

# CHAR VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## **FOUR HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH MEETING OF THE CHAR VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2018 AT WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM VILLAGE HALL**

**4061: Present:** Cllrs D Snook, S Creed-Castle, H Joyce, C Everidge, S Johnson, C Bailey, C Mahaddie, C Peck, R Colby, J Eager, S Christopher (WDDC), D Turner (DCC), A Marks (Clerk)

**4062: Apologies:** Cllr C Sage, K Vaughn

**4063: Public Discussion Period:** there was no public discussion

**4064: Declarations of interest:** None

**4065: Resolution to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018:** Draft minutes had been circulated and were approved and signed by **Cllr Snook**

**4066: Actions following last meeting:**

- 4040: the clerk and Cllr Peck helped Cllr Creed-Castle in setting up the village hall at Whitchurch for the War Memorial Exhibition for the weekend of 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March, a number of the parish councillors and the clerk also covered the reception and refreshments for four hours on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March.
- 4041: the clerk has contacted Dorset Highways regarding refilling the grit bins in Monkton Wyld and Ship Knapp and installing bins at Upcot Farm and at the bottoms of Pitmans Lane where it meets Verriotts Lane
- The clerk together with Cllrs. Everidge and Peck attended the AONB meeting in Bridport on 20<sup>th</sup> March, she is still waiting to receive any minutes from the meeting
- 4043: the clerk has been advised that the planning application for Befferlands Farm and the renewal of the certificate of lawfulness have been rejected by WDDC.
- The meeting between Cllr Everidge, the clerk and Sir Oliver Letwin due to take place on 16 March was cancelled and has been rearranged for 27 April.
- The clerk was due to attend data protection training but was unable to attend as her foot was swollen and she was unable to drive, she has been sent details of the course by DAPTC. The new and nearly new clerks training course was cancelled by DAPTC due to shortage of attendees.
- 4048: the annual parish meetings have been arranged for the following dates

<b>Parish</b>	<b>Date and time</b>	<b>Venue</b>
• Whitchurch Canonicorum	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April @ 19.00	Whitchurch Canonicorum Village Hall
• Wootton Fitzpaine	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> April @ 19.00	Wootton Fitzpaine Village Hall
• Stanton St Gabriel	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April @ 19.30	James Hargreaves Community Hall

- Posters advertising the meetings have been posted around the parish
- 4049: the clerk and Cllrs. Snook and Peck met to complete the devolution survey which has been forwarded to Dorset County Council.
- 4050: the clerk is to attend a training course regarding the new planning system at South Walks House on 13<sup>th</sup> April
- The clerk has contacted Ken Husey regarding the broken slide at Whitchurch playground and he has confirmed that this will be done.

**4067 Reports:**

**Dorset Association of Town and Parish Councils:** Cllr Snook had nothing to report

**Bridport Local Area Partnership:** Cllr Everidge advised the meeting that BLAP are holding their annual general assembly at Bridport Town Hall on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April between 6.00 and 8.00pm, due to the

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roadworks in Chideock she is happy to drive if any of the other councillors wish to attend, the topic under discussion will be 'What unitary means to West Dorset'

**Transport: Cllr Everidge:** reported that the traffic lights in Chideock are not being operated manually whilst the road works are taking place,

**Trees and hedges: Cllr Peck** had nothing to report

**Ancient monuments: Cllr Creed-Castle** advised the meeting that the exhibition "100 years on, the Whitchurch men who went to war", held on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March had been very well attended with 70 visitors on 24<sup>th</sup> and 83 visitors on 25<sup>th</sup>. Takings including refreshments totalled £191.00. A full report on the exhibition will be posted on the Char Valley website. The councillors would like to thank Cllr Creed-Castle for putting on the exhibition.

## **4068: Councillor Reports:**

**Cllr Snook:** advised the meeting that the pot hole at Witty Mead still needs to be repaired, the clerk will chase Highways to see when this will be done. The cycle route signs have fallen into the hedge at the side of the road – this is a sustrans route and the sign will be replaced.

**Cllr Mahaddie:** advised the meeting that she had been approached by a resident asking about Copplestones – a caravan that has been sited there is being advertised as a holiday let and wondered if this is legal. Cllr Mahaddie will check the advertisement in Morcombelake post office. Cllr Mahaddie asked the clerk to chase up the road signs in Taylors Lane which were approved some time ago, the clerk will contact Mike Trew at WDDC.

**Cllr Creed-Castle:** advised the meeting that she had been advised that there are some very aggressive geese living at Butt Farm in Ryall who are terrorising walkers in the area, the clerk will pass this information onto the parish council at Chideock.

**Cllr Johnson:** advised the meeting that the work undertaken in both Cardsmill Lane and Prime Lane has all been washed away in the heavy rains and the clerk will contact Simon Roberts at Highways to see what can be done. It would appear that the drain underneath Stockham Lane and Gassons Lane has collapsed, the clerk will report this to WDDC.

**Cllr Joyce:** nothing to report.

**Cllr Colby:** nothing to report

**Cllr. Peck:** advised the meeting of the poor state of Berne Lane – it is full of potholes and the road surface is bad. She also asked who would be responsible for the rainwater pouring out of the driveway at Brigs Farm and it was agreed that the landowner was responsible, the clerk will endeavour to contact him to see if anything can be done. Whilst the roadworks are taking place in Chideock Cllr Peck requested that a 20mph speed limit is observed in Whitchurch.

**Cllr. Everidge:** advised the meeting that Shedbush Land are privately owned, there is still a query over number 1 but this is for Magna Housing to sort out. Cllr Everidge also raised the issue over dormer windows and asked whether planning permission is required – the clerk will contact planning at WDDC.

**Cllr Eager:** nothing to report

**Cllr. Bailey:** advised the meeting that oak disease has been reported in the Vale – Cllr Peck will check with DWT. With the ongoing roadworks in Chideock Cllr Bailey was concerned that there are A35 alternative road signs on the M5 but no diversion signs at either Hunters Lodge or the Bridport roundabout. New VAT rules come into effect for April 2019 which could involve a lot of extra expense if existing computers are not able to use the software, the clerk will write to Sir Oliver Letwin for further information.

**4069: County Councillors Report: Cllr D Turner** had a meeting with the boundary review – they were looking at the number of councillors needed to make up the unitary authority

**District Councillors Report: Cllr S Christopher** confirmed that Kevin Perry, Enforcement Officer, was back at work and he had spoken with him regarding the ongoing problems at Muddyford Lane. Land searches are now taking just 9 days in West Dorset. The government are trying to change the laws relating to property purchases in order to avoid gazumping.

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## 4070: Planning

### To Note:

- **To Consider:**
- **WD/D/17/003010 COBBLESTONES, BERNE LANE, CHARMOUTH, BRIDPORT, DT6 6RD** Removal of existing conservatory and erection of single storey flat roof extension; erection of single storey pitched roof porch; addition of pitched roof to existing flat roof extension; construction of raised decking and external stairs; construction of outdoor swimming pool and ancillary buildings; installation of 12.5m wide array of PV cells on eastern boundary – we have asked WDDC for an extension to this application, comments should have been with them by 28<sup>th</sup> February we are still waiting to hear if the extension has been approved – CVPC object to this planning application
- **WD/D/18/000069 HIGHCLIFFE COTTAGE, FISHPOND BOTTOM ROAD, FISHPOND, BRIDPORT, DT6 6NN** Demolish existing building and ancillary accommodation and replace with new single storey dwelling house – CVPC have no objection to this application
- **WD/D/18/000386 LONGFIELD, VERRIOTTS LANE, MORCOMBELAKE, BRIDPORT, DT6 6DU** Erection of single storey side extension – this application is very confused and we need to contact WDDC for further information – CVPC have no objection to this planning application
- **WD/D/17/000220 BEFFERLANDS FARM WORKSHOPS, BERNE LANE, CHARMOUTH, BRIDPORT DT6 6RD** Erection of 10 light industrial units and use of land for equestrian purposes – amended description of application number WD/D/17/000220 which was objected to – number of units now reduced to 4 although the original application still states 10. Have contacted WDDC asking for extension until after CVPC January meeting and clarification. Have advised WDDC that CVPC is still opposed to this despite the amendments – rejected by WDDC
- **WD/D/17/002577 LAND AND BUILDINGS AT GOLD CAP FARM, MUDDYFORD LANE, MORCOMBELAKE** Confirmation that the use as a holiday let is still in force as per the original certificate of 6/4/1993 – *application for a certificate of lawfulness* - CVPC together with Chideock Parish object to this – rejected by WDDC
- **West Dorset District Council Decisions (to note):**
- **Appeal Decision** – none to consider
- **Enforcement:** – the clerk has contacted the enforcement officer regarding the large barn that has appeared by the turning to Westover Hill and for which no planning was applied for – he has advised that a retrospective application will be made
- **Enforcement:** – A councillor and the clerk are meeting Sir Oliver Letwin on 27 April 2018 concerning the ongoing issues with The Veiw in Muddyford Lane, the meeting of 16 March was cancelled
- **Enforcement:** - Cllr Snook asked that the clerk ask the enforcement officer to investigate the inhabited caravan at the field known as 'Little Oak Farm' and advise CVPC of the position

## 4071: Clerks Report:

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

### PAYMENTS FOR APRIL 2018

Payee	Details	Cheque no.	Receipt no.	Amount
Annette Marks	April salary	500168	0418/1	£394.21
HMRC	PAYE for April	500169	0418/2	£80.80

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S Lee Garden Services	Lengthman's services for March	500170	0418/3	£628.80
Creeds	Flyers for war memorial exhibition	500171	0418/4	£29.00
Whitchurch Canonorum Village Hall	Hire of hall for war memorial exhibition	500172	0418/5	£80.00
DAPTC	Training at Athelhampton House	500173	0418/6	£15.00
DAPTC	DAPTC Annual conference – 2 attendees	500174	0418/7	£140.00
TOTAL				£1,367.81

**4072: Jurassic/heritage coast:** Cllr Everidge advised the meeting that the heritage coast is protected for it's natural beauty and this is done by AONB. Natural England are only interested in larger developments.

**4073: A35 by pass resolution:** the parish council have decided on the wording of their position statement on the A35 'Chideock bypass' as follows

*Position Statement of Char Valley Parish Council on the A35 "Chideock bypass"*

*Char Valley Parish Council is aware of third party proposals for potential improvements/changes to the A35 in and around Chideock that include a single carriageway bypass. Any change to the management, operation or routing of the A35 west of Bridport has the potential for significant impact on residents and property in the Parish and Char Valley Parish Council will maintain a watching brief on the current proposals.*

*If in the future any proposal for the A35 west of Bridport be taken forward formally for design or further investigation by Highways England, it's agents or contractors (or any Highway Authority currently responsible for the A35 at the time) Char Valley Parish Council should have the role of a primary consultee and be fully informed and consulted.*

The clerk will update the website with this statement and forward it to surrounding parish councils, as well as Highways and Sir Oliver Letwin.

**4074: White Gates:** Cllr. Snook will contact the owners of Portobello the nearest property to White Gates, and also raise the subject of restoration at the annual parish meeting in Wootton Fitzpaine.

**4075: A35 severance:** WSP is the company undertaking the survey and Cllr Everidge will collate responses.

**4076: Unitary authority:** the devolution survey has been completed by Cllrs. Snook and Peck and the clerk and returned to the council offices.

**4077: Planning:** Cllrs. Everidge and Colby and the clerk attended a planning meeting in Dorchester on 8<sup>th</sup> March, one item that was highlighted is that councillors have to give their reasons for supporting a planning application as well as opposing it. WDDC are changing their planning website with effect from 16 April and the clerk will be attending a briefing before this date.

**4078: Local housing needs:** the clerk has now contacted Paul Derrien, the Housing Enabling Team leader and he has sent details of a survey that was sent to Litton Cheney and asked whether CVPC would like something similar. He has said that he would like to talk about this at one of our meetings and in the meantime we will find out whether all residents in CVPC will receive the survey and what costs are involved.

**4079: Severe weather:** Highways no longer contact the farmers who have a snow plough, however Cllr Colby will try to find out which farmers in Char Valley have an agreement to help clear the snow off the roads.

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**4080: Data protection:** the laws regarding data protection are due to change on 25<sup>th</sup> May and the clerk will update the councillors on the steps she must follow to abide by the changes.

**4081: CIL payment:** how to spend this payment of £2,100 will be discussed at the annual parish meetings.

**4082: Whitchurch Canoncorum:** A CIL payment of £5684 is held on behalf of CVPC by WDDC. This covers specific headings such as play areas, amenity space, community venues. Expenditure ideas will also be discussed at the village meetings. Both CIL payments can only be used towards “something new” and cannot be used for repairs or maintenance or replacement of existing items.

**4083: Parking at James Hargreaves Community Hall:** parking at James Hargreaves Community Hall is very limited and if a number of vehicles are parked there it would very difficult for emergency vehicles to get through. A short term resolution was agreed that at the next meeting in Morcombelake on 11<sup>th</sup> June three cars will park outside the hall and three at a councillor’s house who lives nearby, the councillors will also car share as much as possible. James Hargreaves Hall committee to be contacted by CVPC regarding any plans they have to improve car parking at the Hall

**4089: Changes in election costs:** charges for elections could be passed to the parishes in the future, however the parishes will only be invoiced for these a year later so that they can be accounted for in the precept for that financial year

**4090: Items for next agenda:** Exhibition accounts, Responses to A35 bypass resolution, data protection, reports from village meetings, resolution to approve the re-election of the Trustees of Wootton Fitzpaine playing field, local housing needs, update on severe weather planning, CIL payments

**4091: Date of next meeting:** 14<sup>th</sup> May at Wootton Fitzpaine Village Hall to include AGM

**4092: Any matters of urgency:** None

**4093: Meeting closed at 10.15pm**