

CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Chideock on Tuesday 30 June 2015 at 10:00 am.

Present: Cllrs Elizabeth Grant (Chair), Roger Carey, Kate Geraghty, Rob Murray, Irena Campion, Laurie Elliot and David Rogers.

In attendance: The Clerk and DCC Cllr Turner.

The Parish Council meeting commenced at **10:01 am**.

1651 Apologies.

PCSO Ash and WDDC Cllr Christopher sent their apologies.

1652 Grant of Dispensations.

None.

1653 Declarations of Defined Pecuniary Interests.

None declared

1654 Minutes.

a) **RESOLVED** to accept and sign, as a true record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 28 April 2015, after the following amendments:

Page 2, item 1638 h) 2nd line – replace “now” by “know”

Page 2, item 1640 b) 3rd line – replace “as” by “are”

Page 2, item 1641 a) 1st line – replace “whose” by “who”

Page 3, item 1642 a) 6th line – remove “Lake”

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

1655 County and District Councillors’ and Police Reports.

a) Cllr Turner:-

- There are concerns that the government will bring the next round of local government cuts forward – DCC is currently working on a 5 year review plan for some services which could be cut to 2 years
- DCC has featured in a BCC TV programme about fostering
- Child Sex Exploitation awareness sessions are taking place involving Year 8 school children
- The 2nd round of the Ask Dorset consultation has started – the nearest events are at the Melpash Show (27 August) and the Dorset County Show (5 & 6 September).
- He is no longer Vice Chair of the Regulatory Committee but is still a member. He is now Chair of the Environment Overview Committee.
- WDDC / Weymouth and Portland / North Dorset – the 3rd direct has now been appointed and will be in post end of October. The full strategic management level is now in place.

Cllr Geraghty asked what DCC Highways policy is in regard to enforcement of parking on double yellow lines. Cllr Turner said that DCC, WDDC and some Town Councils with enforcement powers, all of whom act under different legislation, are looking at combining so that all can enforce all types of violation.

Cllr Geraghty asked if “on the spot” fines can be levied. Cllr Turner said that is possible.

Cllr Grant expressed concern that an e-mail regarding the visibility of the photovoltaic panels at Mill House had been sent to the AONB Team and one regarding a shed in the rear garden of the Anchor Inn had been sent to WDDC Planning, without the knowledge of the Council. She said that in her opinion the Parish Council needs to work with The Anchor and residents of Seatown on the issues of parking and overcrowding.

In further discussion the following points were raised:

- parking where parking is not permitted must be a problem all over Dorset – if there is nowhere else to park people will park where they shouldn't, so there is a need to look at parking provision.
- this has been a problem at Seatown for many years – the 1st attempt at producing a Management Plan was in the 1990s. The Anchor car park has covenants on it to restrict the hours permitted for parking (it must close at “dusk”) – these were put in place to protect Seatown and its residents from problems such as travellers, overnight parties etc. If the car park was to be open after dusk then lighting would be required which would mean electricity cables, which could be an issue as the car park regularly floods.
- a recent “purge” by DCC Parking Enforcement at the main car park at West Bay appears to have an effect.
- there is no provision at the Anchor car park for “short stay” parking.

AGREED that further action be considered under agenda item 9 f vi – Planning – Other Planning Matters – Seatown.

b) Cllr Christopher had given the Clerk the following information:-

- He has a meeting regarding the A35 with Oliver Letwin at Morcombelake on 25 July 2015.
- The DWP garden waste service is starting in July and the bins are being delivered.
- The 5 Year Land Supply for the Local Plan and the Local Plan will hopefully be approved by the Inspector in September.

c) **PCSO Ash:-**

“Unfortunately I already have a commitment in my diary for 10am on Tues, although this is in Chideock – my monthly surgery at the post office. The rear door of the Clockhouse was recently forced although nothing believed stolen, an outbuilding was broken into just Chideock side of Morcombelake with a petrol strimmer stolen, and a vehicle was broken into at the weekend at Langdon Woods with items stolen.”

Standing Orders were suspended for the following item.

1656 Democratic Period.

None.

Standing Orders were resumed.

1657 Reports / Updates by the Clerk and Councillors.

Items 2 to 7 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**, with the exception of those detailed below, which were discussed in more detail.

- a) **Item 3 – Defibrillator.** **AGREED** to support the proposal but to suggest that it be placed at Foss Orchard either on the shop wall on in the car park as this is a more central and prominent location than the Village Hall and to also ask if sponsorship has been sought for the project. **CC**
- b) **Item 5 – Japanese Knotweed.** Councillors verified the locations and land owners – the Clerk will send this information to Adam Butcher, DCC RoW officer. **CC**

1658 A35 Matters.

Items 8 to 16 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**, with the exception of those detailed below, which were discussed in more detail.

- a) **Item 8 – A35 Air Quality.** **AGREED** that the Clerk ask Oliver Letwin for an update regarding the re-routing of HGV traffic off the A35, and to ask WDDC Environmental Health for an update regarding republishing last year's articles in the Haulier's trade magazines. **CC**
AGREED that the Clerk follows up the lack of reply to the questions asked of Mr Andrew Page-Dove, Highways England, on 23 February 2015, in regard to discrepancies' in the traffic volume figures supplied by Highways England. **CC**
AGREED that the Clerk asks Highways England for an update in regard to the previously agreed lowering of the speed limit between Broadmead and Miles Cross. **CC**
NOTED that HGVs are successfully diverted when there is an accident which closes the A35 to the west of Bridport. **CC /**
AGREED to continue to press for a VOSA Roadside Enforcement Site to the West of Chideock. **KG**
It was suggested that, given that the air quality on East Road Bridport is also above the EU maximum limit, an attempt is made to “resurrect” the A35 Initiative group. **CC**
- b) **Item 14 & 14A Toilet Signs.** Clerk to ask for the 2nd of the 2 promised toilet signs.

1659 Planning Matters.

a) **Applications.**

WD/D/15/001132 IVY COTTAGE, MAIN STREET Installation of 2 conservation-style roof lights. Construction of carport. (Full)

WD/D/15/001207 IVY COTTAGE, MAIN STREET Installation of 2 conservation-style roof lights. Construction of carport. (Listed Building Consent)

Chideock Parish Council objects to the application:

- o *the roof line is higher than the existing rear extension*
- o *the height of the car port is 12.5 feet, which seems excessive for a normal car*
- o *the height to the eaves is 7 foot 2 inches, which could be reduced to 6 foot 7 inches, sufficient for even the tallest person*
- o *no South Elevation drawing is included - this is the crucial view as seen by the Public from the street and Conservation Area and it is not possible to judge if the proposed structure will be obtrusive against the sky-line*

If the application is approved the Parish Council asks that

- o *a condition be made to ensure that the structure cannot be used in the future as any form of dwelling*
- o *the applicant harvests rain water run-off and, if external lighting is required, the applicant installs low wattage down lighting*

WD/D/15/001200 ODD ACRE, RYALL ROAD Erect a PVCu conservatory to the rear of the property (Full) **Adjoining Parish**

Chideock Parish Council has no objection to the application.

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

None.

c) Determinations.

None.

d) Ridwood Affordable Housing Development.

Items 17 & 17 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

e) Any Other Planning Matters.

i. **AONB / Lighting & Dark Skies.** Nothing to report.

ii. **Enforcement.**

Items 19 - 26 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

NOTED that vegetation clearance is being carried out on land to the South of Muddyford Lane, which was done during the bird nesting season. It was suggested that this might be connected to A35 slippage issues and it was **AGREED** to ask Connect if there is an issue with the stability of the northern edge of the A35 in this area.

CC

iii. **Golden Cap Caravan Park.**

Nothing to report.

iv. **Mill Lane Bridleway 18.**

Items 27 - 42 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

I. **Item 36 - Contact with the Byways and Bridleways Trust.** **AGREED** that this be delegated to Mrs Lyn Crisp.

CC

II. **Item 39A - Contact with solicitors suggested by the Ramblers Association.** **AGREED** that this be delegated to Mrs Lyn Crisp.

III. **Item 41 - Contact with Reg Hanbury, Dorset CPRE.** **AGREED** that this be delegated to Mrs Lyn Crisp.

CC

IV. **Items 41D and 41E - Cllr Geraghty** said she would look through old papers and see if she can find the contact details of the expert recommended several years ago.

CC
KG

V. **AGREED** that the Clerk investigates CPRE's suggestion to ask the Open Spaces Society for assistance.

CC

v. **Seatown.**

Items 43 - 47 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

I. **Item 47 - Seatown Management meeting.** **AGREED** to contact Gillian Summers and WDDC Cllr Christopher asking for the promised post election meeting to be arranged as soon as possible, and to ask that it be preceded by a site visit so the Cllr Christopher can be shown the issues before the meeting. **AGREED** that parking at Seatown, including the covenants governing the use of the Anchor Inn car park and owned by Palmers, is an important item for the agenda of the meeting

CC

AGREED that all councillors send suggestions for a) items for the Seatown Management meeting and b) essential attendees who must be invited.

All

vi. **Chideock War Memorial.**

Item 48 on the Actions & Information List was **NOTED**. **AGREED** that CPC support the proposal that the Chideock War Memorial be added to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest, as part of Historic England's response to the centenary of the First World War.

CC

1660 Finances.

Item 41 on the Actions and Information List was **NOTED**.

a) Payments.

RESOLVED to make the following payments:-

i.	Clerk's Salary & Expenses for June	£267.13
ii.	PAYE for April, May and June	£162.40
iii.	Chideock Village Hall Hire – June	£25.00
iv.	Lee Martin – mower hire x 3 for Clapps Mead play area	£30.00
v.	DAPTC New Cllr Training x 3	£90.00
vi.	Bridport Town Council Planning Training x 2	£30.00
vii.	PlaySafety – RoSPA Inspection 2015	£88.80
viii.	DAPTC Subscription 2015 - 16	£203.47

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

b) Foss Orchard Car Park.

Item 50 on the Actions and Information List was **NOTED**.

Cllr Geraghty said that, on behalf of the Parish Council, she wanted to thank Rob Murray and Humphrey Barker for their work in keeping the Foss Orchard garden area neat and tidy.

1661 Clapps Mead Playing Field.

Item 51 - 55 on the Actions and Information List were **NOTED**.

- a) The report from the Playing Field Management Group meeting was **NOTED**. Cllr Grant said that she will get quotes from Caledonia Play, who supplied the basket swing and look into grants available from Fields in Trust. **EG**
- b) Cllr Campion volunteered to approach Magna regarding toddler play equipment for the Ridwood play area, which Magna originally said they would provide as part of the affordable housing development. **IC**
- c) Cllr Grant said that Lucinda Daniel is interested in joining the Management Group.
- d) Cllr Grant will organise a Work Party later in the year. **EG**

1662 Flood Management Plan for the Winniford Valley.

Item 56 on the Actions and Information List was **NOTED**.

- a) Cllr Carey said that he is monitoring the gullies which DCC reported as being "cleaned" but which appear to still be blocked by detritus. **RC**

1663 Current Consultations.

- a) **Electoral Review of Dorset County Council - AGREED** that no response be made as the proposal has no direct impact on Chideock parish.
- b) **Review of West Dorset Tourist Information Centres – NOTED** that this was for individual, not corporate, response.

1664 Motions Received with Notice.

- a) Cllr Murray recommended at the previous meeting, that, if possible, no councillor should serve as Chairman for more than 2 consecutive years.
After discussion it was **RESOLVED** to amend the wording of the motion to be
"that, if possible, no councillor should be elected to serve as Chairman for more than 2 consecutive years."
The amendment was proposed by Cllr Grant, seconded by Cllr Murray, carried unanimously.
RESOLUTION of the amended motion was proposed by Cllr Campion, seconded by Cllr Elliot, carried unanimously.
- b) As per Cllr Murray's recommendation at the previous meeting it was **RESOLVED** that, in future, all councillors are automatically on both the Finance & General Purposes and the Planning Committees, irrespective of the number of elected / co-opted councillors.
Proposed by Cllr Geraghty, seconded by Cllr Rogers, carried unanimously.

1665 Correspondence.

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

1666 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of Chideock Parish Council.

The next scheduled meeting of Chideock Parish Council will be at 10:00 am on Tuesday 28 July 2015.

The meeting closed at **12:30 pm**.