

## **Annual Parish Meeting**

Held at Whitchurch, Ryall and Morcombelake Village Hall on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 19.00

### **Draft Minutes**

Present: Cllrs Joyce, Peck, Mahaddie, Bailey, Creed Castle, Eager, Johnson and four members of the public.

- 1 Cllr Joyce was elected to chair the meeting, proposed by Cllr Mahaddie and seconded by Mrs Helen Davies.
- 2 Cllr Peck was elected to act as secretary, proposed by Cllr Eager and seconded by Cllr Bailey.
- 3 Apologies were received from Cllr Vaughan.
- 4 The minutes of last year's meeting were read and approved.
- 5 **Matters Arising:**
  - Problems on Gassons Lane persist. CVPC continues to investigate.
  - There has been no further discussion about the Chideock Bypass.
  - Possible introduction of speed limits and its associated signage have been discussed by CVPC. Following a survey in Wootton which revealed that the majority of road users did not speed, it is not thought to be a significant enough problem here. Cllr Joyce explained that for there to be an enforceable 20 mph speed limit in the village the limit on surrounding roads has to drop down in increments and the process is subject to lengthy monitoring. Speed restriction require personnel to enforce to be effective. There is no news on the proposed cycle path east of Chideock.
  - CVPC's rural needs housing survey has not progressed. CVPC to pursue.
  - Unitary Authority is going ahead with one councillor for the Marshwood Vale. There will be fewer representatives over all.
  - CIL /S106 monies – see agenda item 12
  - Finger post project continues. Nearly all posts have been refurbished.
  - Help at Hand initiative: Cllr Peck confirmed that the idea has been parked but not abandoned.
- 6 PCSO Amanda King arrived late and addressed the meeting at the end of the evening.
- 7 No public discussion.
- 8 No CVPC report. Matters of interest were covered during the course of the meeting.
- 9 **Countryside Working Party:** Cllr Joyce reported on the initiatives implemented in response to concerns raised by local farmers and to improve relations between farmers and non-farmers. Copies of the Countryside Code were sent out to all households with the latest edition of Char Chat and it is proposed that proprietors of holidays cottages and tourist accommodation provide copies for holiday makers. The problem of attacks on sheep by dogs has increased. Remit and membership of the group will be reviewed after the elections.

10 CVPC continues to keep a watching brief on developments for a **National Park** in Dorset / Devon and Cllr Joyce cited the South Downs National Park as a good example of what can be achieved.

11 Nothing further to report on the establishment of a **Unitary Authority**.

12 Projects to benefit from **CIL\*** / **S106** monies:

- Wootton Fitzpaine's white gates
- Cycle racks for the village hall and church
- Acoustic panels for village hall
- Trees, bench and bulbs for Goodens Hill
- Money has been agreed for a bus shelter in Morcombelake but siting is problematic. Cllr Mahaddie is hopeful it will be resolved.

Cllr explained that the money can only be claimed for specific projects in clearly defined categories.

\* Community Infrastructure Levy

13 Cllr Peck updated the meeting on the Marshwood Vale Diversion Volunteer Management Group headed by Mr Noon from Morcombelake. In a meeting with Oliver Letwin, the MP explained that the police were reluctant to empower volunteers for roles that would see them accountable for any problems. The group has agreed to reconfigure the proposal and start with a more passive role. CVPC has taken no part in this initiative but continues to monitor developments.

At 7.30 PCSO Amanda King arrived to talk to the meeting about the benefits of setting up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in the the Village (Morcombelake already has one) and how to go about doing it. CVPC agreed to put an article in the Parish Magazine to inform residents and source volunteers to run it. She reassured the meeting that this remains a low crime area though there have been reports of oil thefts and thefts from vehicles at the Langdon Hill car park.

14 **Any Other Business:** Cllr Joyce reported that the establishment of a Unitary Authority might result in additional responsibilities being devolved to Parish Councils but without any additional funds or resources. She reminded the meeting of the Lengthsman Scheme.

Mr Don Newman asked about an item in the draft minutes of CVPC's April meeting concerning the responsibility for maintenance of signs in the parish. Cllr offered clarification and Cllr Peck offered to check the minutes for inconsistencies / confusion.

The meeting was closed at 20.15.