

## CHAR VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### **FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY FIRST MEETING OF THE CHAR VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2018 AT WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM VILLAGE HALL**

**4135: Present:** Cllrs: S Creed-Castle, H Joyce, C Peck, C Mahaddie, C Everidge, C Bailey, R Colby, C Sage, A Marks (Clerk), D Turner (DCC), S Christopher (WDDC) arrived 9.00pm, D Everidge, D Barrance, 3 neighbours of Mr Barrance

**4136: Apologies for absence:** Cllrs. Eager, Snook, Vaughan and Johnson

**4137: Public Discussion Period:** Having heard previously that the CVPC sub-committee was likely to recommend refusal, Mr Barrance spoke in support of his planning application for a vertical garage extension to his property 1, Sunnyside in Whitchurch. Several neighbours attended in support.

Mr Everidge had wanted to talk about the Coney Castle excavations but could not find any. He commented that farmers should have more support from the parish council, inferring that the parish council was against the excavations undertaken by a local farmer.

The Chairman clarified this to be untrue. CVPC had not taken any view so consequently had not made a complaint.

Following an email about the excavations from Cllr Turner, the Chairman had telephoned Dorset County Council (DCC) for clarification and then written a short email to CVPC councillors to inform them of the position. DCC said that they had received "several complaints", had passed on the information to various interested bodies and their inspectors had visited the site.

**4138: Declarations of Interest: None**

**4139: Resolution to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018:** proposed by Cllr Peck seconded by Cllr Bailey and approved unanimously.

**4140: Clerk's actions following the last meeting:**

The clerk has contacted the James Hargreaves community hall committee regarding hitherto unrequested payments for CVPC meetings there. They will now charge £12.00 for each meeting and backdate their invoice to March 2018 ie a cheque for £36.00 this month.

The clerk has reported the misplaced Sustrans post on the Dorset for You website, reference number 1106488.

NALC has published new model standing orders which incorporate or reference the requirements of new legislation, introduced since the last model standing orders were published in 2013.

The signage in Taylors Lane still hasn't been done; the clerk has again emailed Mike Trew for an update and awaits a reply.

Ken Hussey has promised that a broken fence and the swing in the playground will be repaired on 13<sup>th</sup> July.

The clerk has submitted the VAT return and awaits payment of £1305.01.

The clerk has received a reply from the enforcement officer regarding the swimming pool installed in a garden in Shedbush Lane, having queried that, as this was in an AONB, surely planning permission was required. The reply was that the installation of a swimming pool does not require planning permission but if it is to be covered, then planning permission!is needed!

The clerk has emailed Highways England regarding the cutting of verges and hedges on A35, but there is no resolution as yet.

The clerk has written to the Co-op Bank regarding obtaining a paying in book that can be used in the post office in Bridport and also to see if some of the funds currently in the Direct Plus account can be placed in an interest bearing account.

The end of year accounts for 2017/2018 have been put on the website and the Certificate of Exemption has been sent to PKF Littlejohn LLP.

The clerk and Cllr Everidge will attend a meeting on 2nd August to discuss the imminent county reorganisation.

Newsletters from Rural Network Services (RNS) are proving difficult to forward to councillors and will now be sent direct From RNS.

**4140: CVPC Representative Reports:**

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No report

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### **BLAP**

The clerk attended the BLAP Liaison meeting on 4 July. There has been no acknowledgement from Cllr Rebecca Knox to BLAP's letter. Management of the toilets in Bridport and West Bay are being transferred to Bridport Town Council and are funded for two years.

There was discussion about future of the group and agreed that it should continue as there is still a need for local councils to work together with a united voice.

### **DAPTC:** Cllr Snook sent a report

The DAPTC AGM is on 10 November 2018, proposed AGM motions to be submitted by 6 August. Motions can be submitted by any parish or town council and if passed by the AGM they are then forwarded to the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) where some will be used to lobby Parliament. No suggestions were forthcoming.

Dorsetcc-sharepoint.com page on Dorsetforyou.com website updates highway matters.

### **Tree and Hedge Officer** Cllr Peck

To consider

The article on Chalara ash dieback has been posted on the Char Valley website

**Verges** Cllr Mahaddie asked all the councillors to observe how their local verges have been cut, Cllr Creed-Castle reported that Bluntshay Lane verges had not been cut.

### **4141: CVPC Councillor's reports – July 2018**

#### **Cllr Johnson**

The gullies along the side of the lane between Cardsmill Farm and Prime Lane have been partially filled with road plannings again, another temporary measure, so when it starts to rain heavy, heaps of washed out gravel at the lowest point and gripes may be washed onto the lane and drains blocked, with yet more water going down on the surface of the lanes causing more erosion to the sides of the roads.

**Action: Clerk**

#### **Cllr Peck**

Finger posts: Chris Hawkins has removed the post from the junction at Cockwell Cross and begun a total refurbishment and is willing to tackle the post at the junction of Carters Lane and Ryall Road next. Alex Brooks is similarly busy over Wootton Way. Cllr Peck plans to drive round and photograph all the repaired posts and report on those that still require repair. Cllr Peck is considering contacting the new owners of Northay to see if they have plans for their sign. I have spoken to the National Trust about the post at the bottom of Stonebarrow Lane.

#### **Cllr Everidge**

Recent damage caused to both bus shelters outside and opposite ArtWave West, Morcombelake was possibly caused by gun pellets. Although the damage was reported and subsequently attended to by Highways, the Police were unaware of the potential vandalism. A report to Highways is not automatically forwarded to the Police.

### **4143: County and District Councillors' Reports:**

**Cllr D Turner:** Local government is going to unitary 3 July -27 August. There will be two wards- Lyme Regis & Charmouth and rest of Marshwood except Symondsburry. The shadow council have now met once; details can be found on the following website – [dorsetareacouncils.wordpress.com](http://dorsetareacouncils.wordpress.com)

**Cllr S Christopher:** had attended the AGM of the Citizens'Advice Bureau (CAB) in Bridport. Catherine Parker from Shelter spoke of the number of empty houses in West Dorset. The Vearse Farm development – Bridport Town Council supports this as they have provided all the services.

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### 4144: Planning:

- i) **Decided :**  
WD/D/18/001146 BELLAIR COTTAGE, BERNE LANE, CHARMOUTH, BRIDPORT, DT6 6RD Erection of dwelling (Holiday accommodation), relocation of carpark and erection of sound attenuation timber fence to southern boundary – CVPC objects to this application as it is contrary to local plan item 6.
- ii) WD/D/18/001262 HIGHMEAD, GIBBS LANE, MORCOMBELAKE, BRIDPORT, DT6 6DT Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and erection of new dwelling – CVPC previously had no objection to this application, which now includes the recent addition of a 5 metre timber bat roost.
- iii) WD/D/001256 1 SUNNYSIDE, WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, DT6 6RQ. According to established planning criteria CVPC objects to the planned garage extension at the heart of the Whitchurch Conservation Area but understands that nearby neighbours are in support of this plan. CVPC recommends that the application goes for full committee decision. This was proposed by Cllr Creed-Castle and seconded by Cllr Bailey, and passed; 4 abstentions.
- iv) WD/D/18/000891 HIGHER WYLD FARM, MONKTON WYLD LANE, MONKTON WYLD, BRIDPORT DT6 6DE. Erection of agricultural barn (retrospective) Not yet visited/considered
- v) **Decisions submitted before the meeting and noted:**
- vi) (993) NEWLANDS HOLIDAY PARK, NEWLANDS BRIDGE, CHARMOUTH, BRIDPORT DT6 6RB – extension to existing swimming pool building to provide changing facilities and recreational services and new plant room with camping wet room – CVPC has no objection to this, the site is well screened, the extension will have no adverse impact on its surroundings
- vii) (989) NORTHAY FARM, NORTHAY LANE, WOOTTON FITZPAINE DT6 6NL – erection of conservatory to front elevation – CVPC has no objection to this application

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

**Approvals / Refusals** - None

**iv) Appeal Decision** – None

**v) Enforcement:** - None

### 4145: Finance and Clerks Report:

#### i) Payments

Payee	Details	Cheque no.	Receipt no.	Amount
Annette Marks	July salary	500189	0718/1	£521.42
HMRC	PAYE for July	500190	0718/2	£124.00
S Lee Garden Services	Lengthman's services for June	500191	0718/3	£93.60
James Hargreaves Community Hall	Hire of hall for 2018	500192	0718/4	£36.00
Bridport Foundry	Finger posts	500193	0718/5	£244.80
C Hawkins	Finger posts at Cockwell Cross	500194	0718/6	£264.11
Alex Brooks	Finger posts	500195	0718/7	£465.00

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Ken Hussey	Repairs to slide and fence at Whitchurch playing fields	500196	0718/8	£236.00
TOTAL				£1,984.93

The payments for July by Cllr Castle-Creed and seconded by Cllr Sage

**4146: Lyme Regis Twinning Event** – this event is taking place in Lyme Regis on 25<sup>th</sup> July regarding the twinning of Lyme Regis with Bermuda, there will be a parade through the town followed by a lunch at the Royal Lion, Cllr Everidge has offered to attend.

**4147: Second WW1 exhibition:** CVPC has received £250 grant for the exhibition in Whitchurch in March.

After two meetings between Cllr Creed Castle Sally Vaughan at the Literary and Science Institute, East Street, Bridport it was agreed, in principle, that a smaller version of the WW1 exhibition could take place in the Courtyard at the LSI on Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd November 2018. - proposed by Cllr Sage, seconded Cllr Bailey. Boards, tables, bricks etc the day could be delivered the day before at 4.30 - 5.30 pm

This would be a free event for the general public and the LSI would not charge the rate for private hire, but as they are a charitable trust but would be grateful to receive a donation i.e. £25 for the weekend booking. We would not be able to charge an entry fee.

The LSI is willing to advertise the event on their website and on social media. They will also display any leaflets that the CVPC provides.

The Chairman asked Cllr Creed Castle to provide an estimate for the hire of tables and the transporting of the boards to Bridport for the September meeting when a final decision would be made

**Action: Cllr Creed Castle**

**4148: A35 update:** Cllr Everidge is attending a meeting on Friday with Sir Oliver Letwin and Highways England

**4149: Electoral boundaries:** see Cllr Turner's report above item **4143**

**4150: Unitary Council Wards:** see Cllr Turner's report above item **4143**

**4151: East Devon statement of Community Involvement:** Cllr Everidge will look into this.

**Action: Cllr Everidge**

**4152: Update on National Park:** nothing to report

**4153: Silent Soldier:** Dorset Royal British Legion has launched its Silent Soldier campaign - a near life- size silhouette of a First World War 'Tommy' - which can be fixed to a wall or attached to an upright pole in public or private spaces.

It is anticipated that the Silent Soldier will be displayed across Dorset by businesses, local authorities and individuals as a reminder of the sacrifices made by men and women of the armed forces during the First World War. More information, including sponsorship details, can be obtained from Ian Jarvis, Dorset RBL community fundraiser on 07827 355042 or [ijarvis@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:ijarvis@britishlegion.org.uk)

The Silent Soldier figure costs £150 (without the sponsor's name being added). The Tommie Silhouette is probably the most appropriate to order. It will be necessary to sign an Indemnity Form if the Silent Soldier is purchased, which would be in operation from the date of purchase until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019.

CVPC do not wish to put money towards The Silent Soldier and would prefer to remember 100 years since the end of WW1 by another method such as donating money to a suitable charity, Cllr Bailey proposed that a token item should be put on the war memorial, this will be discussed further at September's meeting.

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**4154: Broadband:** The clerk contacted Keith Owens from BT Openreach regarding the fibre broadband cabinet by the church in Whitchurch and below is his reply  
The newly installed Whitchurch cabinet has capacity for 128 customers and at present there are 22 working fibre broadband lines, so 106 spares. To be connected, local residents need to contact a service provider of their choice (Talk Talk, Sky, BT etc) who can place an order for them.  
Cllr Everidge and the clerk will take this to the next meeting of BLAP.

**4155: Coney Castle excavations:** several complaints were received by Cllr Turner and Dorset County Council (DCC) officials relating to a large excavation on the flanks of Coney's Castle at the end of June. This is now in the hands of the DCC and other interested bodies. CVPC were copied into a letter addressed to the farmer concerned outlining the procedures to be followed when extracting stone from the land. It also mentions that two criminal offences had been committed by disturbing parts of both the sites of an ancient monument and a SSSI.

**4156: Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan:** a consultation will take place which will then go to the district council at the end of the year.

**4157: Date of next meeting:** Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at Wootton Fitzpaine village hall

**4158: Any other business:** a number of enforcement issues were mentioned which will be followed up by the clerk and Cllr Everidge.

Cllr Vaughan's email was mentioned about an application that had previously been turned down on the Devon / Dorset borders concerning the erection of a large building to manufacture batteries – comments by members of the public about the appeal should be submitted as soon as possible..

Cllr Sage referred to the earlier statement (above) by David Everidge and said he also felt that the parish council should show more support to local farms and businesses. It was decided to discuss this matter further at the September meeting and allow 20 minutes for it.

**4159: Agenda for September's meeting:** Discussion about CVPC's support of local/farming businesses, double decker buses through village (traffic calming), A35, National parks, WW1 exhibition no. 2, marking end of WW1.

**Meeting closed at 9.15pm**