CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Chideock on Monday 26 June 2017 at 7 pm.

The Parish Council meeting commenced at **7.00 pm.**

Present: Cllr Roger Carey (Chair), Cllr Rob Murray, Cllr David Rogers, Cllr Peter Hunt, Cllr Irena Campion and Cllr Kate Geraghty.

In attendance: The Clerk and 10 members of the public, DCC Cllr Daryl Turner and WDDC Cllr Simon Christopher, who arrived during the meeting.

Cllr Rogers and Cllr Carey had both signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms in the presence of the Clerk since the last meeting.

1995 Apologies.
Cllr Laurie Elliot sent his apologies, which were accepted.

1996 Grants of Dispensations.
None.

1997 Declarations of Defined Pecuniary Interests.
Cllr Rogers declared an interest in planning application WAD/D/17/001212 WELL COTTAGE as the applicants are personal friends. He said that he would take no part in the discussion on this application.

1998 Minutes.

a) RESOLVED to accept and sign, as a true record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 22 May 2017.
Proposed by Cllr Rogers, seconded by Cllr Hunt, carried unanimously.

1999 County and District Councillors' and Police Reports.
Cllr Turner reported as follows: -

- The DCLG decision regarding 2 Unitary Authorities for Dorset may be made earlier than September.
- The new Bridport Connect social care hub is estimated to cost £6.1 million – DCC it is looking for ways to reduce the cost
- Bus Service 40 Bridport to Yeovil – Amory will stop running this in July. First Bus have said they will run a service between Bridport and Beaminster only. DCC have said they will run a service between Bridport and Yeovil to the current timetable, apart from the Saturday service which will not run, until September. DCC are in talks with First Bus regarding the service after September.
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Standing Orders were suspended for the following item.

2000 Democratic Period.
A member of the public read a statement regarding concerning a possible Parish Poll commissioned by the Parish Council on an A35 Bypass route, asking if the poll would consider all possible routes. The Clerk explained that a Parish Poll must be requested by electors via a Parish Meeting called by electors, that only a Yes / No question can be asked and that the question must be agreed at the Parish Meeting.
Members of the A35 Bypass Working Group reported on their recent meeting with Sir Oliver Letwin MP and said that Oliver had suggested that the next step would be to hold a Parish Poll and that he would meet with the Parish Council about this.

The Clerk confirmed that councillors had meet with Oliver.
The Chair said that councillors intend to meet informally to discuss the matter prior to the July Parish Council meeting.
A member of the A35 Bypass Working Group asked if members of the public could attend this meeting. When informed that it was a "private" meeting he said that he did not consider that to be democratic or transparent. The Clerk said that any decision on the matter would be made at a full Parish Council meeting and that the purpose of the informal meeting was to prevent unnecessary time being taken at a Parish Council meeting on discussions around this important matter.
A member of the group said that they had been told that a poll could be held soon so that the matter could be taken to Highways England in time for the Route Strategy decision in November.
2 members of the public said that they did not consider that the results of the recent survey carried out by the A35 Bypass Working Group demonstrate a consensus for the suggested northern route.
A member of the public spoke about Chideock Air Quality and said that in his opinion the only solution was a "relief" road. He asked what response CPC had made to the recent government Air Quality consultation. The Clerk said that they had not known of its existence until after the closing date.
A member of the public asked if a poll would include the neighbouring parishes (Char Valley and Symondsbury), both of which would be affected by a bypass. Cllr Carey said that Oliver Letwin had said that he would take care of that if a poll showed a consensus for a bypass.

Standing Orders were resumed.
Cllr Christopher arrived during the previous item.

2001 County and District Councillors' and Police Reports continued

Cllr Christopher reported as follows: -

- He shares the concerns of residents and the Parish Council regarding air pollution and has met with Ashley Fox MEP and talked to Oliver Letwin on this matter, especially regarding a bypass
- He suggested that CPC also contacts Julie Girling South West MEP **CC**
- At a recent Tri-Council Partnership meeting it was stated that all 3 councils are failing to provide adequate numbers of "affordable" housing units
- The Planning Committee is currently meeting 2 times a month – the Bridport St Michaels Trading Estate application will come before the committee on 6 July
- WDDC is financially healthy
- He suggested that Martin Underhill, Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner, be invited to attend a meeting in Chideock to talk about the lack of police in rural Dorset **CC**

2002 Reports / Updates by the Clerk and Councillors and Updates to the Follow-Up List.

Items 1 – A1 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED** except for those detailed below, which were discussed in more detail.

Item 1A – Village Hall Disabled Access. AGREED that Highways England be asked to include this in the current Safety Study. **CC**

2003 A35 Matters and Updates to the Follow-Up List.

Items 1B to 22B on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED** except for those detailed below, which were discussed in more detail.

Item 1B – A35 Matters – letter from Mrs Hipkiss. The draft reply was **AGREED.** **CC**

Items 2 and 4A – A35 Resurfacing. AGREED that these be added to the Follow-Up List. **CC**

Items 9 and 10 – Air Quality and Traffic Volumes – letter from Mr Tilley. The draft reply was **AGREED.** **CC**

Item 10A – Bypass Meeting with Sir Oliver Letwin MP. AGREED that Cllr Carey will organise an informal meeting when Cllr Elliot has returned from holiday and prior to the next Parish Council meeting. **RC**

Item 12A – Low Emission Zone meeting. AGREED that the Clerk will attend in place of Cllr Elliot. **CC**

Item 13 – Mobile HGV Testing. AGREED that this be added to the Follow-Up List for monthly follow-up until resolved. **CC**

Item 17 – DCC Origin / Destination Study. AGREED that this be added to the Follow-Up List. **CC**

Item 18 0 "HE event re "Planning Future Investment in England's Strategic Roads". Cllr Rogers said he will attend. Cllr Campion said she will also attend it more than 1 representative is permitted. **CC**

Item 19A – Quarr Cross Cross Road Signage Obscured by Vegetation. AGREED to ask Symondsbury PC for help in gaining the land owner's permission for Connect to cut back the vegetation. **CC**

Item 22B – Speed Camera Replacement. AGREED to write to Highways England urging them to provide funding towards the cost of Average Speed Cameras. **AGREED** to follow up with Dorset Road Safe after their meeting with HE on 7 July. **CC**

Additional item – Junction of Eype Down Lane with A35 at Quarr Cross - **AGREED** to ask DCC Highways to investigate the possibility of prohibiting vehicles from exiting from Eype Down Lane onto the A35. **CC**

2004 Motions Received with Notice.

None.

2005 Planning Matters.

a) Applications.

WD/CA/17/00215 IVY COTTAGE, MAIN STREET T1: Ash - Remove limb on west of tree and reduce limb on east by 3m. Tree is overshadowing newly planted orchard.

Chideock Parish Council has no objection subject to the Tree Officer's recommendation.

WD/D/17/001220 HARDSTANDING AND ROCK ARMOUR SOUTH OF SEA HILL LANE, SEATOWN Place approx. 160 tonnes of rock to extend the existing rock armour structure, rebuilding sections of blockwork wall and repairs to concrete hardstanding area (Full)

Chideock Parish Council fully supports this application.

The Parish Council is concerned that the wall supporting the DCC maintained public highway is in urgent need of repair and this does not appear to be covered by the application.

WD/D/17/001212 WELL COTTAGE, BRIGHTHAY LANE. Ground floor extension and internal remodelling works (Full)

Chideock Parish Council has no objection.

The Parish Council notes however that the scale and proportion of the extension is large in relation to the existing building.

The Parish Council asks the applicant to consider rainwater harvesting and to ensure that any external lighting is down lighting, preferably on sensors.

b) Determinations.

WAD/D/17/000959 PERRY HAYES EAST, HELL LANE Change of use of the existing holiday let dwelling to residential with guesthouse/B&B accommodation and a self contained holiday studio/apartment (Full) **APPROVED with conditions**

WD/D/16/002738 BRIGHTHAY FARM, BRIGHTHAY LANE Use of social room for purposes incidental to the use of the farmhouse (Certificate of Lawfulness (Existing)) **APPROVED**

c) Appeals. None. **CC**

d) Any Other Planning Matters.

i. AONB / Lighting & Dark Skies, Dorset National Park, Conservation Areas.
No update.

ii. Enforcement.
No update.

iii. Mill Lane Bridleway 18.
Item 24 on the Actions & Information List was **NOTED**. **AGREED** that the Clerk contacts members of the Community Group to arrange an informal meeting. **CC**

iv. All Weather Footpath.
No update.

v. Seatown. No update.

vi. Seatown Regeneration Feasibility Study Project.
Items 25 and 25A on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

vii. Other
Item 24 on the Actions & Information List was **NOTED**. **AGREED** that the Clerk follow up on the request to WDDC Planning asking if they are prepared to come to Chideock to talk about planning matters, as no response has been received. **CC**

2006 Finances.

a) Payments.

Clerk's Salary & Expenses for June	£327.48
PAYE for April, May and June	£164.00
Chideock Village Hall Hire – June	£39.00
Theresa Mudford – hire of mower x 5	£50.00
CPRE Subscription	£36.00

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

b) Foss Orchard Car Park.
Items 27 to 29 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.
Cllr Carey thanked Cllr Murray for all the work he has done at Foss Orchard Car Park.
AGREED to authorise the purchase of earth to even out the grass area. **CC**
Cllr Murray reported that he had erected a "dog poo fairy" poster and a "dog poo" bin and that he will be responsible for emptying it. He has put up the new river bank warning signs.

2007 Clapps Mead Playing Field.
Item 30 on the Actions & Information List was **NOTED. NOTED** that CPC will have to make a small donation of the Allington fencing, provide posts and arrange for it to be put in place.

2008 Dorset Highways and Flood Management.
Items 31 and 32 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.
AGREED to follow up on the request to DCC re Sea Hill and Mill Lane hedge cutting. **CC**

2009 Current Consultations. None.

2010 Correspondence.
There were no other items of correspondence to be brought to Councillors' notice.

2011 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of Chideock Parish Council.
The next scheduled meeting is at 7 pm on Monday 31 July 2017.

The meeting closed at **8.56 pm.**