

CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Chideock on Tuesday
3 March 2020 at 10 am.

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

Present: Cllr Vanessa Glenn, Cllr Anna Dunn, Cllr George Dunn, Cllr David Rogers., Cllr Roger Carey, Cllr Coates, Cllr Tony Peacock.

In attendance: The Clerk, Dorset Ward Councillor Simon Christopher and 2 members of the public.

2434 Apologies.

PCSO Bishop sent his apologies.

2435 Grants of Dispensations.

None.

2436 Declarations of Defined Pecuniary Interests.

None declared.

2437 Election of Vice- Chair.

Cllr Peacock was nominated by Cllr George Dunn, seconded by Cllr Anna Dunn. Cllr Peacock said he was prepared to stand. There being no other nominations of councillors willing to stand, **RESOLVED** that Cllr Peacock be Vice-Chair, carried by 6 votes to 1.

2438 Minutes.

RESOLVED to accept and sign, as a true record,

- a) the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 28 January 2020
Proposed by Cllr Anna Dunn, seconded by Cllr Carey, carried unanimously.

2439 Dorset Ward Councillor and Police Reports.

a) PCSO Bishop had reported by e-mail as follows: -

- Fortunately, there is nothing to report in terms of crime in the Chideock parish, but I do want people to be aware of some recent breaks we've had on the patch.
- There have been two thefts of quad bikes and power tools and a third attempted theft of a quad bike (fortunately they were disturbed by the victim on this occasion).
- There have also been a couple of other smaller value thefts, which appear more opportunistic than planned and some reports of suspicious vehicles in the area. One vehicle is a Toyota Hilux, containing males asking if people have any batteries for sale.
- I would advise people to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to us (at the time) on 101, or online at www.dorset.police.uk. People can also contact us if they would like any security advice.

b) Cllr Christopher, Dorset Ward Councillor, reported as follows: -

- He was the only Dorset Councillor to attend the meeting of the Conservative Councillors Association
- He has invited Prime Minister Boris Johnson MP to visit Dorset
- Chris Loder MP spoke about Chideock's pollution in the House of Commons
- Cllr Christopher is meeting with Chris Loder MP on Friday 6 March
- He is in touch with Highways England regarding works which could benefit the village
- He spoke about several planning application: -
 - Littlemore – 500 houses
 - Weymouth Football Ground, which is within the 5-year land supply. The developer says that provision of 35% Affordable Housing is not viable. 2nd application rejected because no Affordable Housing. 3rd application rejected because of the design of the dwellings
 - Crossways – planning has been obtained for 30 Affordable Homes, but no Housing Association was interested. A new application for discounted market value housing (80% of market value) has been submitted and approved.
- The West Dorset Planning Committee is meeting twice in March due to volume of cases.

- The Dorset Council Executive meets this morning. Council Tax will be approved – a rise of 3.9% (2% for social care, rest of general purposes)
- The relevant Portfolio Holders are working hard to resolve the issue of the No. 6 bus from Bridport to Crewkerne which First Bus say they will not run after 1 May 2020. John Selgren, Director of Place, says that the volume of e-mails being received is hampering on-going work.
- Cllr Spenser Flower, Dorset Council Leader, is well aware of pollution and rural bus service issues.
- Cllr Christopher is in communication with Andy Roberts, Highways England, about the local A35 issues.
- The recent ruling about Heathrow Airport expansion not having considered increased pollution issues could be of use re the A35 – maybe a congestion charge?

Standing Orders were suspended for the following item.

2440 Democratic Period.

Mr Mick Downes said that leaves, twigs and branches from trees block gully grids etc and cause localised flooding. Management is needed and regular clearing of gullies, culverts etc is required. This is a matter for a landowner where a gully or culvert is situated on / under private land. This needs to be made clear to landowners, along with duties which landowners next to water courses have to keep the waterway clear.

Standing Orders were resumed.

2441 Reports / Updates by the Clerk and Councillors, and Updates to the Correspondence List.

Items 1 to 14 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED** with those detailed below discussed in more detail.

Item 11 - Silage / manure spreading. Clerk to follow-up for response.

Item 11A – Town and parish workshops with Dorset Council - 2nd round. AGREED Cllr Coates and the Clerk will attend.

2442 A35 Matters, and Updates to the Correspondence List.

Items 15 - 38 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED** with those detailed below discussed in more detail.

Item 16 – A35 Diversions. AGREED that the Clerk be the assigned person to receive information about emergency A35 closures and diversions. **CC**

Item 19 – Adverse Footpath Camber Chideock and Dangerous Slope on disabled exit from Village Hall. AGREED that the Clerk follow this up if no reply by 9 March. **CC**

Item 24 – Advice on Public Health Issues. AGREED to inform Cllr Rebecca Know, Chair of Dorset Council - Health and Wellbeing Board, that Chideock Parish Council agrees to the letter being shared with the Public Health team and the Climate Change team. **CC**

Items 30 and 31 – Pavement Parking at Bilberry Close. The Clerk asked Cllr George Dunn to put up the “polite notice” and to deliver the “polite letters” to Mr Nick Zaiger who has offered to put them on offending vehicles.

Item 34 - Air Quality Action Plan for Chideock. AGREED that Cllr Peacock will draft a reply asking for a timescale of production of the report and the process being followed. **TP**

Follow-Up List Updates.

None.

Other.

Cllr George Dunn reported that the pavement by Beach House at the eastern end of the village needs clearing of detritus. The Clerk will ask Connect to arrange for this to be cleared.

Cllr Anna Dunn reported that the bus stop and shelter on the northern side of the A35 at Broadmead is being undermined by the severe water run-off from the adjacent field. The Clerk will report this to Dorset Council. **CC**

Cllr Rogers observed that all the focus is on Air Pollution in towns and cities. A determined effort is required by rural communities such as Chideock to change this. **CC**

2443 Motions Received with Notice.

None.

2444 Planning Matters.

a) **Applications.** None.

b) **Determinations.**

WD/D/19/003036 Erection of garden shed & greenhouse LUSHAYS, BRIGHTHAY LANE
WITHDRAWN

WD/D/19/001716 CAINS FARM, MAIN STREET Erect storage building for agriculture and commercial use. **APPROVED**

c) **Appeals.**

None.

d) **Other Planning Matters.**

e) **AONB / Lighting & Dark Skies, Dorset National Park, Conservation Areas.**

No updates.

f) **Enforcement and Retrospective Planning Applications.**

No updates.

g) **Mill Lane / Bridleway 18.**

No updates.

h) **Bullen's Lane / Bridleway 20 at Junction with A35.**

No update.

i) **All Weather Path between Chideock and Eype / Symondsburry.**

Clerk is still trying to obtain an update on the request made to Dorset Council Rights of Way. **CC**

j) **Seatown.**

No updates.

k) **Seatown Regeneration Project.**

This item can be removed as the project is complete. **CC**

l) **Additional Matters.**

Items 39 and 40 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**

AGREED that the Clerk arranges for a letter to be delivered to Roadstead House asking for permission to replace the existing wooden sign with a new one pointing to Sea Hill Lane for vehicles and Mill Lane for walkers – the owner is no longer resident there but hopefully the letter will be passed on to the appropriate person. **CC**

2445 Finances.

Items 41 – 43A on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**

a) **Payments.**

RESOLVED to make the following payments: -

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| i. Clerk's Salary and Expenses for February | £241.65 |
| ii. Chideock Village Hall Hire – 3 March | £27.00 |

Proposed by Cllr Carey, seconded by Cllr Anna Dunn, carried unanimously.

b) **Budget Monitoring Year End Predictions.**

NOTED.

c) **Grants to external bodies, to be paid at Year End.**

Provisionally **AGREED** to make the following grants to external bodies: -

- £200.00 to Bridport Citizen's Advice Bureau
- £75.00 to Dorset St. John Ambulance
- £25.00 to Axe Valley Ring and Ride.

The grants will be formally approved at the meeting on 31 March 2020.

d) **Foss Orchard Car Park.**

The Clerk reported that she and Cllr Coates will empty the ticket machine on Monday and will set the machine for the start and end of daylight saving.

Items 24 to 30 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED.**

RESOLVED to retrospectively accept the signed SWARCO Agreement for electric car charging equipment at Foss Orchard Car Park, which will be paid for and maintained by Highways England. Proposed by Cllr Coates, seconded by Cllr Peacock carried unanimously.

RESOLVED to retrospectively allocate the 3 shop parking spaces for the 2 electric car charging. Proposed by Cllr Peacock, seconded by Cllr Coates, carried unanimously.

The shop will have the 2 spaces behind the bus shelter plus one other, to be agreed by the shop proprietor and the Clerk.

NOTED that work is due to be done on Friday 13 March 2020. **AGREED** that the Clerk asks SWARCO to

CC

- confirm the date
- confirm how long the works will take (1 day assumed)
- provide a sketch map of the layout of the 2 spaces + equipment
- provide details of signage advertising the facility.

AGREED that a short article is submitted for inclusion in the April Chideock News.

DC

Item 43A on the Actions and Information List. **AGREED** to give permission for the WI cake stall.

CC

2446 Clapps Mead Playing Field.

Chideock W.I. offer of a picnic bench for Clapp's Mead – **AGREED**

- that it is located outside the Children's play Area, where the blue bench is currently sited
- that metal "stakes" be obtained to fix it securely to the ground – Clerk to take forward.

CC

The Clerk will ask Mrs Lyn Crisp if she is willing to take delivery of the bench and will then ask the WI to order it.

Cllr George Dunn said that he and Mike Kelson will review the works necessary to install the bench and will carry out the installation if they feel competent to do so.

2447 Dorset Highways and Flood Management.

Items 44 - 50 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

Cllr Glenn thanked Mr Downes for coming forward as Flood Warden for the eastern end of the village and congratulated him on his report of flood events since December 2019 and his analysis of how farming methods can increase / decrease flood risk.

2448 Current Consultations.

- Dorset Council Voluntary Community Sector Grants Review – by 11 March 2020. Councillors to send the Clerk their suggestions which will be collated and submitted.
- Dorset Council Proposed Dog - Related Public Spaces Protection Order. By 19 April 2020. Councillors to send the Clerk their suggestions which will be collated and submitted after the meeting on 28 March 2020.

2449 Correspondence.

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

2450 Annual Village Meeting – 7 pm on 5 May 2020.

AGREED to invite Scott Welland, National Trust Countryside Visitor Experience Manager, to speak about the South West Outdoor Festival to be held in September on the Golden Cap NT Estate, which could have negative impacts for residents due to traffic congestion.

2451 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of Chideock Parish Council.

The next scheduled meeting is at 10 am on Tuesday 31 March 2020.

The meeting closed at **11.55 am**.