

CHAR VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

FOUR HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH MEETING OF THE CHAR VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2018 AT WOOTTON FITZPAINE VILLAGE HALL

4012: Present: Cllrs D Snook, S Creed-Castle, H Joyce, C Everidge, S Johnson, K Vaughan, C Mahaddie, J Eager, R Colby, S Christopher (WDDC), D Turner (DCC) A Marks (Clerk)

4013: Apologies: Cllr C Bailey, C Peck, C Sage

4014: Public Discussion Period: No comment

4015: Declarations of interest: No comment

4016: Resolution to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 8th January 2018: Draft minutes had been circulated and were approved and signed by **Cllr Snook**

4017: Actions following last meeting:

- The clerk contacted both Becky Brookman and Simon Roberts to meet with Cllr Sue Johnson. at Cardsmill Farm at 10.00am on 16th January to discuss the problems of flooding in the area.
- The clerk contacted Simon Roberts regarding the potholes in Berne Lane in Whitchurch on 25th January and he confirmed that he would look at them and issue an order for the potholes to be repaired – the clerk has not had any further communication since then so does not know whether the work had been completed.
- The clerk has again written to the owners of Little Oak Farm and Brigs Farm regarding the hedge cutting which needs to be attended to as a matter of urgency as the bird nesting season will recommence in March. The clerk thinks that we need to write again by recorded delivery before the end of February so that we know that the property owners have received our letters.
- The clerk has also contact Becky Brookman and Simon Roberts concerning the flooding outside Rowan House in Wootton Fitzpaine but has yet to receive a reply.
- The clerk has contacted Superfast Broadband on the Dorestforyou website regarding the availability of superfast broadband in Char Valley, she has accessed a site that allows input of either an address or postcode which then gives the superfast connection for that area/property – the results show that Whitchurch suffers from the worst connection. The clerk will again contact Dorsetforyou to find out how long it will take for the superfast broadband to be made available to everyone.
- The clerk attended a training course at Athelhampton House on 30th January on the Introduction to New External Auditor & New Limited Assurance Regime – this new system will come into effect this year.
- The clerk has designed a poster and flyer for the War Memorial Exhibition at Whitchurch Village Hall on 24th & 25th March – she will bring examples of these to the meeting on 12th February.
- On behalf of Char Valley Parish Council the clerk sent a sympathy card to the widow of Ivan Gollop who sadly passed away in January.

4018: Reports:

Dorset Association of Town and Parish Councils: Cllr Snook advised that the meeting that the annual conference will be taking place at Kingston Maurward House on 9th March

Bridport Local Area Partnership: **Cllr Everidge** said that she had received an update from BLAP that between 39 and 53 adults as well as 15 children are being supported each week by the Bridport foodbank.

Universal credit – services are creaking under the strain, there is a 12 week wait for the first payment, the needy have to wait 3 weeks for a verification appointment and then receive an emergency payment within 3 days however contact must be made online. Those people who are paid every 28 days i.e. possibly twice in one month may get paid twice in one calendar month – they then have to cancel their universal credit and reapply the following month. Sir Oliver Letwin would like specifics of anyone suffering the system.

The decision on the Unitary Authority is imminent - instead of 9 councils there will be Conurbation Dorset – Bournemouth, Poole, Christchurch – branded a 21st century city by the sea, the Dorset area will constitute The Rest Dorset Council. The programme of devolution of services to parish councils will be reported on February 16th – due to major concerns about the effects of this 12 out of 13 parish councils now attend

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BLAP's Parish Liaison – voiced across the board were concerns that parish councils do not have sufficient resources – the possible outcome being the ending of discretionary grants for such as the Arts Centre and Museum which could mean the Town Council asking the parishes for financial contributions and future funding of CAB was also a concern. One parish has increased its precept by 47% in preparation. In order to make sure that the parish councils were heard and able to feed into the West Dorset Programme Board, it was agreed that parish councils should present a united front through BLAP. The next parish liaison meeting is on 8th March and will be attended by Nick Randle from the Local Council Resource Centre responsible for the transfer of assets and services, he will give a talk on the implications of the delegation 'of powers' to towns and what this means for rural areas, a survey will also be sent out to the parishes

Transport: Cllr Everidge reported that Morcombelake has no cluster accidents, those caused arise from human error not road defects – however it remains of potential interest i.e. plans for an additional crossing are still a feasibility study and does not mean that current proposals have been shelved. Highways England and Rights of Way officers will be meeting with Sir Oliver Letwin to discuss this but there will not be any money available for 3 years.

Trees and hedges: Cllr Peck was not at the meeting but has written a comprehensive report on trees in particular ash trees entitled Venus of the Woods which has been added to the website

Lengthsman: no issues

4019 : Councillor Reports:

Cllr Snook: advised the meeting that there is a large pothole in Wootton near Witty Mead, the clerk will report this to Simon Roberts. A large barn has appeared by the tunnel at Westover Hill for which no planning was applied for, the clerk will contact the enforcement team at WDDC to look into this. There is still a blocked drain outside Rowan House, the clerk will report this on the West Dorset website. The Inspector's report stated that the playing field at Wootton Fitzpaine requires new football nets, and the redundant back board on the basketball post needs removing. Winston Chapman, chairman of Wootton Social Club was donated a set of nets and will arrange for these to replace the existing ones. The football posts also need painting

Cllr Mahaddie: raised the subject of parking in the field opposite James Hargreaves Community Hall which has recently been sold and wondered if part of the CIL payment could be used towards this, we will liaise with the committee of the hall. Also the road sign at the end of Pitmans Lane needs to be repaired, the clerk will contact the council regarding this.

Cllr Creed-Castle: nothing to report

Cllr Johnson: advised the meeting that the jetter had arrived today and so hopefully the drain outside her property will be cleared, the holes in Gassons Lane were also being filled.

Cllr Joyce: wished to applaud Melanie Wright for clearing all the leaves in Becklands Lane.

Cllr Colby: nothing to report

Cllr Sage: nothing to report

Cllr Vaughan: nothing to report

Cllr. Eager: nothing to report

Cllr. Everidge: the street light on Sun Lane is not working, it should have been repaired by the end of January. The clerk will report the problem to Simon Roberts and on the WDDC website.

4020: County Councillors Report: Cllr D Turner advised the meeting that he is still waiting to hear from the Secretary of State that the government are adding a further £747,000 towards highway repairs. Cllr Turner has asked that the clerk includes him in all E mails involving county officers. The clerk will contact the enforcement officer regarding the issue at Pilsdon View.

District Councillors Report: Cllr S Christopher suggested that the next issue of Char Chat should include an article on annoying lights at Christmas. The 5 year planning land supply has almost been achieved – there are still 16 houses to be completed. On 2nd February Cllr Christopher met with Sir Oliver Letwin regarding the air quality in Morcombelake, Sir Oliver is confident that there will be another crossing in

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Morcombelake. Matters of a Chideock by pass are on-going. WDDC are getting much better at undertaking land charges and searches which is now down to 30 days.

4021: Planning

To Note:

- **To Consider:**
- **WD/D/17/002933 HIGH BULLEN, SUN LANE, MORCOMBELAKE, BRIDPORT, DT6 6DL** 13m2 of Solar Panels fitted to house roof. The roof is more than 20m from any boundary and more than 100m from any neighbouring buildings. The panels will cover less than 10% of the total roof area and the house is not listed. **Application for Certificate of Lawfulness**, this has been approved.
- **WD/D/18/000148 CHERRY COTTAGE, WHITCHURCH CROSS TO JN GASSONS LANE, WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, BRIDPORT, DT6 6RF** Two storey side extension and interior and external alterations
- **WD/D/18/000147 CHERRY COTTAGE, WHITCHURCH CROSS TO JN GASSONS LANE, WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, BRIDPORT, DT6 6RF.** Two storey side extension and alterations
- **To Note:**
- **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
- **WD/D/17/002577 LAND AND BUILDINGS AT GOLD CAP FARM, MUDDYFORDE 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
- **Enforcement** – Cllr Everidge wishes to query planning applications 1/D/08/001382 relating to High Close` in Shedbush Lane situated in an AONB, a swimming pool has been built outside the property neither of which were in the original planning applications. The clerk will raise this matter with the enforcement officer

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The clerk will contact WDDC regarding the up to date positions on Befferlands Farm and Gold Cap Farm both of which are shown as being under consideration

4022: Clerks Report:

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

PAYMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2017

Payee	Details	Cheque no.	Receipt no.	Amount
Annette Marks	February salary	500157	0218/1	£517.18
HMRC	PAYE for February	500158	0218/2	£27.80
S Lee Garden Services	Lengthman's services for December	500159	0218/3	£733.20
Whitchurch Village Hall	Hall hire for 2018 – 4 x £20.00	500160	0218/4	£80.00
Creeds	Poster & flyers for War Memorial Exhibition	500161	0218/5	£64.00
TOTAL				£1,422.18

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4023: A35 by pass: the councillors came up with the following suggestions

- To be kept informed of any developments regarding the Chideock by pass.
- To remain neutral
- To wait and see what the neighbouring parishes say in particular Symondsburry, however this subject was deferred at February's meeting as one of the councillors and the clerk were absent.
- Do not want a solution that is to the detriment of one community but to the benefit of another
- Councillors will vote on a resolution regarding CVPC's position regarding the A35 bypass at the March meeting

4024: Planning: The councillors raised the matter that Cllr Christopher should stay at the meeting until they had discussed the planning applications. The subject of accessing the planning applications on the WDDC website was raised, all the documentation should be on the same scale for ease of viewing and printing. Discussion took place as to whether it should also be essential for either the applicants or their agencies to attend a parish council meeting.

4025: Local housing: the clerk has been unable to contact Paul Derrien, the Housing Enabling Team leader so this item is to be carried forward to the next meeting.

4026: White Gates: it was suggested that CVPC should take over the maintenance of White Gates. The clerk will contact the Land Registry to find out if it is registered and whether it is owned by anybody. We have received a quote from Dave Burleigh to renovate the site – two of the gate posts are alright and two require replacing as well as the gates, he has quoted a price of approximately £3,000. The clerk will apply to the AONB for the possibility of getting a grant. Cllr Joyce said the cost is quite high and perhaps we should further consider the role of CVPC in helping to maintain the White Gates. Cllr Snook agreed that it should be added to the March agenda.

4027: Broadband: the clerk has contacted Superfast Broadband at WDDC to see the Broadband speed for each of CVPC's councillors. Parts of Whitchurch Canonorum suffers from the worst reception, although this should hopefully improve fairly soon.

4028: War Memorial Exhibition: Cllr Sylvia Creed-Castle will be holding an exhibition at Whitchurch Canonorum village hall on 24th and 25th March to honour those residents who died during World War 1. Posters and flyers have been distributed locally. Details will be posted on the Char Valley website and on Facebook.

4029: Views on your landscape – Dorset AONB Annual Forum 2018: Cllrs Mahaddie and Peck and the clerk will be attending this forum at the Literary and Scientific Building in Bridport on 20th March

4030: Items for next agenda: Jurassic/heritage coast, A35, White Gates, Parish meetings, Unitary authority, Planning, Local housing needs, donations from CVPC to charities, annual report of Dorset Youth Association

4031: Date of next meeting: 12th March at James Hargreaves Community Hall

4031: Any matters of urgency: nothing to report

4032: Meeting closed at 10.05pm