

CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Chideock on Thursday 28 July 2011 at 2:00pm.

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

In attendance: The Clerk, PCSO Miners, WDCC Cllr Summers, 4 members of the public.

The meeting commenced at **2:02pm**.

1051 Apologies. None.

1052 Declarations of Interest. None declared at this point in the meeting.

1053 Minutes.

a) **RESOLVED** to accept and sign, as a true record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 28 June 2011.

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

b) The minutes of the Playing Field Committee held on 6 July 2011 were **NOTED** and will be formally accepted and signed at the next Playing Field Committee meeting on 12 October 2011.

1054 County and District Councillor's and Police Reports.

a) **PCSO Miners.**

Speed Watch are conducting as many speed checks as possible, he is present at some.

He feels that there is less traffic at certain times of day – the Clerk will ask Connect for statistics from the London Inn traffic counter for a recent 2 week period and for the same period last year. **CC**

There have been several thefts in the Langdon area.

A local gamekeeper has had problems with walkers straying from the pathways – he says he will clearly mark all public pathways.

There is an issue regarding a vehicle parking at Bilberry Close on the footpath over the dropped curb and the textured pavement slabs. He is seeking clarification as to the significance of these features and whether enforcement is possible to stop parking. The Clerk will follow this up with HA / Connect and communicate back to PCSO Miners. **CC**

Dorset Police Traffic resources have been cut by half. The Traffic police do check for overloading etc. of HVGs. When a car is stopped by the police for any reason, a check is made that it is insured.

b) **WDDC Cllr Summers.**

The latest issue of the WDDC publication "Community Link" contains the latest news and updates.

The Olympic Torch relay from Lyme Regis to Portland will pass through Chideock. The Olympic organisers will be asking for names of outstanding local people to carry the torch a short distance. This event is a community opportunity, e.g. for a street party.

The WDDC A35 Group is meeting with Oliver Letwin MP on 8 September.

Standing Orders were suspended for the following item.

1055 Democratic Period.

- A member of the public said that people must realise that the A35 is a trunk road and has been for many years.

- Mr Fuller said that he has had an update from Oliver Letwin MP offering hope that measures would be taken to reduce HGV traffic on the A35 through Chideock e.g. by revised signage. Mr Fuller will pass copies of recent e-mails to the Clerk.

- Cllr Summers said that there are 2 WDDC groups involved in the A35 issues – Air Quality Management and the A35 group.

- A member of the public spoke about School Lane (FP16) – the 1st stile in in a poor condition and the next has been blocked by a plank. He said that he had spoken to Ms Exton, DCC Rights of Way, who said that the Parish Council should obtain quotes for the work to be carried out and DCC would then pay. The Clerk said that this was at odds with how things had been done in the past and said she **CC**

would contact Ms Exton for clarification.

- A member of the public asked what is happening about pollution and air quality. Cllr Murray said that the latest data should be available on the dorsetforyou website. The Clerk will check and if necessary will contact WDDC Environmental Health for recent data.
- A member of the public said that the pedestrian crossing must have made air quality worse in the area of Chideock Bridge. Cllr Murray said that readings since it was installed in March 2010 do not show any worsening of air quality in that area.
- Mention was made of a recent incident on Furches Hill which had blocked the A35 and caused considerable traffic congestion.

CC

Standing Orders were resumed.

1056 Reports / Updates by the Clerk and Councillors.

a) **A35 – Speed Camera.**

NOTED that DSCP report that the westbound camera is fully operational.

b) **A35 – Vehicle Activated Sign.**

The update from Highways Agency re a VAS was **NOTED**.

AGREED that CPC ask for it to be erected at the eastern end of the village between Beech House and Bilberry Close, but suggest that the Police are also consulted.

CC

c) **A35 – Meeting with Oliver Letwin MP.**

The update from Oliver Letwin was **NOTED**.

d) **A35 – Quarr Cross crossroad sign westbound.**

NOTED that the new sign on the right hand side of the A35 westbound prior to Quarr Cross has been installed and that the overhanging vegetation on the left hand side which was obscuring the existing sign has been extensively cut back.

e) **A35 – Other.**

AGREED to write to the Chief Constable asking for a meeting to discuss a) the time taken to re-open the A35 after an incident and b) Police monitoring of HGV s. Cllr Murray reported that a retired chief police officer had suggested this. Cllr Geraghty confirmed this and that the officer offered to be present at the meeting.

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f) **DCC Highways / Parish Maintenance Unit.**

NOTED that DCC Highways Department is being reorganised.

g) **DCC Highways – Winter Preparation.**

NOTED that there is still no grit in the bins.

NOTED that CPC wish to have a meeting with the appropriate DCC Officer to discuss arrangements for voluntary grit spreading by a local farmer. Clerk to follow-up with Cllr Brierley.

h) **DCC Highways – Blue Posts.**

Cllr Geraghty reported that she has contacted the Dorset Wildlife Trust who will inspect the area in Carters Lane to see if it qualifies for blue posts to protect rare orchids them from verge mowing.

i) **DCC Highways – Other.**

The information from Steve Williams re errors in Sat Nav information was **NOTED**.

j) **Clapps Mead - Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge.**

AGREED that the Clerk have an informal meeting with the Regional Manager, John Chapman.

k) **Footpath Guides.**

NOTED that Cllr Grant has sold another £50 worth of Footpath Guides, which gives a total of £150 for the Community Fund so far this year.

l) **Affordable Housing.**

The update from Rob Aspray, WDDC, was **NOTED**.

1057 Planning Matters.

a) **Applications.**

- i. 1/D/11/001121 THE GEORGE INN, MAIN STREET Replacement signage & new external lighting (Listed Building Consent) AND 1/D/11/001120 THE GEORGE INN, MAIN STREET Replacement signage & new external lighting (Advertisement)
Chideock Parish Council has no objection provided that a condition is made that the lighting must be switched off by a certain time, 11:30pm at the very latest.
- ii. 1/D/11/000929 THE MILL HOUSE, MILL LANE Photovoltaic panels to south facing roof (Listed Building Consent)
Chideock Parish Council has concerns regarding the visual impact of photovoltaic panels on a significant Listed Building (one of only three in Seatown), which is in the AONB and near the World Heritage Site. The Parish Council will support the Listed Building Officer's recommendations.
- iii. 1/D/11/000922 MEADOW COTTAGE, MILL LANE Replace flat roof with pitched roof (Full) AND 1/D/11/000838 MEADOW COTTAGE, MILL LANE Replace flat roof with pitched roof (Listed Building Consent)

Chideock Parish Council commends this upgrade to restore the character by the use of traditional thatch.

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

NONE

c) Determinations.

1/D/11/000732 WEST HOUSE, MAIN STREET Replacement porch (Full). **APPROVED.**

d) To note any determinations received after the agenda was circulated.

NONE

e) Any Other Planning Matters.

Anchor Inn 1/D/10/001957.

The update from Andrew Martin, WDDC Planning, regarding discussions with Palmer's agents about the criteria established by Planning Policy Statement 25 Supplement: Development and Coastal Change was **NOTED.**

The information from Andrew Martin regarding means of presenting information to the Development Control Committee was **NOTED.**

1058 Current Consultations.

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

NOTED that CPCs response was submitted by the Clerk.

b) WDDC Parish / Town Development Survey.

NOTED that CPCs response was submitted by the Clerk.

c) Revised Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Draft Minerals Core Strategy. Ends 9 September 2011.

NOTED that the Clerk has asked for figures for transport of ball clay on the A35 through Chideock.

AGREED that Cllr Murray will prepare a draft response. **RM**

d) Dorset Renewable Energy Strategy Consultation 2011. Ends 30 September 2011.

NOTED that CPRE intend to comment. **AGREED** that Cllr Murray will prepare a draft response. **RM**

e) West Dorset Fossil Code Review. Ends 30 September 2011.

AGREED that Cllrs read the document and send comments to the Clerk, who will then draft a response. **AGREED** to write to Mr Edmunds, Jurassic Coast Team, saying that CPC is interested in enforcement of the existing code and ask if the Charmouth Beach Warden can also visit Seatown. **ALL CC**

f) Draft National Planning Policy Framework: Consultation. Required by 17 October.

AGREED that Cllr Murray prepare a draft response. **RM**

g) Local Planning Regulations Consultation. Required by 17 October.

AGREED that Cllr Murray prepare a draft response. **RM**

1059 Motions Received with Notice.

Cllr Geraghty had proposed the following 3 motions:-

a) RESOLVED that, following the disappointing response from both the Minister for Transport and VOSA, CPC now contacts the members of the A35 Communities Initiative with a copy of the letter sent to the Minister and the response from VOSA and requests their support in making the information public.

Seconded by Cllr Grant, carried unanimously.

AGREED that the letter be based on the previous letter sent in 2008, draft to be circulated. **CC**

b) RESOLVED that CPC submit the following motion for the DAPTC AGM in November:

"That this conference asks NALC to urgently take up the issue of SATNAV systems directing heavy vehicles onto unsuitable roads in rural areas and consequently causing damage and traffic chaos in small communities. Routes need to be checked by Local Highway Authorities as to their suitability in both weight and width restrictions before licences are issued to SATNAV."

Seconded by Cllr Grant, carried unanimously.

c) RESOLVED that CPC submit the following motion for the DAPTC AGM in November:

"That this conference requests that the Department for Communities and Local Government urgently closes the loophole whereby long delays by Local Planning Authorities in taking Enforcement action on a planning violation can result in the evidence of the violation, as provided to the LPA by Parish Councils and private individuals, being used by the violator to support an application for a Certificate of Lawful Use."

Seconded by Cllr Grant, carried unanimously.

1060 Finances.

The Clerk reported that the change of Bank of Ireland signatories had taken effect so any 2 Councillors can sign cheques.

a) Payments.

RESOLVED to make the following payments:-

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| Clerk's Salary & Expenses for July. | £228.11 |
| Hall Hire for April, May and June | £90.00 |
| CPRE subscription. | £29.00 |
| DAPTC – New Cllr Training x 2 | £40.00 |
| Nick Zaiger for materials to repair fence at Playing Field | £41.92 |

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

b) Review the 1st quarter accounts to 30 June 2011.

The Accounts to 30 June 2011 were **NOTED**.

c) Review the 1st quarter Budget Monitoring Report to 30 June 2011.

The Budget Monitoring Report to 30 June 2011 was **NOTED**.

d) Review and monitor the financial, budgetary and all other implications of Foss Orchard Car Park.

The Foss Orchard Car Park account and projected income was **NOTED**.

A motor cycle is regularly parking on the hatched area by the disabled space. The Clerk will report this to WDDC for enforcement.

CC

1061 Correspondence. There were no other items of correspondence to be brought to Councillors' notice.

1062 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 27 September 2011 at 7:30pm. A Planning Committee Meeting will be held, if necessary, following the meeting with Oliver Letwin MP on Thursday 8 September 2011.

The meeting closed at **4:25pm**.