

CHAR VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

FOUR HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH MEETING OF THE CHAR VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 14TH MAY 2018 AT WOOTTON FITZPAINE VILLAGE HALL - AGM

4094: Present: Cllrs: D Snook, S Creed-Castle, C Everidge, H Joyce, C Peck, C Mahaddie, S Johnson, K Vaughan, C Bailey, J Eager, R Colby, D Turner (DCC). S Christopher (WDDC), A Marks (Clerk)

4095: Election of Chair: It was proposed by Cllr Mahaddie and seconded by Cllr Peck that Cllr Joyce should take over as chair from Cllr Snook. All agreed. Cllr Snook had advised the meeting in April that she would be standing down. Cllr Joyce thanked Cllr Snook for her hard work over the last three years.

4096: Election of Vice-Chair: It was proposed by Cllr Snook and seconded by Cllr Johnson that Cllr Everidge continue as Vice-Chair. All agreed.

4097: Previous Chair's closing remarks: Cllr Snook's comments are incorporated under specific subject headings in the minutes below.

4098: Declarations of Interest: None

4099: Election of members to committees and review appointments of representative's positions: The following were proposed, seconded and agreed.

- (a) **Finance Committee** Cllrs, Snook, Johnson, Creed-Castle, Bailey, Joyce and Everidge
- (b) **Planning Committee** Cllrs, Snook, Johnson, Creed-Castle, Bailey, Joyce, Sage, Mahaddie, Everidge, Eager and Colby,
- (c) **Complaints Committee** Cllrs, Snook Joyce, Everidge, Eager and Vaughan
- (d) **Rights of Way Officers Wootton Fitzpaine** – Mr P Mills, Whitchurch Canonorum – Mrs C Peat and Cllr Vaughan, Stanton St Gabriel – Cllr Everidge
- (e) **Trees** Cllr Peck
- (f) **Transport** Cllr Everidge
- (g) **DAPTC** Cllr Snook
- (h) **Bridport Local Area Partnership** Cllr Everidge
- (i) **Ancient Monuments/photographer** Cllr Creed-Castle
- (j) **Planning Areas** Monkton Wyld – Cllr Sage; Wootton – Cllr Snook; Whitchurch North – Cllr Joyce and Cllr Bailey to assist; Whitchurch South – Cllr Mahaddie; Stanton St Gabriel – Cllr Everidge
- (k) **Wootton Fitzpaine Playing Field** Cllr Snook
- (l) **Flood Warden** Cllr Bailey and Cllr Vaughan
- (m) **Char Chat liaison** Cllr Snook, Cllr Peck, Cllr Creed-Castle (distribution) Cllr Everidge
- (n) **Lengthsman liaison** Cllr Creed-Castle

4100: Wootton Fitzpaine Playing Field Trustees

Cllr Snook reported that John Bradbury, Jon Snook and Nigel Chapman were all prepared to continue as trustees. The meeting was grateful for their continued interest and agreed to re-elect them.

4101: Public Discussion Period: No questions raised

4102: Resolution to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 9th April 2018: proposed by Cllr Johnson seconded Cllr Snook and approved unanimously.

4103: Clerk's actions following the last meeting:

- Mike Trew contacted regarding the signage at Taylors Lane. Hopefully, the work will be undertaken in mid May.

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- Butt Farm was contacted regarding their aggressive geese but no reply so far. Chideock Parish Council also advised.
- Simon Roberts was contacted re flooding problems in Cardsmill Lane and Prime Lane. As yet no reply.
- Councillor Turner has been in contact with Ken Mansbridge, Alaric Little and Simon Roberts concerning illegal residency problems at Brigs Farm which Simon Roberts hopes visit on Monday 14th May.
- A reply to Cllr Everidge's query about dormer windows is awaited.
- Sir Oliver Letwin MP has replied regarding the extra expense that the farmers may incur when the new VAT rules come into force in 2019. "I will certainly discuss the issue of the new software with the NFU locally when I have my next regular meeting with them. But businesses of all kinds throughout the country are adapting successfully to this new accounting system – and, as the article you attach carefully points out, there are many advantages from the point of view of financial management and control of the business itself – so I would be surprised if the NFU were to tell me that this would be, on balance, a problem for our farmers.
- Enforcement officer, Kerry Perry, has replied regarding the inhabited caravan in the field known as Little Oak Farm
"Your planning enquiry has been sent to me for a reply. I can confirm that at the time of this enquiry no planning permissions have been sought or issued for a mobile home at Little Oak Farm. That said, my colleague, Mr. Thompson, is currently looking into this matter, as the owner has informed us that she requires this in order that she can live on site while building a barn for which planning permission has been granted.
"If this is the case then the mobile home could be permitted development pursuant to the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 and would not require planning permission for the duration of the works. It could not however, be used for permanent residential occupation once the works have been completed. Mr. Thompson will therefore be closely monitoring the site to ensure that planning control is not breached.
"I trust this clarifies the planning matter."
- A drop in session at WDDC was attended in mid April regarding the new planning website which is not yet operational
- Cllr Everidge met with Sir Oliver Letwin MP regarding the lack of planning decision enforcement at Mudeford Lane.
- The clerk and Cllr. Snook attended a meeting at WDDC to discuss the implications of the unitary authority. If parish councils do not wish to undertake additional services, they will not be obliged to do so.
- NALC has awarded a pay increase to all clerks back dated to 1st April 2018.

4104: Reports:

DAPTC: nothing to report.

BLAP: Cllr Everidge and the clerk to attend the next meeting on 23rd May,

ACTION: Clerk/Cllr Everidge

WATAG: Cllr Everidge will attend the next meeting

ACTION: Cllr Everidge

Cllr Everidge: Discrepancies re Ship Knapp Ship / Lane and Whitchurch / Stanton boundaries have been rectified by the Electoral businesses Support Officer although the lists will not be re-published

Councillor Peck: The Ryall finger post roundel will be fitted soon, and work has begun on the Crooked Lane / Cockwell Cross post.

Councillor Snook: At the Wootton Parish Meeting, the opinion was that the White Gates are unique, historical and add distinction to our parish. They clearly indicate where Champernhayes Lane meets the B3165 and were erected in the early 1900's after an accident, to help prevent any further accidents taking place. The conclusion was that CVPC should treat the gates in the same way as fingerposts.

There were no further parish councillor reports

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4105: Reports: County Councillor's Report : Cllr D Turner advised that the shadow authority will be set up in June, with 14 days to approve the Chief Executive and interim posts. Cllr Turner thinks there will be little devolution of powers to the town and parish councils. He is still waiting to hear which 82 councillors will make up the unitary authority wards (not divisions).

District Councillor's Report: Cllr S Christopher said that Historic England did not approve the construction of 120 homes near a grade 1 listed property in Charminster and the application was rejected by WDDC. An event is taking place at Kingston Maurward House on 13th July aimed at the farming community. Land searches are now taking place within the target range of 15 days

4106: Planning:

i) Considered :

WD/D/18/000485 BREDON, STONEBARROW LANE, CHARMOUTH, BRIDPORT, DT6 6RA Non-material amendment to application WD/D/16/001381 – no objection to the amendment
WD/D/18/000701 BEREHAYES FARM COTTAGES, GASSONS LANE JN TO COTHAYES JN, WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, BRIDPORT DT6 6RQ Erection of extension and replace single garage with triple garage – the new garage will be seen from the road but will have the effect of tidying the area. The pump room alterations will not be seen from the road. No objections.

WD/D/18/000827 DODPEN FARM, ACCESS TO DODPEN FARM, FISHPOND, BRIDPORT DT6 6NW. Use as a dwelling house C3 (without compliance with conditions 2 of permission 1/W/91/0550F) no objection.

WD/D/18/000719 CUTHAY FARM, BLUNTSHAY LANE, WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, BRIDPORT DT6 6RJ. Excavation of wildlife pond with spoil graded over adjacent land. No decision.

ii) Decisions submitted before the meeting and noted::

WD/D/18/000507 BEREHAYES FARM COTTAGES, WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, BRIDPORT DT6 6RQ Change of use of the land to site a shepherds hut and motor home (Retrospective) CVPC deems it important that a " change of use " designation does not facilitate a future escalation of the field into a caravan park.

Therefore, if approval is given retrospectively for these two mobile homes, we recommend that conditions should be imposed as follows

- i) permission be limited to the two mobile homes already parked there
- ii) they retain their current positions for minimum visual disruption from surrounding properties and the hill behind
- iii) all the field hedges are laid and gapped up to provide adequate screening."

WD/D/18/000036 THE BAKERY, BAKERY LANE, MORCOMBELAKE, BRIDPORT, DORSET DT6 6ES Display of 1no. hanging sign & 1no. wall sign & 1no. wall advert (non-illuminated) (retrospective) The lights are already in existence; they are non-intrusive especially as they are just switched on when needed and during opening hours only.

iii) West Dorset District Council Decisions (to note):

Approvals / Refusals (to note)

iv) Appeal Decision – None

v) Enforcement: the ongoing issues at Brigs Farm and Little Oaks Farm are being dealt with by the enforcement officer

4107 : Finance and Clerks Report:

- (i) **Payments –** The following payments were approved:

PAYMENTS FOR MAY 2018

PAYEE	DETAILS	CHEQUE NO.	RECEIPT NO.	AMOUNT
Annette Marks	May salary	500175	0518/1	£361.97

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HMRC	PAYE for May	500176	0518/2	£86.80
S Lee Garden Services	Lengthman's services for April	500177	0518/3	£546.00
S Creed-Castle	War memorial exhibition expenditure	500178	0518/4	£224.31
DAPTC	Introduction training for councillors – Julia Eager	500179	0518/5	£40.00
DAPTC	Introduction training for councillors – Richard Colby	500180	0518/6	£40.00
DAPTC	General Data Protection Regulations	500181	0518/7	£25.00
TOTAL				£1,324.08

The clerk has prepared the draft accounts for 2017/2018 and these will be forwarded to the councillors in next few days.

4108: Report from Parish Council – the annual parish meetings took place during April and the minutes are attached to these minutes. They will also appear on CVPC website

4109: Responses to A35 bypass resolution – the main item raised by residents is air quality. Cllr Everidge mentioned two articles written on A35 in the Golden Cap and Shoreline magazines and will forward them for information to councillors.

ACTION: Cllr Everidge

4110: Data protection: the new data protection laws come into force on 25th May 2018, the clerk is writing to all contacts to see if they wish to remain on our contact list, and contacting Hugo Fox regarding their contact list to make sure those people have also been contacted. The clerk is examining CVPC paperwork to see what needs to be archived, kept and destroyed.

ACTION: Clerk

4111: Exhibition accounts: Cllr Creed-Castle's expenditure for the war memorial exhibition totalled £224.31. The sum of £191.00 was taken over the two days for entry and refreshments. WDDC Centenary Fund are offering grants for WW1 exhibitions and a grant application is being made.

The meeting thanked Cllr Creed-Castle for compiling the exhibition and the enjoyment it had given many people.

ACTION: Cllr Snook

4112: Local Housing needs: Paul Derrien will attend a future CVPC meeting to talk on local surveys and local housing in general.

4113: Update on severe weather planning: Wootton confirm that they are happy with current arrangements. Cllr Sage to provide future updates

ACTION: Cllr Sage

4114: CIL payments: Cllrs Johnson, Joyce, Mahaddie, Snook and Vaughan are meeting on Thursday 17th May to discuss how the CIL payment and S106 payments should be spent.

ACTION: Cllrs Johnson, Joyce, Mahaddie, Snook and Vaughan

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4115: Items for next agenda: Paul Derrien's talk, final accounts for 2017/18, National parks, fingerpost at bottom of Stonebarrow Lane, White Gates, parking at James Hargreaves Community Hall

Meeting closed at 9.24

Chairman's Report

In May 2017, the parish council decided not to proceed with a Neighbourhood Development Plan; this decision was taken on results from the Parish Survey and the Annual Parish Meetings. The Finger post replacement and refurbishment is continuing to go well, and Alex Brooks will be starting on the next Wootton posts soon. A display of the work done on our fingerposts was on view at the Melplash Show in August 2017. CVPC is keeping a watching brief on any developments with proposals for an A 35 bypass at Chideock. CVPC also notified Balfour Beatty about concerns if the lanes in the Marshwood Vale should become gridlocked while traffic lights were in place at Chideock and had a positive response from them about alternative route signs. CVPC reduced the precept it charged for 2018/2019 by around 5%. We now have a full complement of 12 councillors and Julia Eager and Richard Colby were co-opted to the council in November 2017 and January 2018 respectively. A copy of the Char Chat was delivered or posted to all households in the CVPC area last December. Another copy should be produced again this autumn. Wootton Fitzpaine Playing Field, jointly owned by the CVPC and WDDC will be having the goal posts painted, new football nets and the removal of the Basket Ball post in the near future. An Exhibition, arranged by the parish council and lead by councillor Sylvia Creed Castle was recently held at Whitchurch Village Hall. The subject matter concerned those men from Whitchurch who fell in the First World War. It was very well received. Chris Everidge has been keeping us up to date with future developments on the A35 at Morcombelake, in particular with regard to another crossing at the Western end, and possible changes in the speed limit. Some complaints had been made about difficulties in hearing what was said at meetings, but with a new layout of tables and chairs, this problem seems to be resolved.

WDDC will be disappearing in 2019 and will be replaced by the new Dorset Council. As Wootton playing field is jointly owned by the parish council and WDDC, it may be that CVPC will take on the full responsibility of the playing field. The community infrastructure levy is paid by some newly built houses, and WDDC currently holds £5684 on our behalf. We also have £2100 in our parish accounts. This money can be spent on items in play areas, amenity spaces and community venues. The rules state that it can only be spent on something new, and cannot be used for maintenance, or replacement of existing items. The Char Valley Parish website informs parishioners about dates of meetings, planning decisions, and has some interesting articles entitled Magical Marshwood Project, and Venus of the woods. WDDC planning department is causing huge frustration, due to the extremely slow decision making process. There are some planning applications which are still under consideration dating back to November 2017 and one which dates back to July 2017. Any parishioner can report online issues relating to potholes, overhanging hedges, problematical drains and enforcement. Just go to Dorset for You website. One parishioner has very recently reported fly tipping half way up Westover Hill, which was dealt with very quickly.

As this is my last Chairman's Report I would like to take the opportunity to thank councillors who have remorselessly and diligently attended CVPC meetings. Secondly I would like to thank Darryl and Simon for attending our meetings and ensuring we are aware of matters concerning the wider Dorset area. Hopefully this has kept us from being too parochial and inward looking. Lastly, I would like to thank our tireless clerk, Annette. She has only been in post since February 2017 having no experience in parish council matter. She has very quickly accumulated experience, knowledge and skills and the essential ability of using her initiative. I would like to extend my good wishes to the next Chairman and hope he/she enjoys the interest, rewards and frustrations of the post.

Debby Snook, Chairman, Char Valley Parish Council April 2018

