

CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Chideock on Tuesday 5 November 2013 at 10:00 am.

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

In attendance: The Clerk, DCC Cllr D Turner, WDDC Cllr Summers (arrived at approx 11:20) and 3 members of the public.

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

1380 Apologies. Cllr Geraghty and PCSO Miners sent their apologies.

1381 Grant of Dispensations. Cllr Carey had requested, in writing prior to the meeting, for a dispensation regarding his Defined Pecuniary Interest in Land or Property in the Parish, which would prevent him participating and voting in Agenda Item 9 g) Draft Budget and Precept for 2014-15. Grant of dispensations was proposed by Cllr Murray, seconded by Cllr Grant, carried unanimously. All other Cllrs have a grant of Dispensation, granted on 27 November 2012 and running until the elections in 2015.

1382 Declarations of Defined Pecuniary Interests. All Councillors declared a Defined Pecuniary Interest in Land or Property in the Parish, in connection with Agenda Item 9 g) Draft Budget and Precept for 2014-15, for which dispensations had been granted as documented above.

1383 Minutes.

RESOLVED to accept and sign, as a true record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 24 September 2013. Proposed by Cllr Grant seconded by Cllr Murray, carried unanimously.

1384 County and District Councillors' and Police Reports.

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

"I am sorry but I will be unable to attend the next meeting.

Could you please make attendees aware of two crimes that have occurred in the Chideock area?

1. Between Sunday 13th Oct and Sunday 27th Oct there has been heating oil stolen from its tank in the North Chideock area.

2. On the morning of Tuesday 8th Oct there was a break to an outbuilding in the North Chideock area where the offenders made off with numerous items.

If anyone would like any crime prevention advice or has any information regarding the two crimes then please ask them to get hold of me on the contact details below.*

b) DCC Cllr Turner reported as follows:-

- David Clarke, Chief Executive for West Dorset District Council and Weymouth and Portland Borough Council, is leaving April 2014
- Draft details for the Community Volunteer Scheme for minor highway maintenance are available. The Clerk asked if a decision on this had to be made immediately or could it wait till the next meeting. Cllr Turner said that it can wait till the next meeting.

Standing Orders were suspended for the following item.

1385 Democratic Period.

Cllr Ali Cameron, Upper Marshwood Vale, spoke about Rural Broadband and said that Upper Marshwood Vale has applied for and gained a grant from Defra and that UMV are now seeking to extend the area to include other locations which are unlikely to receive Superfast Broadband under the government sponsored scheme. This includes North Chideock.

Mr Nick Zaiger, Village Hall Committee Chairman, spoke about the recent public meeting where many residents have supported the idea of a small increase in Precept to fund a Parish Council grant of £1 per household to the Village Hall which is in need of funds. Cllr Murray asked for accounts for the last 3 years and an indication of future costs before the next CPC meeting when the idea can be considered in detail.

Mr Richard Benjamin said that hall hire costs are too low and that they will be increasing for all users in the near future. All councillors agreed that the Village Hall is a vital resource for the village.

Standing Orders were resumed.

1386 Reports / Updates by the Clerk and Councillors.

Items 1 to 22 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**, with the exception of those detailed below, which were discussed in more detail.

- a) **2 – A35 Toilet Facilities.** **AGREED** to write to Mr Chris Pope, Highways Agency, to accept his offer of a sign for Foss Orchard Car Park directing motorists to the Eype service area. **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.
- c) **5 & 6 – Bullens Lane / A35 junction.** HA have offered to clear a portion of the plot know as St Junes to significantly improve the visibility splay. The Clerk has given HA contact details for the Weld Trust. **AGREED** to defer any decision on CPC taking over maintenance of this plot as it may not now be necessary.
- d) **8 – DCC Highways Community Volunteer Scheme.** Cllr Turner said that the decision as to who would undergo training is not required yet. **AGREED** to defer this to the next CPC meeting.
- e) **11A Duck Street - "No Through Road sign".** **AGREED** to periodically request this sign and to ask if it could be included in the budget for 2014 -15 and to suggest that the existing direction signs for Seatown on the A35 could be modified to include the words "No Through Road". **CC**
It was suggested that maybe there should be a sign at the A35 end of Duck Street informing people that the Anchor Inn is closed. **AGREED** to write to Palmers about this. **CC**
- f) **12 – Extreme weather signage.** **AGREED** to write to Mr Nigel Wraxall asking if there is a suitable site for these signs on his land. **CC**
- g) **16 – Parish Boundary Anomalies.** **AGREED** to defer a decision as to whether to attempt to get 250 elector’s signatures on a petition to change the Parish boundary to remove anomalies. **AGREED** to write to Mr Hickman, WDDC, pointing out that this is a very heavy procedure for what is a minor change, and asking if the same requirement exists for the “receiving” parish. **AGREED** to also write to Oliver Letwin MP. **CC**
- h) **17 – Defra Grant for Rural Broadband.** **AGREED** to accept, in principle, the invitation to join the project, asking to be kept informed of progress and nominating the Clerk as contact. **AGREED** that Cllr Grant will talk to North Chideock residents and that the Clerk will place an article in the Chideock News asking North Chideock residents to contact Mr Charles Somers, Upper Marshwood Vale, if they are interested in receiving “superfast” broadband. **CC**
- i) **22 – Water Voles on River Winniford.** **AGREED**, as per Cllr Geraghty’s suggestion made in writing to the Clerk, to **CC**
- Write to Natural England asking them to look at the Dorset Wildlife Trust letter and the Planning application 1/D/12/000410, in particular at Area 9 the field known as Ewelands. The Biodiversity Report identified the section of river between the sewage farm and Millfield Caravan site within Area 9 as the only place of any wildlife significance but did not identify the endangered species i.e. otter and water vole which DWT say are present..
 - Refer Natural England and DWT to the Environment Agency’s submission which identified the lower area of the this field as a Flood Risk zone and their requirement of a 10 m maintenance zone for flood prevention.
 - Inform Natural England and DWT that Footpath 14 is being diverted along the edge of that field alongside the river, which could cause disturbance to wildlife from remedial river bank measures to prevent flood and from dog walkers on this public Footpath.
 - Ask what measures/powers does Natural England. have to ensure that the development by West Dorset Leisure Holidays in this area will not interfere with these endangered species.

1387 Planning Matters.

a) Applications.

1/D/13/001477 ANCHOR INN, SEA HILL LANE Rebuilding of existing SW gable wall & replacement of existing slate cladding with rendered & painted finish (part retrospective) (Full)

Chideock Parish Council accepts the need to rebuild the gable wall but has concerns that the wall will be overly dominant and visually conspicuous without the current slate-cladding, especially as the colour of the painted finish is not specified.

1/D/13/001278 ANCHOR INN, SEA HILL LANE External lighting to Public House premises (Full)

Chideock Parish Council OBJECTS to this application and strongly endorses the points made by Mr A Broad and Ms K Geraghty in their representation, copy attached.

In particular

- *The high level of illumination of the building and its walls is not necessary for the safety of people accessing the premises*
- *The illumination of the upper storey of the building is not necessary and should not be allowed*
- *The same applies to walling to the front of the building*
- *The illumination of the cliff seating area appears unnecessary because it is unlikely that*

patrons would be using this area in the dark in the winter particularly as the tables themselves are not lit, and in the summer lighting is not necessary until late. CC

- There is no apparent need to illuminate the patio to the rear
- In AONB / Heritage Coast and adjacent to the World Heritage Site is not the policy “zero illumination” (except perhaps that which is essential for footways and safety)?

The Parish Council suggests that

- the number of lights is reduced to only those which are essential for safety of access
- where possible the lighting should be controlled by movement sensors, for example at the rear of the building
- the lighting should only be on from dusk during normal business hours and not left on after closing time

The Parish Council considers that the Dorset AONB Partnership and the Dorset and East Devon Coast World Heritage Site Team must be consulted on this application.

1/D/13/001311 MONTYIKE, NORTH ROAD Re-build Gable Wall (Listed Building Consent)
Chideock Parish Council has no objections, subject to the Listed Building Officer’s recommendation.

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

c) Determinations.

1/D/13/000804 LAND AT RUINS LANE, RUINS LANE Erection of single dwelling house (Full)
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d) To note any determinations received after the agenda was circulated. None.

e) **Ridwood Affordable Housing Development.**

Actions & Information List Items 23 - 26 were **NOTED**

f) **Any Other Planning Matters.**

Actions & Information List Items 27 - 33 were **NOTED** with the exception of those detailed below, which were discussed in more detail.

- Planning Enforcement. No update available.
- Mill Lane Bridleway 18. **AGREED** to write to Oliver Letwin MP in response to the reply to him from Ms Debbie Ward, DCC Chief Exec.
- Draft Local Plan. No update available.
- Development at Anchor Inn - 1/D/10/001957. No further update.

1388 County and District Councillors’ and Police Reports – continued.

WDDC Cllr Summers spoke as follows:-

- **Ridwood** – this is Magna’s last development project and so staff are being redeployed, including Mr Aldwinkle.
- **WDDC Development Control** – problems have occurred because of staff reductions; extra work for those still there and differing working practices between Weymouth and WDDC which have to be sorted out after the merger. All staff are currently undergoing a Job Evaluation to even up job descriptions and pay scales. This takes 2 days per person and is leading to worry and stress for staff.
- **Planning Enforcement**. Kevin Perry is now the only person working on this. Glen Harding, who worked on the legal aspects, is no longer there and legal questions have to go to Roger Green, Monitoring Officer.
- **Efficiency Scrutiny Committee** – this has recently studied and reported on the Planning Application Process. Some “blockage” points were found and it is hoped that the service will improve as a result of the review.
Cllr Murray said that CPC were invited, about a year ago, to take part in this review. The Clerk said that she had not received an initiation. Cllr Summers said that it was not too late for comments on the report to be made to Cllr Molly Rennie.
- **“Good Graffiti”**. Cllr Summers spoke about her project “Good Graffiti” and said that any parish can join if they have a suitable location. **AGREED** to consider this at the next CPC meeting.

1389 Finances.

Item 40 on the Actions & Information List was **NOTED**.

a) **RESOLVED** to make the following payments for October:-

Clerk’s Salary & Expenses for October	£223.40
DAPTC – Clerk’s Seminar	£30.00
Village Hall Hire July, Aug and Sept	£32.00

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

b) **Foss Orchard Car Park.**

Termination of WDDC Contract. Items 34 to 39 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

c) **External Audit.** As per the External Audit requirements, **RESOLVED** to approve and accept the completed Annual Return for 2012 – 2013.

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

d) **Accounts to 31 September 2013. NOTED**

- e) **Budget Monitoring to 31 September 2013. NOTED.**
- f) **DRAFT Budget for 2014-15.** Items 41 – 44 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED.**
AGREED that councillors would consider the options available and that the matter would be brought to the Council at the next meeting. In particular, councillors to consider a) providing a grant to the Village Hall and b) whether a 3 year maintenance agreement for the clock service should be funded by the Parish Council

1390 Clapps Mead Playing Field.
 Items 45 - 46 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED.**

1391 Flood Management Plan for the Winniford Valley.
 Items 47 - 50 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED.**

1392 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/**
AGREED to submit the comment as drafted by Cllr Murray, **CC**
AGREED to write again to Mr Mike Hickman, WDDC Returning Officer, about changes to the Parish Boundary, asking whether the other Parishes involved would also have to get electors to sign a petition and querying whether there is any other means by which the Parish boundary and be reviewed? **AGREED** to also write to Oliver Letwin MP on this matter. **CC**
- b) **Dorset AONB Management Plan 2014-2019. Required by 4 October 2013. NOTED** that this was submitted by the due date.
- c) **Police Enquiry Offices Closures.** Consultation on proposal to close all Police Enquiry desks apart from Bournemouth and Weymouth and for Dorset Police to investigate "sharing" premises for to be staffed by peripatetic staff e.g. at Council Offices. **AGREED** to not make a response. **AGREED** to ask if the Safer Neighbourhood Team is still coming to the Village Shop on a regular basis to talk to residents? **CC**
- d) **Dorset and East Devon Coast World Heritage Site Draft Management Plan 2014 – 2019. Required by 30 December 2013.** Executive Summary given to all. Copy of the draft document passed to Cllr Murray, **AGREED** to consider this matter at the next Parish Council meeting.

1393 Motions Received with Notice. None.

1394 Correspondence. There were no other items of correspondence to be brought to Councillors' notice.

1395 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 3 December 2013 at 10:00 am.

The meeting closed at **12:10 pm.**