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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Chideock on Tuesday 1 November 2011 at 7:30pm.

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

In attendance: The Clerk, WDDC Cllr Summers, PCSO Miners and 1 member of the public.

The meeting commenced at **7:30pm**.

1076 Apologies. DCC Cllr Brierley sent his apologies.

1077 Declarations of Interest. Cllr Geraghty declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 7 e (Anchor Inn 1/D/10/001957), Actions and Information List item 26 and 26A (Chideock Society) and item 10 c (Bopper Bus grant) and said she would leave the room when these items were discussed.

Cllr Barnes arrived at 7:05 during point a) of the following item.

1078 Minutes.

a) **RESOLVED** to accept and sign, as a true record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 27 September 2011, after the following amendments were made:-

- Page 1, minute 1066 a, 4th bullet point, 4th line – amend “wold” to “would”
- Page 2, minute 1068 e, 2nd to last line – amend “Chaney” to “Cheney”
- Page 2, minute 1069 e, 2nd bullet point – amend “Jordon” to “Jordan”
- Page 2, minute 1070 b, 3rd line – amend “Edmunds” to “Edmonds”
- Page 3, minute 1071 a, 1st line – amend “Gratton” to “Grafton”
- Page 3, minute 1072 a, 2nd line – amend “Granted” to “Grant”

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

b) **RESOLVED** to accept and sign, as a true record, the minutes of the Playing Field Committee meeting of 12 October 2011, after the following amendments were made:-

- Page 1, minute PF83, 2nd to last line – amend “’Is” to “Is”
- Page 2, minute PF85, 2nd to last line – amend “and” to “any”

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

c) **RESOLVED** to accept and sign, as a true record, the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting of 12 October 2011.

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

1079 County and District Councillor’s and Police Reports.

a) WDDC Summers spoke about the following items:-

- Reductions in services at Community Hospitals. Much that is being reported in the press is incorrect. Consultations and discussions are on-going, involving DCC Health Scrutiny Committee, both Hospital Trusts involved, GPs and the general public, with a decision is due to be made in March 2012. Central government have said that all hospitals must reduce their activities and costs with some services devolving to GPs. Of the 22 clinics held at Bridport, only 3 or 4 will be lost, these being those with bad attendance.
- The trial of shorter hours for the Minor Injuries Unit at Bridport Community Hospital has resulted in the change being made permanent. There was no evidence of a detrimental impact.
- Consultations and discussions regarding the Hughes Unit at Bridport Community Hospital are on-going, with a decision expected in January 2012. It is out for public consultation now. The intention is to provide more services in the patient’s home as this is often more beneficial than a stay at the Unit. It is not aimed at cutting costs.

- b) PCSO Miners spoke about the following matters:-
- Crime in the Bridport area is currently low and figures are generally down on last year.
 - However, now that the colder weather is here, thefts of heating oil may increase, and he reminded people of the "Stop That Oil" campaign.
 - He has obtained traffic statistics from Highways Agency which show a daily average of 17566 vehicles per day for the week 20 – 26 June 2011, which is a drop from the daily average of 18451 for 21 – 27 June 2010. He will forward the data to the Clerk.
 - The police have been asked if there have been any safety issues regarding the pedestrian crossing at Chideock & Morecombelake. No-one present was aware of any.
 - The owner of the car which had been parking on the pavement at Bilberry Close has been told that this is an offence.

Standing Orders were suspended for the following item.

1080 Democratic Period.

A member of the public asked how far up North Road would be gritted / salted as part of the DCC Community Link, as per the information from CPC in the Chideock News. Cllr Murray and the Clerk said that they understood that it would be as far as the T junction with Hell Lane.

A member of the public reported that the 2 drains in Hell Lane between Silverbridge Cottage and the grass triangle are totally blocked and obscured by vegetation. The Clerk will report this to DCC Highways.

Standing Orders were resumed.

1081 Reports / Updates by the Clerk and Councillors.

All items from the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**, with the exception of those detailed below.

- a) Item 3 – response to request for a meeting with the Chief Constable, Dorset Police. **AGREED** to ask for a meeting with Insp Derby, Bridport Police Station, to discuss the matters raised in CPC's letter to the Chief Constable. Clerk to ask Mr Pettifer if he is willing for his letter to CPC is sent to Insp. Darby to form the basis of discussion. Mr Pettifer to be invited to attend the meeting.
- b) Item 5 and 5A – Vehicle Activated Sign. **RESOLVED** to accept Connect's offer of a battery powered 30mph VAS, value £3,000, which Connect will install at the agreed location below the existing "No Footway" sign at Bilberry Close, and to add this to the Parish Council insurance once a date for installation has been agreed, at a one of premium of £25 for this year and a quoted premium of £13.67 thereafter. Proposed by Cllr Murray, seconded by Cllr Geraghty, carried unanimously.
- c) Item 8 – Air Quality Stakeholders Meeting 30 September. Cllr Murray pointed councillors to the document which had been provided by WDDC for the PACT meeting and circulated to all.

Cllr Geraghty left the room.

- d) Item 26 & 26A. – Chideock Society History Interpretation Board. **AGREED** that the Chideock Society liaise directly with Mrs Gratton regarding removal and replacement of plants. **AGREED** that CPC add the History Board to the Parish Council insurance, possibly at no cost to the Chideock Society.

Cllr Geraghty returned to the room.

- e) Item 26B – ACO drain grill damage at Foss Orchard Car Park. The Clerk said that, according to a report by Malcolm Wright Partnership – Consulting Structural and Civil Engineers, dated 10 Dec 2002: "The front edge of the car park backs onto the back of an adoptable highway (Foss Orchard). At the boundary is a pre-formed channel section with steel plate grill. This drains along the length of car park access (some 18m) and discharges into a manhole and then onto the river."
This implies that the channel cannot be filled in. **AGREED** that this be delegated to Cllr Murray and the Clerk for further investigation / action.
AGREED to write to Eugene Barnes, WDDC, asking him for specific signage to show that tractors are not allowed in the car park
- f) Item 27 – Broadband Aggregation. **AGREED** to offer CPC's support in principle.

- g) Item 28 – West Dorset Partnership Annual Assembly. **AGREED** that Cllr Murray and the Clerk would attend.

1082 Planning Matters.

- a) **Applications.** None.
- b) **To consider any applications received after the agenda was circulated.**
NONE
- c) **Determinations.**
1/D/11/001301 CHAMPSLAND, BRIGHTHAY LANE, NORTH CHIDEOCK New conservatory, form pitched roof over and convert store to utility room & create link to main house. Internal & external alterations to main dwelling (Listed Building Consent) Approved
1/D/11/001300 CHAMPSLAND, BRIGHTHAY LANE, NORTH CHIDEOCK New conservatory, form pitched roof over and convert store to utility room & create link to main house. Internal & external alterations to main dwelling (Full) Approved
- d) **To note any determinations received after the agenda was circulated.** NONE
- e) **Any Other Planning Matters.**

Cllr Geraghty left the room.

1/D/10/001957 – Anchor Inn. **NOTED** that this is not going to the Development Control meeting on 10 November. There was discussion regarding the application and CPC's stance, given that 2 councillors were not on the Council when the representation was made. It was agreed that Cllr Murray prepare a paper on this for presentation the next meeting so that it can be decided how the Parish Council will submit its input to the WDDC Development Control Committee members and at the Development Control meeting, assuming that it is not refused by the Planning Officer.

Cllr Barnes said that she was unable to stay for the whole of the meeting. It was therefore agreed to take agenda item 10 c) Bopper Bus Grant at this point so that there would be a quorum, as Cllr Geraghty had declared a prejudicial interest in the item.

1083 Finances – Bopper Bus Grant.

The Clerk confirmed that she has seen the accounts and that all is in order. **RESOLVED** to pay a grant of £500, from the Community Fund, to the Bopper Bus Organisation. Proposed by Cllr Murray, seconded by Cllr Barnes, carried unanimously.

*Cllr Barnes left the meeting at 9:05pm.
Cllr Geraghty returned to the room.*

1084 Planning Matters – continued.

Revised WDDC Local Plan Consultation. **AGREED** that Cllr Murray, Cllr Geraghty and the Clerk attend the event on Thursday 24th November and report to the next Parish Council meeting. **AGREED** to authorise Cllr Murray to prepare responses as required for a) the Working Groups, b) the event on 24 November and c) any other consultation documents. **AGREED** that information about this consultation be put in the Chideock News.

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1085 Current Consultations.

- a) **Dorset Renewable Energy Strategy Consultation 2011. Required by 30 September 2011.** **NOTED** that the submission has been made.
- b) **West Dorset Fossil Code Review. Required by 30 September 2011.** **NOTED** that the submission has been made.
- c) **Draft National Planning Policy Framework: Consultation. Required by 17 October.** **NOTED** that the submission has been made.
- d) **Dorset Coast Strategy. Required by 30 September.** **NOTED** that the submission has been made.

1086 Motions Received with Notice.

As per the recommendation of the Playing Field Committee meeting of 12 October 2011, it was **RESOLVED** that Clapps Mead Playing Field be registered as a Queen Elizabeth II Field. Proposed by Cllr Grant, seconded by Cllr Murray, carried unanimously. Cllr Grant reported that this proposal was well received by those attending the Playing Field Work Party on 16 October 2011.

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1087 Finances.

a) Payments.

RESOLVED to make the following payments:-

Clerk's Salary & Expenses for July.	£250.61
Hall Hire for April, May and June	£50.00
DAPTC – Clerks' Seminar	£40.00
St Giles PCC - Cemetery Grass Cutting	£600.00

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

- b) Budget for 2012 – 2013. AGREED** that this item be deferred to the next meeting, so that Cllr Barnes could contribute. **AGREED** that the Clerk write to St Giles PCC saying that CPC is considering increasing the grant, giving CPC's understanding of the agreement with the PCC regarding contributing to the cost of the cemetery grass cutting, and asking if other quotations for the work have been considered.

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1088 DAPTC AGM, Saturday 5 November 2011.

- a) AGREED** that Cllr Geraghty will attend as CPC's voting delegate. The Clerk will also attend.

- b) CPC's** position on each of the motions to be presented for resolution at the AGM was **AGREED**:

Motion 1 – Proposed by Chideock Parish Council.

That the Dorset Association of Parish and Town councils requests through the National Association of Local Councils 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.

Cllr Geraghty to present this motion to the AGM.

Motion 2 – Proposed by Iwerne Minster Parish Council

Iwerne Minster Parish Council urges the National Association of Local Councils to seek to have the law in respect of Planning Appeals changed, so that when there is a conflict of opinion, rather than law or regulation, between a planning inspector and a planning authority, who are of a like mind with the local parish council, the local opinion shall be binding.

AGREED that CPC support the motion.

Motion 2 – Proposed by St Leonards and St Ives Parish Council

St Leonards and St Ives Parish Council urges the National Association of Local Councils to seek government funding support for smaller councils who are faced with unbudgeted legal and clean-up costs incurred in the removal of illegal encampments of gypsies and travellers from parish council land.

AGREED that CPC support the motion.

- 1089 Correspondence.** There were no other items of correspondence to be brought to Councillors' notice.

1090 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of Chideock Parish Council.

There was discussion on changing the date / time of the meeting. It was **AGREED** that Cllr Grant and Cllr Barnes would ask for an item on this matter to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting and that they would present a suggested schedule of meeting dates for 2012 for discussion.

AGREED that the next meeting of Chideock Parish Council will be on Tuesday 29 November 2011 at 7:30pm.

The meeting closed at **9:30pm.**