for his support against cuts in rural areas. **CC**
- f) **12 – Village Notice Board, Seatown. AGREED** to write to Palmers regarding the need to remove the board for refurbishment. **CC**

1372 Planning Matters.

a) Applications.

1/D/13/001223 LAND AT END OF RIDWOOD Minor material amendment to condition 1 of P.P. 1/D/12/001608 to reflect the amended drawings proposed: Drawing SP-PL-MMA-001 replaces F/MHA/10/01/PL300; Drawing S1-S2-PL-MMA-001 replaces F/MHA/10/01/PL405 & F/MHA/10/01/PL502; Drawing S3-PL-MMA-001 replaces F/MHA/10/01/PL401 & F/MHA/10/01/PL501; and Drawings S4-S8-PL-MMA-001 & S4-S8-PL-MMA-002 replace F/MHA/10/01/PL403, F/MHA/10/01/PL407 and F/MHA/10/01/PL500. All other approved drawings remain (Variation of condition)

Chideock Parish Council objects to this application for the following reasons

- a) *the aesthetic and visual impact of the change to the roof line and the removal of the stonework sub-cills is regrettable*
- b) *the loss of photovoltaic capability leads to a loss of amenity and loss of potential important cost savings for residents*

CC

There are other issues which are not directly associated with this application which will be addressed separately.

AGREED to write to Magna, Cllr Summers and the Planning Officer regarding the concerns raised by CPC in their submission for the original planning application (1/D/12/001608) which have not been addressed.

1/D/13/000804 LAND AT RUINS LANE, RUINS LANE Erection of single dwelling house (Full)

Chideock Parish Council objects to this application and asks that it be REFUSED as it is contrary to policy SS3 of the 2006 Local Plan and policy SUS2 of the emerging Local Plan. The Parish Council considers it to be unacceptable intensification of development which, if allowed, would set a dangerous precedent for further "infill" development.

1/D/13/000997 08/08/2013 MIDLANDS FARM, DUCK STREET Extension, internal and external alterations (Listed Building Consent)

Chideock Parish Council has no objection, subject to the Listed Building Officer’s recommendations.

1/D/13/000996 08/08/2013 MIDLANDS FARM, DUCK STREET Extension, internal and external alterations (Full)

Chideock Parish Council has no objection.

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

c) Determinations.

CA/13/00212 MEDLAR GREEN, NORTH ROAD – T1 – Willow – Reduce by 50% - **APPROVED**

CA/13/00156 WALLBRIDGE HOUSE, MILL LANE – T1 – Ash – Reduce by 50% - **APPROVED**

1/D/13/000413 CHURCH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS AND ST IGNATIUS Reinstatement of original dome (Full) **APPROVED**

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

e) Ridwood Affordable Housing Development.

Actions & Information List Items 13 - 22 were **NOTED**

AGREED to write to DCC Highways, DCC Flood Management, WDDC Engineers Dept and Magna **CC**
regarding the drainage changes.

f) Any Other Planning Matters.

Actions & Information List Items 23 - 22 were **NOTED** with the exception of those detailed below, **CC**
which were discussed in more detail.

- i. Neighbourhood Planning. **AGREED** that Chideock does not want to be included in a Neighbourhood Plan for a "Greater" Bridport area but would support the project. **CC**
- ii. Planning Enforcement. The update from Simon Ludgate, WDDC Planning Enforcement, was **NOTED**. **AGREED** to write to Dr David Evans, WDDC, and Cllr Summers regarding the lack of progress on this. **CC**
- iii. Mill Lane Bridleway 18. **AGREED** to write to Oliver Letwin MP asking for his assistance in resolving the issue of the northern start point of BW18 and the southern end point of DCC County Road Mill Lane. **RM**
- iv. Draft Local Plan. **AGREED** to delegate the drafting of any comment to Cllr Murray and the Clerk.
- v. Development at Anchor Inn - 1/D/10/001957. **AGREED** to write to Cllr Summers and Cllr Gardener supporting the comment made by Mr Antony Broad in regard to Non-material Amendment Seven Day Letter NMA/13/00054. **CC**

1373 Finances.

Items 35 - 43 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

Cllr Murray declared a pecuniary interest in the payment for the hedge trimmer and said he would abstain from the vote.

Cllr Geraghty said she would leave the room during discussion and voting on the Bopper Bus Grant as she is on the Committee.

Cllr Geraghty left the room.

RESOLVED to make the customary grant of £500 to the Bopper Bus. Proposed by Cllr Grant, seconded by Cllr Carey, carried unanimously.

NOTED that

- a) the Community Fund is nearing the £1000 minimum amount and fund raising will be needed in the next Financial Year
- b) no Chideock children are currently using the Bopper Bus, though it is understood that this issue is being addressed.

Cllr Geraghty returned to the room.

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

Clerk's Salary & Expenses for September	£301.65
HMRC – PAYE for July, August & September	£160.60
Mr B Kidston for mowing of Clapps Mead play area x 2	£40.00
Cllr Murray for hedge trimmer	£69.99
PNW Services - Bus Shelter Cleaning July, Aug and Sept	£20.00

Proposed by Cllr Grant seconded by Cllr Carey. Cllr Murray abstained.

Bopper Bus grant	£500.00
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Proposed by Cllr Grant, seconded by Cllr Carey, Cllr Geraghty abstained.

b) Foss Orchard Car Park.

- i. **Termination of WDDC Contract.** This is with WDDC.
 - ii. **Polite Notices.** These were passed to Cllr Murray for a trial, to be reviewed at the October meeting.
- c) External Audit.** The Conclusion of Audit was **NOTED** and the Clerk was thanked for her hard work in ensuring that no comments were made by the External Auditor. It was **NOTED** that there is no fee to be paid this year as both income and expenditure were less than £10,000. However, if new play equipment is purchased this will put income / expenditure over £10,000 and the fee will be £100 + VAT = £120.

1374 Clapps Mead Playing Field.

Items 44 - 48 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

a) Land Registry Plan Error.

AGREED that the changes proposed by the Land Registry are acceptable. **CC**

b) Playing Field Management Group meeting of 18 September. The report was **NOTED**.

Cllr Grant is investigating grants towards the cost of new play equipment.

AGREED that at Financial Year End consideration will be given to the principle of how to thank volunteers for their work.

1375 Flood Management Plan for the Winniford Valley.

Items 49 - 52 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

a) **Foss Orchard River Bank.**

AGREED that the Clerk continue to try to get estimates from Kingcombe Aquacare for a sandbag solution, and then from local business such as Mr Mudford and C N Richards for the same work. **CC**

b) Cllr Geraghty spoke of the recent Bridport News report of water voles being found by the British Association for Shooting and Conservation in the River Winniford in the vicinity of the Golden Cap Holiday Park, despite the Biodiversity Report for planning application (1/D/12/000410) stating that there was no indication of voles in the area. **AGREED** to write to Dorset Wildlife Trust and the British Association for Shooting and Conservation in relation to the possible impact of the development on the voles. **CC**

c)

1376 Current Consultations.

a) **Local Government Boundary Commission - Electoral Review of West Dorset – Consultation on Ward boundaries.) Required by 11 November 2013. AGREED** to delegate to Cllr Murray and the Clerk, for consideration at the Parish Council meeting on 29 October 2013. **RM/CC**

AGREED to write to Mr Mike Hickman, WDDC Returning Officer, asking that the Chideock Parish boundary be reviewed to remove anomalies. viz:- Turnpike Cottage which should be transferred to Symondsburry; Venn Farm, Warmstall Farm, North End Farm and Brighthay Farm which should be transferred to Chideock from Symondsburry and Hit 'n Miss aka Hazel Bower which should be transferred to Whitchurch Canonicorum. **CC**

b) **Dorset AONB Management Plan 2014-2019. Required by 4 October 2013. AGREED** that this be delegated to Cllr Geraghty and Cllr Murray, with input from other Councillors. **KG/RM**

c) **West Dorset & Portland & Weymouth Joint Housing Allocation Policy consultation. Required by 22 October 2013. AGREED** that this be delegated to Cllr Murray. **RM**

1377 Motions Received with Notice. None.

1378 Correspondence. There were no other items of correspondence to be brought to Councillors' notice.

1379 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 October 2013 at 10:00 am.

The meeting closed at **12:38 pm**.