

CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Chideock on Tuesday 28 July 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 WDDC Cllr Christopher. PCSO Ash arrived during the meeting.

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

1667 District Councillor Report.

As Cllr Christopher had a WDDC meeting at 11:00 it was agreed to let him speak at this point in the meeting.

- He is attending the Treasury Management Meeting where WDDC's Financial Advisors will be talking about managing the investment of WDDC's reserves of £40m. It is intended that WDDC will be free of debt by 2020.
- He is on the Development Control Committee and is Vice Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee
- Local Plan – this should be signed and come into force in the near future, as the Inspector is now largely satisfied. It is important that this happens as soon as possible to stop speculative developers taking advantage of the lack of a current Local Plan.
- The recent Seatown site visit with CPC councillors was very useful and informative. He wants to take another walk round with Cllr Turner as many of the issues are within DCC's area of responsibility. Others such as the public toilets are WDDC's responsibility. There is a need to explore possible solutions with Cllr Turner and with DCC and WDDC. He will work with CPC to draft a letter to Oliver Letwin MP; Dorset County Council Leader Robert Gould; WDDC Leader Anthony Alford; WDDC Chief Executive Matt Prosser.
- He has had a meeting the Oliver Letwin & Char Valley Councillors re the A35 at Morcombelake
- He encouraged councillors to visit the new Waste Transfer site at Broomhills. The Clerk said that she understood that an invitation to Parish Councils will be made in September.
- Cllr Murray said that Bridport, Symondsburry, Char Valley and Chideock should work together on the A35 issues – Cllr Christopher said that had been suggested
- A local farmer has raised the issue of parked cars in North Road to the south of the St Giles Close junction causing problems for large farm equipment – he is taking this forward
- There was discussion regarding the dangerous junction of Eype Down Lane and the A35. It was suggested that the relevant Highway Authorities should look at all junctions and possibly restrict entrance / exit where there is poor visibility.

1668 Apologies. DCC Cllr Turner sent his apologies.

1669 Grant of Dispensations. None.

1670 Declarations of Defined Pecuniary Interests. None declared

1671 Minutes.

- a) **RESOLVED** to accept and sign, as a true record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 30 June 2015, after the following amendment:
Page 2, 3rd to last word of 1st line – replace "it" by "if"
Proposed by Cllr Grant, seconded by Cllr Carey, carried unanimously.

1672 County and District Councillors' and Police Reports. See 1667 and 1674.

Standing Orders were suspended for the following item.

1673 Democratic Period. No members of the public were present.

Standing Orders were resumed.

1674 Police Report. PCSO Ash was asked to give his report when he arrived at this point in the meeting.

- Cars are being targeted at places such as Langdon Woods; in addition the warning notices are being removed
- A work van was damaged in Symondsburry
- Damage has been caused to hooks used to attached signage at the Eype Centre for the Arts
- There have been several instances of sheep worrying by dogs. The police are encouraging dog owners to have third party insurance and reminding farmers that they have a legal right to shoot any dog which is worrying livestock
- There was some discussion about the need for signage to inform dog owners of the law – the police have notices and do put them up but vehicle thefts have priority. It was suggested that, if the police provided notices, they can be put on all village notice boards – he said he would do this.
- He was asked about the letting off of fireworks late at night – is there a “time limit” on this and should the Coast Guard be informed when there is planned in a coastal area? PCSO Ash said he would investigate and send information to the Clerk.
- He was also asked about “time limits” on the use of vehicle horns – again he said he would investigate.

1675 Reports / Updates by the Clerk and Councillors.

Items 1 to 9A on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**, with the exception of those detailed below, which were discussed in more detail.

- a) **Item 1 – DAPTC AGM motions. AGREED** that the Clerk prepare motions on the following subjects, and to circulate to all for approval **CC**
- Satellite Navigation issues
 - Effective and speedy enforcement of Development violations and other areas, such as parking on double yellow lines
- AGREED** that the Clerk again ask what has happened in regard to resolutions passed at DAPTC AGMs and then forwarded to NALC for consideration and possible inclusion in the next NALC AGM **CC**
- b) **Item 4 – Disabled Parking Bay Sea Hill Lane. AGREED** that residents be asked their views via an article in the Chideock News. Clerk to ask DCC on the time scale for a TRO to remove the bay if this was requested. **CC**
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- c) **Item 6 – Sea Hill Hedge Cutting. AGREED** to ask DCC Highways details of their schedule for hedge cutting; the procedure which should be followed if people / businesses want to cut hedges along DCC highways; how violations on hedge cutting policies should be reported to DCC; what is DCC’s enforcement policy? **NOTED** that DCC has recently cut back the hedge in North Road before the 31 July i.e. within the bird nesting period. **CC**
- d) **Item 9A – DAPTC Clerk’s Seminar. AGREED** that the Clerk can attend if she thinks it would be worthwhile, once the Agenda has been published.

1676 A35 Matters.

Items 11 to 17 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**, with the exception of those detailed below, which were discussed in more detail.

- a) **Item 11 – Air Quality.** The Clerk has received a reply regarding when the diffusion tubes are to be changed (29/07/15 and then again on 26/08/15). **AGREED** to ask for a meeting place and time for 26 August so that Cllr Elliot (and other councillors) can observe the process and ask questions. **CC**
- The Clerk said she would send information about past Stakeholder meetings and the Action Plan to all new councillors. **CC**
- AGREED** to place information about the Air Quality Management Area and the latest Air Quality readings in the Chideock News, on notice boards and on the Community Website; and to invite comment from residents. **CC**

The following matter was raised:-

- The “No Through Road” symbol on the north side of Duck Street at the A35 junction is totally inadequate. **AGREED** that the Clerk contact DCC Highways. **CC**

1677 Planning Matters.

- a) **Applications.**
WD/D/15/001432 CLOCK HOUSE INN, MAIN STREET Reinstatement of external and internal

fabric of building following fire damage (Listed Building Consent)
*Chideock Parish Council has no objection, subject to the Listed Building Officer's report.
 The Parish Council hopes that the applicant will incorporate rain water harvesting and that external lighting will be low wattage down lighting.
 The Parish Council appreciates the various constraints which have lead to the proposed reinstatement of the Skittle Alley as was, and would have supported a more sympathetic external appearance.*

WD/D/15/001248 PURBECK, MILL LANE Convert existing outbuilding to 2 bedroom self contained annex (Full)

Chideock Parish Council objects to this application.

If granted it will set a precedent for the development of further garden areas in Chideock Parish. There are grave concerns in regard to additional traffic movements in Mill Lane. Planning applications have in the past been refused for that very reason.

The Parish Council is concerned that the site plan shows the proposed development area as red-lined within the blue lined area of the whole curtilage, which could imply that the curtilage is to be split. This is not however reflected in the accompanying documentation.

If the development is approved then the Parish Council expects a planning condition to be set which clearly states that the development cannot be occupied at any time other than for purposes ancillary to the residential use of the existing dwelling and that the new development cannot be let or sold as a separate unit.

The Parish Council trusts that, if the application is approved, the applicant will incorporate rain water harvesting and that external lighting will be low wattage down lighting, possibly on sensors.

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

None.

c) Determinations.

None.

d) Ridwood Affordable Housing Development.

Cllr Campion reported that she has asked Magna about their providing equipment for the play area but has not yet received a response.

e) Any Other Planning Matters.

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

ii. **Enforcement.** Nothing to report.

iii. **Golden Cap Caravan Park.** Nothing to report.

iv. **Mill Lane Bridleway 18.**

Items 18 - 24 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED.**

o The report prepared by the community group was **NOTED.**

o A way forward may have been found at the meeting with DCC on 24 July 2015 – but there are many questions still to be answered. CC

o **AGREED** that further action to take this forward be delegated to the Clerk and the councillors and community representatives who attended the meeting.

o **AGREED** that a meeting of councillors and the community group be held to discuss the way forward.

o **AGREED** that the Open Spaces Society will be contacted for help if other avenues fail. CC

o **AGREED** that the Clerk will research solicitors who are willing to provide pro bono advice.

v. **Seatown.**

Items 24 - 29 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED.** KG/

Cllr Geraghty and Cllr Carey are preparing a report which will be circulated to all councillors when complete. RC

AGREED to ask Cllr turner to make a site visit to Seatown CC

Cllr Geraghty reminded councillors that it was Oliver Letwin MP who suggested that Seatown Management meeting be held – perhaps he should be asked if he is willing to be involved again. CC

AGREED write to to the Anchor Inn asking them to extend the hours for the car park during the week as well as at weekends, subject to the stipulations of the covenant CC

AGREED to ask Palmers to reconsider offering Resident's Permits for the car park CC

AGREED to ask Palmers to consider "short stay" parking arrangements and to suggest that the installation of "pay on exit" machines and a barrier might be a way forward. CC

vi. **Other.**

Item 30 on the Actions & Information List was **NOTED.**

1678 Finances.

Cllr Grant passed £20 from Footpath Guide sales to the Clerk.

a) Payments.

RESOLVED to make the following payments:-

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| i. Clerk's Salary & Expenses for July | £241.97 |
| ii. Chideock Village Hall Hire – July | £25.00 |
| iii. Lee Martin – mower hire x 2 for Clapps Mead play area | £20.00 |
| iv. CPRE subscription | £36.00 |

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

- b) Given that there will be no CPC meeting at the end of August, **RESOLVED** to draw and sign a cheque, post-dated 25 August 2015, for the following payment:-

Clerk's net salary + office allowance for August £222.17

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

- c) **Accounts and Budget Monitoring to 30 June 2015**

The Accounts and the Budget Monitoring Report to 30 June 2015 were **NOTED**.

- d) **Foss Orchard Car Park.**

Items 31 and 32 on the Actions and Information List were **NOTED**.

- e) Grant to the Bopper Bus Organisation.

AGREED to write to the Bopper Bus Organisation to inform them that a grant will be made and that the amount will be determined at the September CPC meeting. The Clerk said that there is £1,350.45 in the Community Fund but that the balance should not fall below £1,000, the amount of the Grafton Bequest. **CC**

1679 Clapps Mead Playing Field.

- a) **Replacement of the double swing.** Cllr Grant said that a suitable wooden double swing from Caledonia Play will cost £2,400 ex VAT, including safety surfacing, delivery and erection. She will get quotes from 2 other suppliers. The Clerk said that there is £3,577.59 in the Earmarked Fund for new equipment. **EG**

- b) **Equipment for Younger Children.** **AGREED** that consideration will only be given to purchasing equipment for younger children if Magna does not supply equipment for the Ridwood play area.

- c) **Play Area Inspections.** **AGREED** that councillors will be on the rota for the regular play equipment inspection. The Clerk will update the inspection sheets and circulate to all, together with the rota. **CC**

1680 Flood Management Plan for the Winniford Valley.

- a) Cllr Carey said that he is preparing a list of general Highway issues which he will send to DCC Highways. These include obscured signs, the broken fence at the Seatown turning circle, repainting of the double yellow lines at Seatown, overgrowth of vegetation on DCC roads. **RC**

1681 Conduct of Meetings.

Item 34 on the Actions & Information List was **NOTED**.

AGREED that ideas of ways in which meetings can be conducted more efficiently now that there is a full council be sent to the Clerk for consideration at the next Parish Council meeting. **ALL**

1682 Current Consultations.

- a) **Natural England - England Coast Path from Lyme Regis to Rufus Castle: consultation on the proposals.** **AGREED** that no comment be submitted as no changes are suggested for the Chideock area.

- b) **DCC Mobile Library Service - Consultation re changes to the mobile library service.** Cllrs to comment as individuals.

- c) **DCC Highways - Councillors Satisfaction Survey 2015.** Cllrs to comment as individuals.

1683 Motions Received with Notice. None.

1684 Correspondence.

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

1685 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of Chideock Parish Council.

The next scheduled meeting is at 10:00 am on Tuesday 29 September 2015.

If an urgent matter arises which cannot be left until that date then either a Finance & General Purposes or a Planning Committee meeting will be called.

The meeting closed at **1:05 pm**.