

CHAR VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

FOUR HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE CHAR VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2017 AT WOOTTON FITZPAINE VILLAGE HALL

3941: Present: Cllrs D Snook, S Creed-Castle, C Everidge, C Peck, C Mahaddie, S Johnson, C Sage, S Christopher (WDDC), D Turner (DCC) A Marks (Clerk)

3942: Apologies: Cllrs C Bailey, K Vaughan and H Joyce

3943: Public Discussion Period: Nothing was raised

3944: Declarations of interest: Nothing was raised

3945: Resolution to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 11th September 2017: Draft minutes had been circulated and were approved and signed by **Cllr Snook**

3946: Actions following last meeting: – Enforcement issues – following Cllr Turner’s comment that Kevin Perry is on long term sick leave, the clerk received a telephone call from Cllr Christopher that Debra Redding a higher-grade planning officer at WDDC is taking on the enforcement duties in his absence. The clerk has written to the owners of Brigs Farm and Little Oak Farm regarding hedge cutting.

The planning application for Stubbs Cottage in Bluntshay Lane is going before the planning committee on 12 October.

The clerk attended two training sessions since the last meeting – for new and nearly new clerks and the clerk’s seminar, she will be attending a course on budgets and precepts on 12 October.

The village hall at Whitchurch has been booked for 7.30 on Monday 6th November for the finance meeting – Cllrs. Snook, Johnson, Everidge, Bailey and Creed Castle and the clerk have been asked to attend.

The second instalment of the precept and the LCTS grant totalling £10,257.50 have been credited to our bank account on 27 September

3947: Reports:

Dorset Association of Town and Parish Councils: Cllr Snook is to attend the annual conference which is taking place on Saturday 4th November at DCC council chamber in Dorchester

Bridport Local Area Partnership: Cllr Everidge reported that there had been a flurry of activity surrounding homelessness. The CAB have been very good and have raised a questionnaire advising that three projects are being set up – one in Weymouth relating to street intervention, Pilsden – the only project offering overnight accommodation and Bridport – involving one family where the children are living with their grandparents whilst the parents are living in a tent. At present the Fisherman’s Arms are out of the equation for conversion to Bridport Connect as Palmers Brewery want £2,000,000 and it appears that there is a main sewer under the site. Another option is to retain the land from the old Sydney Gale site near Flood Lane. There is a possibility of building houses for the keyworkers on the land at Beres Farm. Penwithen near Dorchester should remain as it is for children with special education needs.

Transport: Cllr Everidge: following the WATAG meeting on 28th September an amended timetable is evolving and they are looking at the transport situation from 8th October – there will be no X51 bus to Dorchester on Sundays. Regarding the bus route to Marshwood Primary, the principal will contact Cllr Turner. Cllr Everidge attended a civil society meeting that lasted for 6 hours, they will be meeting again on 20th October with Oliver Letwin to discuss the A35.

Trees and hedges: Cllr Peck reported that she noticed that more people seem to be cutting down trees as they are in the way rather than being diseased

Lengthsman: Cllr Creed-Castle had been unable to contact the lengthsman regarding the tree at Whitchurch playground that requires attention, there are a lot of stones on the road near Brigs Farm that need moving and the drain near Champerhaynes Lodge needs clearing. The area around the grit bin near Ship Knapp also needs clearing.

3948: Councillor Reports:

Cllr Snook: will speak to Alex Brooks as the next fingerpost that requires attention is at Baker’s Cross

Cllr Everidge: had received an E mail from Highways with an attachment of a poster that she was unable to print on A4 paper – can DCC make sure that anything they send can be printed on A4 paper. There will be a Homewatch meeting in Morcombelake on Thursday, Cllr Everidge will raise any questions that are put forward. Cllr Everidge will draft a letter to WDDC regarding dark skies.

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Cllr Creed-Castle: wished to thank Cllr Turner for his assistance in the problems at Pilsden View Camp site

Cllr Mahaddie: had received a phone call from Penny Watt saying that the owner of the new tea-shop on the A35 had seen a huge vehicle in the field opposite entering and leaving the field belonging to the owner of Copplestones who has a very large mobile home in the garden. The clerk will check the original planning application for Copplestones.

Cllr Johnson: on the road between the Five Bells public house and Ryall the hedges are getting wider and wider and whilst they are tidy they considerably overhang the road. Cllrs Sage and Snook will take a look and report back to the council.

Cllr Peck: mentioned the amount of time it takes to contact planning at WDDC and then to speak to someone who can help. The clerk will contact BLAP to see how this can be improved. Cllr Peck also advised the meeting that Western Power are burying electricity cables through the village of Loders and she wondered whether the same could be done in our parish, she will contact Western Power for further information. Following on from our last meeting when Tara Hansford gave a talk, Cllr Peck asked that we contact her team to ask whether they can maintain the footpath between Dolphin Caravan Park where it meets the road at Charmouth as it is very overgrown and there is a leaking cattle water trough. The clerk will contact Tara Hansford department to see what can be done.

3949: County Councillors Report: Cllr D Turner advised that the local government review on the unitary policy is expected this month – should have been today. Two new bus services have been created – one between Beaminster and Bridport Hospital and another between Bridport and Yeovil College going via Broadwindsor – this service is trial run for 3 months and starts at 7.30am.

District Councillors Report: Cllr S Christopher advised the meeting that Stubbs Cottage is going before the planning committee on Thursday 12th October and asked whether of the councillors would be attending. There is concern about the lack of buses in West Dorset especially in Bridport.

3949: Planning

- **To Consider:** :
- **WD/D/17/001940 : BELLAIR COTTAGE, BERNE LANE, CHARMOUTH, BRIDPORT, DT6 6RD** Internal and external alterations to facilitate the reinstatement of the cottage as a single dwelling - **Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness**
- **WD/D/002099 NEWLANDS HOLIDAY PARK, BRIDPORT, DT6 6RB** Extension to existing swimming pool building to provide improved changing facilities and additional recreational services
- **To Note:**
- **WD/D/17/0091691 STUBBS COTTAGE, BLUNTHAYS LANE, WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, BRIDPORT DT6 6RJ** Erect two storey extensions and modernise existing property – application objected to as the extension will increase the overall size of the property by 70% - the clerk will contact planning to advise that none of the councillors can attend the meeting on 12th October however CVPC stands by the comments they made.
- **D/D/17/002072 EVELIEGHS FIELDS, TIZZARDS KNAPP, MORCOMBELAKE, BRIDPORT, DORSET** Prior notification – erect barn for the storage of fodder and implements
- **WD/D/17/00823 PADDOCKS FARM, , PADDOCKS LANE, BROADOAK, BRIDPORT DT6 5NR** – Use of the land for siting of camping pods and toilet/shower block – require further information on the erection of hedging to provide privacy on the north side. Specific dates to be given for the removal of the pods for the winter and reinstatement for the following season. The sewerage arrangements will be checked.

3950: Clerks Report:

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

PAYMENTS FOR OCTOBER 2017

Payee	Details	Cheque no.	Receipt no.	Amount
S Lee Garden Services	Lengthsman's service for September 2017	500120	1017/1	£718.80

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Annette Marks	Clerk's salary	500121	1017/2	£417.24
HMRC	PAYE for October 2017	500122	1017/3	£27.80
Alex Brooks	Repairs to Peter Gores fingerpost	500123	1017/4	£482.60
DAPTC	New clerks course	500124	1017/5	£35.00
DAPTC	Publications	500125	1017/6	£6.50
Whitchurch Canonicorum PCC	Grant for burial ground	500126	1017/7	£300.00
Wootton Fitzpaine PCC	Grant for burial ground	500127	1017/8	£300.00
Monkton Wyld PCC	Grant for burial ground	500128	1017/9	£300.00
Fishpond PCC	Grant for burial ground	500129	1017/10	£70.00
Stanton St Gabriel PCC	Grant for burial ground	500130	1017/11	£60.00
James Hargreaves (URC)	Grant for burial ground	500131	1017/12	£60.00
Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance	Annual grant	500132	1017/13	£100.00
Citizens Advice Bureau	Annual grant	500133	1017/14	£100.00
Whitchurch Canonicorum Playgroup	Annual grant	500134	1017/15	£500.00
Whitchurch Canonicorum Village Hall	Annual grant	500135	1017/16	£380.00
James Hargreaves Community Hall	Annual grant	500136	1017/17	£350.00
Wootton Fitzpaine Village Hall	Annual grant	500137	1017/18	£380.00
Wootton Fitzpaine Village Hall	Hire of hall for meeting on 9 th October	500138	1017/19	£22.00
TOTAL				£4,609.94

(ii) The annual Finance meeting will take place at Whitchurch village hall on 6th November at 19.30 – Cllrs. Bailey, Creed Castle, Snook and Johnson and the clerk have been invited to attend. The clerk will produce a poster advertising the meeting to be sent to Cllrs. Everidge, Creed Castle, Peck and Snook to be displayed.

3951 A35: Cllr. Snook received a reply to her letter from Oliver Letwin dated 3rd October and the clerk will be replying thanking him and stating that we look forward to hearing from him again once he has been to the meeting at Chideock and we wish to be kept informed. My Dyson attended the parish council meeting in September and sent an E mail to CVPC requesting that the comments under this section of the minutes are changed. Whilst we thank My Dyson for his comments the minutes will be kept as they are as this is a true record of what was said.

3952: Signs for Taylor's Lane: the clerk still has not heard from Mike Trew at Dorset Highways with a price, she will continue chasing him

3953: Char Chat: the clerk will write an update on fingerposts since the last Char Chat and produce a four page draft document to go out to the councillors before the end of the month, it will include an advertisement for two councillors.

3954: Superfast Broadband: Cllrs. Joyce and Johnson attended a meeting with BT and it was decided that the new connection box should be sited opposite the church

3955: Layout of hall for CVPC meetings: Cllr Everidge will investigate and do some homework on the matter

3956: Co-option of parish council member: Cllr. Snook is to meet with Julia Eager who lives in Gibbs Lane on Friday

3957: Discuss motions for the DAPTC AGM in November: Cllr Snook is attending the meeting and raised four motions for the councillors to give their opinion on and she will vote accordingly – these are:

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Motion 1 Beaminster Town Council: de-registration of bus routes.

Motion 2 Blandford Town Council: West Dorset Planning authority to decide on planning if a town or parish council objects.

Motion 3 Chideock Parish Council: change in rules and finance for Parish Polls.

Motion 4 Hurn Parish Council: Parish Councils to be statutory consultees on tree applications.

3958: White Gates: Cllr Snook looked at these following the telephone call that the clerk received from a resident of Fishpond, she will contact Alex Brooks to look at the wood rot on the gates. Cllr Sage asked the clerk to contact Catherine White at AONB for their input. We will also contact DCC Highways to see if they can help in any way. Over the years it has been customary for the residents at Tempest House to maintain the White Gates, but the current residents have indicated that they no longer wish to follow this practice.

3959: Items for next agenda: A35, Char Chat, Taylors Lane, layout of hall for CVPC meetings, White Gates

3960: Date of next meeting: 20th November 2017 at James Hargreaves Community Hall

3961: Any matters of urgency: nothing to report

3962: Meeting closed at 10.00pm