

# CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held at Chideock Village Hall on Tuesday 21 May at 10am.

Paul Barnett, Richard Benjamin, Caroline Parkins, and Christine Watkins signed their Acceptance of Office as Members declarations prior to the start of the meeting, in the presence of the Clerk.

**Present:** Cllr Paul Barnett, Cllr Richard Benjamin, Cllr Caroline Parkins, Cllr Christine Watson.

**In attendance:** The Clerk, and 4 members of the public.

**The Parish Council meeting commenced at 10.00.**

**1 Election of Chair and Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office.**

Cllr Parkins was nominated by Cllr Benjamin and seconded by Cllr Watson. Cllr Parkins was willing to stand as Chair and was elected unanimously by a show of hands.

Cllr Parkins signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chair in the presence of the Clerk.

**3097 Apologies.**

PCSO Bishop sent his apologies.

**3098 Grants of Dispensations.**

None received.

**3099 Declarations of Defined Pecuniary Interests.**

None made at this point in the meeting.

**3100 Minutes.**

**RESOLVED** to accept and sign, as a true record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 30 April 2024. Proposed by Cllr Benjamin, seconded by Cllr Watson, carried unanimously.

**3101 Election of Vice-Chair and Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office.**

Cllr Benjamin was nominated by Cllr Watson and seconded by Cllr Parkins. Cllr Benjamin was willing to stand as Vice-Chair and was elected unanimously by a show of hands.

Cllr Benjamin signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Vice-Chair in the presence of the Clerk.

**3102 Election of Councillors to Committees.**

**RESOLVED** that all councillors be elected to the committees.

Proposed by Cllr Benjamin, seconded by Cllr Burnett, carried unanimously.

**3103 Appointment of Representatives, who do not have to be Councillors.**

After discussion it was **RESOLVED** that this item be deferred.

Proposed by Cllr Meredith, seconded by Cllr Benjamin, carried unanimously.

**3104 Dorset Ward Councillor and Police Reports.**

**a) PSCO Bishop: -**

"In the event I am unable to attend Tuesday meeting, please find my apologies and a report as follows:

In the event the Parish Council are asked, we had a report of a possible Pheasant Shoot happening on the Chideock Estate, last month (20th April), which would have been out of season. The Estate were contacted, and this was an organised clay pigeon shoot.

Fortunately, there has not been much else to report at this time, but for information, there have been a couple of thefts of trailers in the area of Halstock (North of Beaminster). There is nothing to say this will come further south, but please be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to us on 101, or online at [www.dorset.police.uk](http://www.dorset.police.uk). If you believe a crime is in progress, please call 999 immediately. If anyone is concerned about their security and would like any advice, please contact me."

**b) Cllr Simon Christopher was not present and had not sent an e-mail report.**

*Standing Orders were suspended for the following item.*

**3105 Democratic Period.**

Vanessa McAra raised points which she feels the new council must continue to take forward: -

1. Air Quality, particularly working with Bristol University on Particulate Matter and regular meetings with Dorset Council Environmental Health officers.
2. Miles Cross – the proposed roundabout, the development at Foundry Lea (aka Verse Farm)
3. Pettycrate Lane and Langdon Lane road surface
4. Mill Lane Bridleway 18 – we have been waiting for 8 years for this to go before the Planning Inspector for definitive resolution.
5. Overhanging hedges on Main Street.

There was heated discussion between councillors and members of the public concerning an incident at Clapps Mead Playing Field the previous day, and other issues.

The Meeting was adjourned.

*Standing Orders were resumed.*

**3106 Reports / Updates by the Clerk and Councillors.**

Items 1 to 5 the Actions & Information List was **NOTED**.

**RESOLVED** that Item 4 – Dogs Signs for Seatown – be actioned. Proposed by Cllr Benjamin, seconded by Cllr Barnett, carried unanimously. 12 hard backed 4 stick-on to be ordered.

**3107 A35 Matters.**

Items 5 to 9 the Actions & Information List was **NOTED**.

Consideration of Terms of Reference for the Air Quality Working Group was deferred.

**3108 River Winniford and Water Pollution Issues.**

**a) Dorset Council.**

No updates.

**b) Wessex Water.**

No updates.

**c) Winniford River Action Group.**

No updates.

**3109 Motions Received with Notice. None.**

**3110 Planning Matters.**

**a) Applications. None.**

**b) Determinations.**

**P/TRC/2024/01927** Stone Cottage Mill Lane - C1 Wisteria- Remove T3 Rowan- Remove. **Granted.**

**P/TRC/2024/01929** Farmers Arms Mill Lane - T5 Cypress (Leylandii) – Remove. **Granted.**

**P/TRC/2024/01987** Stone Cottage Mill Lane - T1 Liquidambar- Remove. **Granted.**

**P/PAAF/2024/01633** Doghouse Farm Doghouse Lane

Change of use from agricultural building to commercial unit (Use Class E(g)(i) Offices to

carry out any operational or administrative functions, E(g)(ii) Research and development of products or processes E(g)(iii) Industrial processes). **Prior Approval Granted.**

**P/HOU/2024/00858** Lushays Brighthay Lane - Demolish garage and erect single storey extension. Demolish outbuilding and erect 'potting shed' annex. **Granted.**

**P/LBC/2024/00859** Lushays Brighthay Lane - Demolish garage and erect single storey extension. Demolish outbuilding and erect 'potting shed' annex. **Granted.**

**P/LBC/2024/01179** 3 Mews Cottages - Replacement windows. **Granted..**

c) **Appeals.** No new appeals lodged.

d) **Other Planning Matters.**

i. AONB, Lighting / Dark Skies, Dorset National Park, Conservation Areas.  
Nothing to report.

ii. Enforcement, Retrospective Planning Applications.  
Nothing to report.

iii. Other.  
Nothing to report.

#### **Finances.**

Items 13 to 15D on the Actions and Information List were **NOTED.**

**No payments can be made from the Parish Council current bank account (TSB) until at least 2 signatories have been set up. Invoices can be approved for future payment.**

a) **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments: -

i. Clerk's Salary and Expenses for May £315.80.

ii. Village Hall Hire – May £66.00.

iii) Luke Bennett - - Bus Shelter Cleaning - £40.00.

**Proposed by Cllr Watkins, seconded by Cllr Parkins,**

b) **Asset Register.**

**NOTED** that the Clerk is satisfied that all Assets are listed and insured as required. Items with a value less than £250 are not insured due to the insurance policy excess of £250.

**C) Insurance Renewal.**

The revised policy schedule following addition of the trampoline is not yet available.

**NOTED** that Parish Council insurance cover with Hiscox Insurance Company Limited will be renewed for the period 1 June 2024 – 31 May 2025 (Premium without trampoline = £602.22, £700 budgeted), with payment being made when the revised premium is received and when cheque signatories have been added to the account.

e) **Risk Register.** Deferred.

f) **Foss Orchard Car Park.** Nothing to report.

**3112 Clapps Mead Playing Field.**

a) **Playing Field Update.**

Deferred.

**3113 Dorset Rights of Way, Dorset Highways and Flood Management.**

a) **Rights of Way.**

Item 17 on the Actions and Information List was **NOTED.** Letter to be drafted as requested, for approval by all.

b) **Dorset Highways.**

Nothing to report.

c) **Flood Management.**

Items 18 to 20 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED.**

**3114 Co-option Process.**

The Clerk said that the exact process would depend on the number coming forward for co-option. There is nothing in NALC guidance which says that councillors cannot reject a candidate.

**3115 Chideock News, Facebook, and Website.**

Deferred.

**3116 Consultations.** None.

**3117 Correspondence.**

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

**3118 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of Chideock Parish Council meeting.**

The next scheduled meeting is at 10 am on Tuesday 25 June 2024.

The meeting closed at **11.50 am.**