

CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Chideock on Tuesday 31 May 2011 at 7.30pm.

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

In attendance: The Clerk, DCC Cllr Brierley, PCSO Paul Miners and 2 members of the public.

The Parish Council meeting was preceded by a public “drop in” event organised by WDDC and Magna regarding the proposed development of Affordable Housing at Ridwood. Mr Rob Aspray, WDDC Rural Housing Enabling Officer, spoke briefly to the Parish Council at 7:15pm, prior to the Parish Council meeting. He hopes that the application to WDDC for planning permission will be made in June.

The meeting commenced at **7:32pm**.

1025 Apologies. None.

1026 Declarations of Interest. None declared at this point in the meeting.

1027 Minutes.

The Clerk had taken advice from DAPTC as to whether the minutes of the meetings of 26 April could be resolved as only 1 councillor from the new Parish Council had been present as a councillor at the Finance & General Purposes meeting and only 2 at the Parish Council meeting. DAPTC confirmed that this was not a problem and that acceptance of the minutes can be resolved.

a) **RESOLVED** to accept and sign, as a true record, the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting of 26 April 2011.

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

b) **RESOLVED** to accept and sign, as a true record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 26 April 2011, with the following amendments:

Page 1 – PRESENT - change “Cllr Evans” to “Paul Evans”

Page 1 – “Prior to the meeting...” - change “Evens” to “Evans”

Page 1 – Minute 1015, PSCO Miners – 1st line – insert “traffic” before “incidents”

Page 2 – Minute 1017, f) “Anchor Inn 1/D/10/001957”, ii) – change “there” to “their”

Page 2 – Minute 1018, c) – change “Tees” to “Trees”

Proposed by Cllr Murray, seconded by Cllr Geraghty.

c) **RESOLVED** to accept and sign, as a true record, the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting of 17 May 2011.

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

1028 County and District Councillor’s and Police Reports.

PCSO Paul Miners:-

- A garden table has been stolen from a property in Dog House Lane – the police are regularly patrolling the area.
- The Clerk said that the owner of Dog House Farm Cottage has reported rubbish being dumped behind the garden. PSCO Miners said that he would investigate this.
- PC McGregor and PSCO Miners have conducted some speed checks in the village – 1 vehicle was recorded as travelling at 45mph.
- The bungalow at Whitecroft has been vandalised but is now secure and alarmed. This building is apparently un-owned and was occupied illegally. The Police are investigating. Responsibility for the building appears to be with a Government Department – PSCO Miners will provide further details.

DCC Cllr Brierley:-

- The fight to keep the libraries facing closure open continues. The next DCC meeting to consider this is on 20 June with a meeting of the full Council on 2 July. The matter could well go to judicial review.
- Mobile Library services appear safe but could be impacted if the closure of some or all of the 20 threatened libraries goes ahead.
- The Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams are being re-organised but the changes are not yet finalised or in operation.
- DCC Highways are reviewing their Winter Plan following the severe weather last winter. Cllr Brierley said that he would follow-up CPCs requests for the grit bins to be filled and for “dumpy” bags of grit, as the Clerk has had no response to her request.

Standing Orders were suspended for the following item.

1029 Democratic Period.

Mr McDougal spoke about the National Trust archaeological dig at Golden Cap.

Cllr Geraghty was unable to stay for the rest of the meeting and so raised some issues and points for consideration under the relevant agenda items. She also stressed that she had communicated with Nick Browning, WDDC Engineers Dept, on planning application 1/D/10/001957 Anchor Inn as a private individual, not as a councillor.

Cllr Geraghty left the meeting at 8:15pm.

Standing Orders were resumed.

1030 Planning Matters.

- a) **Applications.** NONE.
- b) **To consider any applications received after the agenda was circulated.** NONE
- c) **Determinations.** NONE.
- d) **To note any determinations received after the agenda was circulated.** NONE
- e) **Enforcement issues.**

Anchor Cottages.

The e-mail from WDDC Building Control, received 10 May, was **NOTED**.

AGREED that the Clerk ask the WDDC Planning Listed Building Officer what is happening re a Listed Building Consent application. **CC**

AGREED that the Clerk write to English Heritage regarding this matter. **CC**

f) **Any Other Planning Matters.**

Anchor Inn 1/D/10/001957.

i) **NOTED** that the National Trust has confirmed that they were not consulted and that they have concerns about this application and intend to make a representation.

ii) The e-mails from the DCC Pathfinder Team, Andrew Martin and Nick Browning were **NOTED**.

iii) **AGREED** that the Clerk write to Andrew Marin asking a) when he expects the application to go before the Development Control Committee b) what is being done about the need identified by the Environment Agency for WDDC to identify risk areas. **CC**

1031 Motions Received with Notice. NONE.

1032 Finances.

a) Payments

Clerk's Salary & Expenses for May.	£249.15
Insurance renewal	£392.33
DAPTC Subscription	£185,29
Playsafety for Annual RoSPA Inspection	£90.00

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

b) Bank Signatories.

RESOLVED that

- i) a new mandate be set up with the Bank of Ireland, as per the wording on Page 2 of the Bank of Ireland Business Account Mandate form
- ii) all four Councillors, i.e. Cllr Murray, Cllr Barnes, Cllr Geraghty and Cllr Grant, be signatories for the Parish Council's bank account with the Bank of Ireland, and that, as before, any two signatures be required for a cheque or other payment authority

iii) that the Clerk be authorised ONLY to confirm balances and to order bank statements and cheque books

Proposed by Cllr Murray, seconded by Cllr Grant, carried unanimously.
Councillors completed the bank mandate as required.

1033 Update by the Clerk.

New Councillors' Training. The session on 14 June is now fully booked. There is an additional session at 7:00pm on 12 July at Beaminster. Cllr Barnes and Cllr Grant will let the Clerk know if they are able to attend and the Clerk will book places.

Chideock Community Website. A meeting is being held at 7:30pm on Friday 17 June regarding plans to set up a Chideock Community Website. **AGREED** that Cllr Murray and the Clerk will attend.

1034 Current Consultations.

a) Local Transport Plan 3.

The information on the DCC and WDDC responses was **NOTED**. Agreed that the Clerk ask for the actual response submitted by WDDC. **CC**

b) DCC consultation on support for the voluntary and community sector.

As previously agreed, this was completed saying that CPC supported the submission made by the West Dorset Partnership.

c) Department of Communities & Local Government Consultation on the future of local public audit.

AGREED that this be delegated to Cllr Murray and the Clerk, for submission by 30 June 2011. **CC/RM**

d) The Library Service Consultation 2011 - Have your say on Dorset's Library Service.

All councillors have made a submission as individuals.

e) WDDC Parish / Town Development Survey.

AGREED that Cllr Murray and the Clerk prepare a draft submission for discussion and agreement at the Parish Council meeting of 28 June 2011, for submission by the deadline of 1 July 2011. **CC/RM**

1035 Reports.

a) DCC Highways Matters.

i) Re-designation of Pettycrate Lane as a restricted byway.

Cllr Grant declared a personal interest as her house is adjacent to the "green lane" portion of Pettycrate Lane.

The letter from Oliver Letwin and the letter from Miles Butler, DCC, to Oliver Letwin were **NOTED**.

AGREED to inform Oliver Letwin that CPC does not want to take a position on this until further information is available, **CC**

Cllr Grant said that she intends to write, as a private individual, to Oliver Letwin and Miles Butler and that she would copy this to CPC.

ii) Street Cleaning.

The details regarding street cleaning by WDDC were **NOTED**. **AGREED** to ask if this could be co-ordinated with the annual West Dorset Spring Clean. **CC**

iii) Collision Summary 2009 Fatal & Serious Collisions. NOTED.

iv) Rights of Way.

The response from Connect regarding overgrown vegetation and the state of the wall where FP18 exits on to the A35 was **NOTED**.

b) A35 Matters.

i) Street Cleaning – A35.

The reply from Connect regarding street cleaning carried out this year was **NOTED**. **AGREED** to ask him how many times this is done each year. **CC**

ii) Westbound Speed Camera.

The update from DSCP was **NOTED**.

c) Chideock Air Quality Management.

A meeting has been arranged, at Oliver Letwin's request, at 7.30 pm on Friday 15 July 2011 at Chideock Village Hall so that he can report on some important progress made in discussions with the Highways Agency and the Council and District Councils.

d) Seatown Matters, including Mill Lane.

AGREED that the Clerk ask Mr Martin Cox, West Dorset Leisure Holidays, if he will meet with the new Councillors. **CC**

e) Foss Orchard Car Park.

The account from WDDC for 1 Oct 2010 to 31 Mar 2011 was **NOTED**. Currently CPC owes WDDC £44.86.

Cllr Murray confirmed that he is cutting the hedge and the grass. Nick Zaiger is to be asked if he will **CC**

help.

A large bush is reported to be obscuring visibility for vehicles exiting the car park. Cllr Murray to investigate. **RM**

AGREED to write to Mrs Gratton to a) thank her for her work on the Foss Orchard Car Park garden area and b) ask if she is willing to continue. **CC**

f) Ridwood Affordable Housing.

This was covered by Mr Aspray, WDDC, at the start of the meeting. **AGREED** to inform Mr Aspray of the issues which CPC consider to be of concern and to ask if it is possible to have copies of any reports as soon as possible. **CC**

g) Clapps Mead Playing Field. The Clerk presented a summary of the RoSPA report, which was **NOTED**. **AGREED** that a Playing Field Committee meeting is required. **CC**

AGREED that Mrs Rosemary Daniels can use Clapps Mead for overflow parking on the afternoon of 8 July, on the occasion of the memorial service for her mother, providing that the ground is not wet, on condition that Mrs Daniels a) inform neighbouring properties and b) make good any damage which might occur. **CC**

h) Any Other Matters Not Covered Above

i) Footpath Guide sales to the Londis Shop.

Cllr Grant said that she would take over the distribution of maps to the Londis Shop, George Inn and the WDLH shop at Seatown, receiving payment when the maps are handed over (50p each, to be sold for no more than £1) and issuing a receipt. The money will then be passed to the Clerk for banking.

Cllr Grant will ensure that the maps are clearly marked with labels (supplied by the Clerk) to indicate that the advertisements may be out of date.

ii) Bridport Local Area Partnership.

Cllr Murray gave a brief update

1036 Correspondence. There were no other items of correspondence to be brought to Councillors' notice.

1037 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 28 June 2011 at 7:30pm.

The meeting closed at **9:45pm**.