



CHAR VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

427th Meeting of Char Valley Parish Council held remotely using 'GoToMeeting' on 13th September 2021 at 7.30pm

4758: Present:

Cllrs. H Joyce (Chair), A Carey, S Creed-Castle, J Eager, C Bailey, S Johnson, C Mahaddie, C Noon, K Vaughan, T Hansford, C Peck, T Ely (Clerk). In attendance: Cllr. S Christopher (Dorset Council).

4759: Apologies for absence:

J Jones.

4760: Public forum:

No members of the public present.

4761: Declarations of interest:

None.

4762: Resolution to approve the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting of CVPC meeting held on 27th July 2021

Proposed by Cllr. Mahaddie and Seconded by Cllr. Carey. All in Agreement bar 2 Abstentions Cllr. Creed-Castle & Cllr. Noon as unseen.

4763: Actions following last meeting:

The following were in addition to those mentioned in reports:

- Grit Bins - The clerk reported on the progress of the purchase of previously discussed grit bins. The mentioned quotes from the previous clerk could not be located. Upon calling a supplier she found that the prices were considerably more.
- Cllr. Joyce thought they had been ordered by the previous clerk as we wanted them in place ready for the refilling mid October. Discussion about the number required being 3 or 5, Cllr. Creed-Castle to check correspondence.
Cllr. Joyce requested that the clerk sources more quotes and to liaise with Cllr. Creed-Castle about the number required being 3 or 5.
- Bank Account – No action as yet, the Clerk to pick this up.

4764: Planning applications:

P/HOU/2021/02330	Tresillian Main Road Morcombelake DT6 6DY	expires	20/08/2021
P/CLP/2021/02332	Cummins Fernhill Charmouth DT6 6BX	expires	25/08/2021
P/HOU/2021/01642	Spence Farm Spence Lane Wootton Fitzpaine Dorset DT6 6DF	expires	26/08/2021
P/HOU/2021/01622	Grandview Bungalow Ship Knapp Morcombelake Dorset DT6 6EW	expires	27/08/2021
P/HOU/2021/02479	Conegar Whitchurch Cross To Junction Gassons Lane Whitchurch Canonorum DT6 6RF	expires	06/09/2021
P/HOU/2021/01893	Spence Farm Spence Lane Wootton Fitzpaine Bridport DT6 6DF	expires	06/09/2021
P/HOU/2021/02479	Conegar Whitchurch Cross To Junction Gassons Lane Whitchurch Canonorum DT6 6RF	expires	10/09/2021
P/FUL/2021/00554	Stonebarrow Manor Stonebarrow Lane Charmouth Dorset DT6 6RA	expires	12/09/2021

a. Responses submitted to Dorset Council before the meeting:

b. Responses to be considered at the meeting:

P/HOU/2021/02616	7 Fernhill Heights Fernhill Charmouth Bridport DT6 6AU – <i>No objection</i>	expires	19/09/2021
P/HOU/2021/02654	Bevis Cottage Sandy Lane Fishpond DT6 6NP – <i>No objection with the presumption that legal requirements are met for the sewage</i>	expires	19/09/2021
P/FUL/2021/01671	Spence Farm Spence Lane Wootton Fitzpaine Dorset DT6 6DF – <i>Lots of concerns about size and nature of the development. Cllr. Vaughan and Cllr. Hansford to visit the site and report back to the clerk by 23/09/2021</i>	expires	23/09/2021
P/FUL/2021/02090	Befferlands Farm Berne Lane Charmouth Dorset DT6 6RD – <i>Concerns over the use of the barn as doesn't appear to be agriculture. Cllr. Joyce to investigate and report back to the clerk by 23/09/2021</i>	expires	23/09/2021
P/PABA/2021/03273	Prime Coppice Glebeland Lane Whitchurch Canonichorum DT6 6RP – <i>Not yet seen by Councillors.</i>	expires	27/09/2021

c. Dorset Council Decisions:

None.

d. Enforcement:

Cllr. Joyce had received an email from Dr Banham who lives in Bluntshay Lane regarding noise from an illegal bell tent erected 30th April 2021 and lived in by 2 adults and 2 dogs. He stated that he and the neighbours have all complained to Dorset Council and he requested that CVPC also complains. Discussion between councillors highlighted the 28 extended to 56 day rule which they have exceeded meaning that they now require planning permission to be there. Cllr. Joyce will be attending a BLAP meeting in September where this can be discussed. Cllr. Joyce to write a letter.

4765: Finance:

a. Auditor AGAR

Cllr. Joyce to source internal auditor as the one we have previously used (Marianne Brooks) is not available. Cllr. Joyce has 2 further professionals to approach.

Clerk reports that bank statements are missing from the financial records which is stopping work being done on the urgently needed AGAR.

Cllr. Joyce to source the missing statements from Co-op. Clerk to also see if new Lloyds account can be opened fast enough so that we don't need to contact the Co-Op. Cllr. Peck mentions having some documents from the previous clerk (Annette) and to liaise with the current clerk to send them on as the statements could be in there.

Payments

The payments for September 2021, as below, were approved, including some changes and additions to the original agenda.

Cllr. Joyce to send August 'Go To' invoice to the clerk for October reimbursement

Discussion about S Lee groundwork; Cllr. Joyce reports this was to clear paths for a fete at very short notice.

Council to try to claim retrospectively from Barry/Yvonne Welsh for a portion of the cost. No-one specified for the task.

Cllr. Mahaddie has requested a meeting to discuss with the Local Amenities working party footpaths and responsibility, Cllr. Hansford working on a date.

Clerk to travel to Cllr. Joyce and Cllr. Johnson on Wednesday 15th September to sign the cheques.

Proposed by Cllr. Peck and Seconded by Cllr. Vaughan. All in Agreement bar 1 Abstention Cllr. Carey as lost contact online.

PAYMENTS FOR September 2021

Payee	Details	Cheque No.	Receipt No.	Amount
Mike Stainer	Clerks wage Jul 21	500487	0921/1	468.07

HMRC	Clerks wage tax Jul 21	500502	0921/2	112.60
Mike Stainer	Stamps + Char Chat stamps + Consumables	500503	0921/3	420.30
DATPC	Code of conduct training	500490	0921/4	50.00
Hilary Joyce	Go to July	500491	0921/5	18.00
S Lee	Groundswork	500492	0921/6	324.00
Tamsin Ely	Consumables+Char Chat+fuel	500493	0921/7	90.13
Footprints	Char chat	500494	0921/8	299.00
Tamsin Ely	Clerks wage Jul 21	500495	0921/9	530.35
HMRC	Clerks wage tax Jul 21	500496	0921/10	128.00
Tamsin Ely	Clerks wage Aug 21	500497	0921/11	530.35
HMRC	Clerks wage tax Aug 21	500498	0921/12	128.00
Tamsin Ely	Clerks wage Sep 21	500499	0921/13	530.35
HMRC	Clerks wage tax Sep 21	500500	0921/14	128.00
Hilary Joyce	Go to September	500505	0921/15	18.00
Geosphere Ltd	Parish Online Subscription	500506	0921/16	168.00
Total				3943.15

b. Finance requests from working parties for 2022 precept

Communications Working Party – Cllr. Noon

Requested £3,650 to cover 3 x Char Chat, annual fees for website and email services, 1 off mailing, signs to support projects, support for a local event.

Farming Interests Working Party – Cllr. Johnson

Requests £0.

Local Amenities Working Party – Cllr. Creed-Castle

Cllr. Joyce asked if any notice boards/grit bins need replacement, Cllr. Eager reports the notice board at Morcombelake Post Office is in disrepair.

Cllr. Creed-Castle to check all notice boards to see how many we need to replace by October meeting.

Cllr. Creed-Castle having a meeting in next 2 weeks to discuss. Cllr. Joyce reiterated that this needs to happen by the next meeting or no budget.

Climate/Environmental and Ecological Working Party/River Char Community Project – Cllr. Carey

£3800 - £1,300 was phase 1 commitment but wasn't needed, like to carry over to phase 2. £2,500 phase 2 including a public event, working parties on the river, hall hire, training, etc.

Planning Working Party – Cllr. Mahaddie

£1,000 - for a possible housing needs survey

Staffing Committee – Cllr. Peck

£0

Transport Working Party – Cllr. Noon

£0

Cllr. Joyce calculated the total to be £7850 so far to be considered for the Finance Committee meeting in November/December to budget for next year.

4766: Future meetings:

- Cllr. Joyce has booked Wootton Fitzpaine Village Hall for October and November 2021. The hall have offered to do anything they can to make the space work for us i.e. opening more windows etc.
- Cllr. Joyce reminded all that the next meeting may be virtual, and it may well be that a last minute decision is made.

Cllr. Simon Christopher joins the meeting.

4767: Parish Maps Project:

- Cllr. Noon confirmed the article, had appeared in Char Chat and that Emma Molony was present at the Whitchurch fete.

4768: Governance Review

- Cllr. Joyce reported that Charmouth want to take the whole of Stonebarrow Lane and Newlands Caravan Site, also some houses around the cemetery on the Char Valley side of the A35 and some houses on Fernhill which is the other side of the A35 but in the Char Valley area. Cllr. Joyce calculates this to be 25-30 houses and could affect the number of councillors we need.
- Cllr. Mahaddie reported that her friends at Fernhill were unaware and would want to stay with Char Valley.
- Cllr. Carey has received 3 emails of complaint and has sent a letter 13/09/2021. General feeling is people on Stonebarrow Lane would want to stay with Stanton St Gabriel, not sure about Newlands.
- Cllr. Joyce expressed concerns about the possibility of losing Newlands as this is the biggest business in the area.
- Cllr. Joyce read a response from Dorset Councils legal team which mentions the criteria to base our response on. It also covered de-grouping the parish.
- Cllr. Christopher is consulted re the group parish details, Cllr. Christopher responded that he will come back about that point and asks who the officer is that has responded and requests a copy.
Cllr. Joyce to send the email to Cllr. Christopher.
- Cllr. Joyce reported that Chideock Council have offered to 'give' Char Valley 'Hit and Miss' as surrounding houses are in our area. Cllr. Joyce reported having spoken to the occupier to ask their view, initially they were happy but then called Cllr. Joyce back to express anger that Char Valley had obstructed his planning for the rebuild of his house whereas Chideock were more accommodating. This view is not required to be considered and we are still happy to accept this residence.
- Vote to accept 'Hit and Miss' from Chideock; (reminded by Councillor noon that it is now called 'Hazy View.'
7 in favour, 0 against, 2 abstentions (Cllr. Noon as knows the occupants, Cllr. Hansford as doesn't know the area)
- Cllr. Mahaddie highlighted the planning working party report where the conclusion was that more information is required to make a decision. With the deadline being the end of October we should discuss, gain more information then vote at the October meeting.
- Cllr. Carey agreed we can wait until October and explained that electoral equality (mentioned in the council's response) means that neighbouring parishes should have as close as possible similar numbers of electors per councillors. So, if Stanton St Gabriel lost residents, it would not have electoral equality meaning it should be abolished if using this as criteria. Regarding de-grouping, we would have a large number of councillors for the whole parish.
- Cllr. Christopher's view was that it is logical for Stonebarrow Lane to not be in Char Valley as East of the River Char so should stay in Stanton St. Gabriel. It is logical for the association between the lane and main access point to the Golden Cap Estate which is mostly Char Valley land so it would be confusing for people for that part to go to Charmouth.
- Cllr. Noon's view was that it is more of a question of grouping by attitude and type of industry therefore the coherence of the area. Are agreed with last comment about Stonebarrow Lane and states Newlands to be more Charmouth as a holiday resort. This type of grouping is more relevant and the coherence of the area and the parish. Re the grouping Cllr. Noon believed we do not have enough details to discuss what this would mean to the parish as a whole.
- Cllr. Joyce asked what details are required
- Cllr. Noon – Benefits/challenges of being grouped/ungrouped.
- Cllr. Mahaddie agreed we need more information about if we can keep the same number of councillors, or can we create our own constitution to fit? as a united parish we are worried small villages will lose their representation, we have time before the deadline. Only benefit could be admin simplification.
- Cllr. Christopher's opinion was to stay as we are.
- Cllr. Joyce highlighted the struggle of splitting assets.
- Cllr. Vaughan said we need clear criteria.
- Cllr. Joyce mentioned that it is Cllr. Mahaddie's idea for a new format to which Cllr. Mahaddie replied that it is a subject she thinks should be discussed as it only happens every 10 years and it as it was mentioned as a possibility in the presentation to BLAP by the governance review.
- Cllr. Noon asked what are we specifically asking; is it that we want to abolish the 3 separate parishes to make just 1 Char Valley Parish and therefore no separation of the councillors or are we saying we should de-group to have 3 separate councils?
- Cllr. Mahaddie clarified that we are discussing if we should de-group to create a single Char Valley Parish,
- Cllr. Peck (unable to speak as sound not working is writing in the comments on the screen) Cllr. Joyce read her message the grouping issue will need further explanation, but the land grab can be more easily resolved with a clear criteria. Cllr. Peck thinks we need to respond to resolve the grouping topic by asking for further information.
- Cllr. Hansford thought that fewer councillors would be unrealistic as the workload is ever increasing.
- Cllr. Joyce confirmed the questions she should ask;
Would we still have the same number of Parish Councillors?
Can we have a constitution to ensure representation?

- Cllr. Joyce reiterated that we have discussed the land grab, but Chideock we have agreed.
- Cllr. Mahaddie asked if we are ready to formally send our objections to Charmouth PC or wait until October following our next meeting, Cllr. Joyce said that Charmouth are pushing for a decision.
- Cllr. Noon recommended asking the residents.
- Cllr. Joyce was reluctant as per earlier discussion where it was expressed that resident's involvement is not required. Cllr. Noon reiterated that we are democratic and should at least ask.
- Cllr. Christopher offered to call the chair of Charmouth Parish Council to suggest "he takes his tanks off our lawn".
- Cllr. Joyce mentioned there is another area we didn't really cover and that is various houses around the Charmouth cemetery on our side of the road which we don't think are appropriate either. Not sure exactly which houses on Fernhill but makes more sense as further South of the A35 so more appropriate to lay in Charmouth.
- Cllr. Joyce's view is for Stonebarrow and around the cemetery to stay with us but Fernhill is up for discussion.
- Cllr. Mahaddie believed that we are not ready to submit our views yet, Cllr. Joyce agreed that the discussion can be completed in the October meeting.
- Cllr. Carey reported the house is now named "Hazy View" and not "Hit and Miss".
- Cllr. Joyce reported knowledge of 2 letters from residents in Stonebarrow Lane saying they would prefer to be part of Charmouth. Previously, light from Newlands caused distress in Charmouth but was resolved in good discussions when Newlands also expressed the wish to lie with the Charmouth PC area.
- Cllr. Vaughan and Cllr. Noon agreed that it is more relevant what the land is used for rather than its specific geographical location, Cllr. Noon strongly advised that we write to the residents to find out their thoughts and we can then find out why some may feel more appropriate to be with Charmouth or Char Valley.
- Cllr. Christopher did not agree that Newlands should move as then Dolphin should also do so.(another caravan site on the other side of the road)
- Cllr. Joyce suggested writing to Chideock PC to agree as per the previous vote.
- Cllr. Joyce will ask for more the information about the "land grab" and grouping/de-grouping subjects.

4769: Adopt new Code of Conduct: Not discussed.

4770: Cllr. Christopher, Dorset Council:

- Cllr. Joyce asked Cllr Christopher that, as councillors had read his report, perhaps we could move on with the agenda as time was short. Cllr. Christopher agreed and requested any questions via email.

4771: Communications: Not discussed.

4772: Farming Interests Working Party: Not discussed.

4773: Local Amenities Working Party: Not discussed.

4774: Climate Environmental and Ecological Working Party/River Char Community Project (RCCP):

- Cllr. Joyce referred to the RCCP report and summary and mentioned that the report will be tidied up following all text amendments. If in agreement, we will be running a competition offering a £25 prize for a nice picture of the River Char for the front page.
- Cllr. Carey thanked Cllr. Joyce for her work. He explained that the draft report from phase 1 is now complete Phase 2 coming is liaison with farmers, residents re septic tanks, investigating where pollution is arising, how sewage is getting into the river, how to clean it up, how we can improve for fish and wildlife etc.
- Cllr. Noon was very happy with the report but mentioned the other parish councils (Charmouth and Marshwood Vale) being interested in becoming involved and can't see when they are being brought in, what is the thinking on this as all affected?
- Cllr. Joyce confirmed this has been discussed at least twice with the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and to begin with there is reluctance to bring in the other councils in terms of funding as at the moment, they are obtaining funding for our section of the river (the biggest part) and want the concentration to be there before going into the other areas and doesn't want them actively involved. The majority of the working party agreed with this. Cllr. Joyce has kept Charmouth and Upper Marshwood Vale PCs up to date with progress and, if the draft report is approved today, it will be sent to them tomorrow.
- Cllr. Hansford asked whether 'ditch management' in the report relates to reinstatement.
Cllr. Hansford to let Cllr. Joyce know the 2 farm names where ditches are causing flood problems.
- Cllr. Vaughan again expressed his concerns again that we should be involving all affected parishes from the beginning to share our findings and discuss the solutions and the funding can be targeted wherever it is deemed appropriate.
- Cllr. Carey (on the working party) thought that Ian Rees AONB agrees that the whole catchment should be treated as a whole but that can't happen until phase 2. Now we are ready to share the report from phase 1 and as phase 2 develops, we will see where the funding is needed and how others can be involved. AONB is keen to involve all and it is just a question of when.
- Cllr. Joyce agreed, we need to accept the report to move on to phase 2. She awaits dates from Ian for a meeting to discuss next actions and when to involve others which should be in the next 10 days. As soon as the report is accepted, Cllr. Joyce will send the report to Charmouth and Marshwood Vale for their information.
- Cllr. Carey said we all want the same thing. If we can vote and approve this report now it can be presented at a public meeting where we can all discuss together how to proceed to phase 2. Ian Rees is specifically

ordering the funding, but this will be discussed at the public meeting. We can't decide anything now, but we have the report that was done by and for us and we need to approve it to move forward.

- Cllr. Noon pressed that it should recommend actions.
- Cllr. Joyce reiterated that today we are only deciding the acceptance of the general actions not the detail.
Cllr. Joyce makes apologies and leaves the meeting.
- Cllr. Noon suggested that Cllr. Mahaddie as vice chair should take over.
- Cllr. Mahaddie asked the councillors to take a vote to accept the report, as if we don't, we can't move on to phase 2.
- Cllr. Christopher advised we proceed to the vote.
- Cllr. Mahaddie takes a vote to approve the report -
8 in favour, 1 against - Cllr. Vaughan as he believed a recommendation in the draft report should be the immediate engagement and sharing with the neighbouring parishes.
- Cllr. Hansford then sought clarification as she believed from this discussion that will be happening anyway following the approval of this report and the following meeting, Cllr. Carey clarified the meeting will be a public parish to parish meeting.
- Cllr. Noon asked to separate the acceptance of the report from the following actions, Cllr. Mahaddie replied that we have already done so as they are built in.
- Cllr. Noon wanted the first action to be a discussion with neighbouring parishes, not just providing them with a report before the public meeting.
- Cllr. Mahaddie said we have already voted to accept.
- Cllr. Noon agreed but wants to propose the next action is the discussion with the neighbouring parishes.
- Cllr. Carey suggested that the proposed meeting with Ian Rees and DWT is about the best way to move forward and include everyone, so CVPC could vote to encourage the inclusion of this on the agenda.
- Cllr. Mahaddie agreed to hold a vote on Cllr. Carey's suggestion.
- Cllr. Carey proposed that Cllr. Joyce is asked to raise, as a matter of priority, ways to involve the neighbouring parishes at her next meeting with DWT and AONB in the next phase.
8 in favour

Cllr. Christopher has left the meeting.

- Cllr. Mahaddie asked if we should now abort the meeting as late and in the absence of Cllr. Joyce unless anything urgent?
- Cllr. Eager mentioned needing to send a document about Charmouth School closure and asked if we can vote on the acceptance so it can be presented to Charmouth PC.
Cllr. Mahaddie asked for a show of hands
9 in favour

4775: Local Amenities Working Party:

- Cllr. Creed-Castle confirms next meeting may be 22nd September

4776: Planning and Working Party:

- Cllr. Mahaddie proposed a vote on the approval of going ahead with the housing needs survey that was offered by Dorset Council
9 in favour

4777: Transport Working Party:

- Cllr. Noon suggested asking the lengthsman to look at the trees in areas we know flood in the winter (Sylvia), can he look at the drains to check if any are blocked, a yearly task?
Cllr. Sylvia requests Cllr. Noon sends an email to her to request this as there are already a few jobs on the list for him.

4778: Councillor training:

- Cllr. Mahaddie reported that some councillors have undertaken the Code of Practice `training and encouraged all to do so.

4779: Date of the next meeting:

- 11th October 2021 at 7.30pm at Wootton Fitzpaine Village Hall or `GoToMeeting`. To be decided in advance of the agenda being issued.

4780: Meeting closed at 22.10.