

CHAR VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

425th Meeting of Char Valley Parish Council held remotely on 12th April 2021

DRAFT MINUTES

4681: Present:

Cllrs. H Joyce (Chair), A Carey, S Creed-Castle, S Johnson, J Jones, C Mahaddie, C Noon, C Peck. M Stainer (Clerk). In attendance: Cllr. S Christopher (Dorset Council).

4682: HRH prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh:

Cllr. Joyce acknowledged and appreciated all the work that HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, had done on behalf of the country and recognised that he has attended over 22,000 public events in his lifetime. Cllr. Joyce also wished all to be mindful of the more than 127,000 people that have died of COVID, and those that continue to suffer, together with all the people that are grieving for family and friends under the worst possible circumstances.

4683: Apologies for absence:

Cllrs. C Bailey, J Eager, T Hansford and K Vaughan.

4684: Public forum:

No members of the public present.

4685: Declarations of interest:

None.

4686: Resolution to approve the minutes of the 424th CVPC meeting held on 8th March 2021:

Proposed by Cllr. Carey and seconded by Cllr. Peck. Agreed unanimously.

4687: Actions following last meeting:

As mentioned in reports.

4688: Planning applications:

a. Responses submitted to Dorset Council before the meeting:

- i. WD/D/21/000087 – Camelia Cottage, The Green, Morcombelake, Bridport, DT6 6EA – submitted 07.04.21
- ii. P/PABA2/2021/00708 – Befferlands Farm, Berne Lane, Charmouth, DT6 6RD – submitted 01.04.21
- iii. P/ADV/2021/00156 – Wood farm, Charmouth Bypass Roundabout Northwards Past Cemetery, DT6 6BT – submitted 07.04.21
- iv. P/FUL/2021/00228 – Halsons, The Green, Morcombelake, Dorset, DT6 6EA – submitted 07.04.21

b. Responses considered at the meeting:

- i. P/FUL/2021/00144 – Bellair Haye Nursery, Berne Lane, Charmouth, Dorset, DT6 6RD – No objection.

Proposed by Cllr. Peck and seconded by Cllr. Noon. Agreed unanimously.

The clerk was requested to ask Dorset Council if a "No objection" response option could be incorporated into the planning portal.

c. Dorset Council Decisions:

None.

d. Enforcement:

None.

4689: Finance:

Payments:

The payments for March 2021, as below, were approved.

Proposed by Cllr. Peck and seconded by Cllr. Carey. Agreed unanimously.

Cllr. Joyce reminded councillors that parish meetings have no power to make decisions.

PAYMENTS FOR MARCH 2021

Payee	Details	Cheque no.	Receipt no.	Amount
Footprints	Printing of Char Chat	500457	0321/1	£ 299.00
N Shannon	Larch public bench	500458	0321/2	£ 550.00
J A & J R White	Hedge trimming at Wootton Fitzpaine	500459	0321/3	£ 86.40
M H Stainer	Clerk's pay for 03.21	500460	0321/4	£ 468.07
HMRC	PAYE for 03.21	500461	0321/4	£ 112.40

DAPTC	Planning concepts training	500462	0321/5	£ 39.00
Ken Hussey	Quarterly inspection Whitchurch Can	500463	0321/6	£ 65.00
Chris Noon	Char Chat reimbursement	500464	0321/7	£ 68.00
M H Stainer	Char Chat envelopes, stamps, labels	500465	0321/8	£ 399.84
M H Stainer	Expenses from 01.21 to 03.21	500466	0321/9	£ 39.81
LRDT	"Soup for Soul" donation	500467	0321/10	£ 250.00
TOTAL				£2,452,72

4690: CVPC – next meeting:

Cllr. Joyce reported that the legislation that had enabled remote meetings ceases on 7th May 2021 and that the cessation conflicts with Government restrictions on the "rule of six". Cllr. Joyce proposed that CVPC continue with remote meetings until 21st June 2021, at least, when rules may be potentially relaxed. The local situation is complicated by none of the village halls having plans to open soon so there is nowhere to meet.

Proposed by Cllr. Jones and seconded by Cllr. Johnson. Agreed unanimously.

4691: Parish Meetings 2021:

- Cllr. Joyce reported that the Whitchurch Annual Parish Meeting had taken place and two members of the public attended. The members of the public raised complaints about speeding through the village and the types of vehicles coming through the village. Cllr. Joyce suggested that these issues could be looked at again by the Transport Working Party.
- Cllr. Carey asked if Stanton St Gabriel was able to have a joint meeting with Whitchurch South. The clerk was asked to chase up his earlier request for advice from DAPTC.

4692: May ACM:

In accordance with the proposals within 4690 (above) the ACM would be carried out remotely.

4693: Boundary changes:

- Cllr. Joyce reported that there are potential boundary changes taking place in Dorset but there didn't appear to be any taking place in our area. Cllr. Joyce confirmed that we haven't been formally informed of any proposed changes.
- Cllr. Mahaddie asked about rationalising the boundary between Stanton St Gabriel and Whitchurch (within CVPC), and Stonebarrow Lane bordering Charmouth. Cllr. Joyce agreed and suggested that when we are more informed about process, we will bear both of these points in mind.
- Chideock PC had asked for guidance from CVPC if they proposed that Hazy View at Ryall should be included within the CVPC boundary and not Chideock PC. Chideok PC had consulted the occupants who preferred to stay within the Chideock boundary because they had been more supportive than CVPC of their planning application.
- Cllrs. Johnson and Mahaddie asked for clarification of the border between Whitchurch North and Whitchurch South. Cllr. Joyce agreed to send a map that defined the boundaries to all councillors.
- Cllr. Carey reminded everyone that the clerk had sent an e-mail to all councillors on 22.02.21 about the Community Governance Review, which had referenced a 12-week discussion period, from July 2021, about boundaries, recommending that neighbouring parish councils have initial discussions, before July, if there were any recommendations for change.
- The clerk reported on his discussions with DAPTC.

4694: Fox hunting:

- Cllr. Vaughan (not in attendance – apologies received) had sent an e-mail, in advance of the meeting, asking if the council would send a letter to the two local hunts asking them to abide by the law and inform CVPC, in advance, of any dates that they would be operating in the CVPC area.
- Councillors discussed the matter at length and arrived at three proposals to be voted on.
- The three options were proposed by the Chair.
 - Option 1 – No action.
 - Option 2 – Reminder without dates.
 - Option 3 – Reminder with dates.
- Option 3 was not seconded so only options 1 and 2 were retained for a vote.
- Option 1 – No action.

Proposed by Cllr. Johnson and seconded by Cllr. Creed-Castle. No majority so not carried (3 votes for, 4 against and 1 abstention from 8 councillors present at the meeting).
- Option 2 – To send an e-mail, as a reminder, to the Seavington Hunt only, to abide by the law when operating in the area.

Proposed by Cllr. Peck and seconded by Cllr. Mahaddie. Agreed by casting vote (4 votes for, 3 against and 1 abstention of 8 councillors present at the meeting. Casting vote of the Chair).

- Option 3 – To send an e-mail, as a reminder, to the Seavington Hunt only, to abide by the law and to request advance notice of dates for CVPC and local landowners.

Proposed by Cllr. Carey and not seconded, therefore not carried to a vote.

- It was agreed that Cllr. Joyce would write to Seavington Hunt to remind them to abide by the law. Cllr. Peck asked that Cllr. Joyce contact Cllrs. Vaughan and Hansford before the letter was sent. Cllr. Joyce agreed that if there was any objection from either Cllr. Vaughan or Hansford then the matter would be brought back to CVPC.

4695: Report from Climate Change and Environmental Emergency Working Party / River Char:

- Cllr. Joyce reported that an article, mostly produced by CVPC, about the River Char Community Project was in the Bridport News. The expiry of the Community Liaison questionnaire and compilation of the report is awaited.
- Cllr. Carey commented on working with Dorset AONB.
- Cllr. Noon queried whether an item within the report was within CVPC's current policy and sought clarification on whether the item was a recommendation to CVPC or on behalf of CVPC. Cllrs. Joyce and Carey confirmed that they were Working Party recommendations only.
- Cllr. Carey proposed that any comments should be sought, in writing, from other councillors, to expedite an agreed proposal to take to CVPC.
- Cllrs. Joyce and Peck suggested a separate meeting should be held once Cllrs. Carey and Noon had exchanged comments on items within the report.

4696: Report from Communications Working Party:

- Cllr. Noon agreed to circulate a boundary line map of CVPC.

4697: Report from Cllr. Christopher (Dorset Council):

- Cllr. Joyce asked Cllr. Christopher about the boundary change process.
- Cllr. Christopher commented that variation in political constituencies was a factor in the consideration of boundary changes.
- Cllr. Joyce asked whether merger considerations were relevant and Cllr. Christopher stated that he was not aware of these but that there was consideration, potentially, of an additional parliamentary seat.
- Cllr. Joyce commented that she will e-mail Cllr. Christopher to seek clarification on the boundary change process and how it might relate to CVPC.
- Cllr. Christopher said that he would seek the thoughts of Jonathan Mair, at Dorset Council, on the current position.
- Cllr. Christopher said that his understanding is that any changes would be minor.
- Cllr. Joyce referred to a desire to rationalise the borders of Whitchurch South and Stanton St Gabriel as part of the process.
- Cllr. Joyce confirmed CVPC's earlier vote to retain virtual meetings for the time being.
- Cllr. Christopher commented on the safety considerations of the A35 and meetings with Chris Loder.
- Cllr. Noon asked about the A35 Interest Group meetings and their continued postponements.
- The clerk was asked to write to Cllr. Christopher to request that the A35 Interest Group meetings are reinstated at the earliest opportunity.
- Cllr. Noon commented on the timing of the Highways review on spending and the appropriateness of engagement on the A35 safety issue.

4698: Report from Farming Interests Working Party:

- Cllr. Johnson commented that cattle have been turned out and lambing is continuing. Cllr. Johnson also reported that Denhay Farms, a large farming business in the area have sold their cattle and parlours and so no longer produce milk.

4699: Report from Local Amenities Working Party:

- Cllr. Creed-Castle is still waiting for a list of strategic grit bins from Dorset Council. Cllr. Joyce reported on the change of terms of reference for the Working Party and the need to adopt these formally.

Proposed by Cllr. Carey and seconded by Cllr. Noon. Agreed unanimously.

4700: Report from Planning Working Party:

a. CVPC response to Dorset Council Local Plan Consultation:

- Cllr. Mahaddie reported that CVPC's response to the Dorset Council Local Plan has been submitted.
- Cllr. Mahaddie reported that the Government has recently extended the right for all landowners to have people on their land from 28 to 56 days without planning permission and that the Planning Working Party should pay attention to this extension.
- Cllr. Vaughan had asked, by e-mail, sent in advance of the meeting, about updates on Pilsdon View and The Paddocks campsite and how they were able to develop and operate without the correct planning. Cllr. Joyce responded that the matter was still outstanding and would have to be brought to the next meeting.

b. Broadband – how to increase DC ambition for neglected areas:

Cllr. Mahaddie referred to the comments in Cllr. Christopher's report as the Working Party had not been active on this matter this month.

4701: Report from Staffing Committee:

Nothing to report.

4702: Report from Transport Working Party:

- Cllr. Noon reported that WATAG are looking to carry out a survey of people within West Dorset and their need and attitude toward public transport.

- Cllr. Noon reported that one of the outcomes is that Dorset are required to publish a “Bus service improvement plan” by October 2021.

4703: Report from Whitchurch Canonorum Playground Working Party:

- Cllr. Joyce reported that the Working Party will, in future, report into the Local Amenities Working Party.

4704: Date of the next meeting:

- 10th May 2021 at 7.30pm via remote invitation using ‘GoToMeeting’.

Meeting closed at 21.15.