

CHAR VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

426th Meeting of Char Valley Parish Council held remotely using 'GoToMeeting' on 19th July 2021 at 7.30pm

DRAFT MINUTES

4735: Present:

Cllrs. H Joyce (Chair), A Carey, S Creed-Castle, J Eager, S Johnson, J Jones, C Mahaddie, C Noon, K Vaughan, M Stainer (outgoing Clerk), T Ely (incoming Clerk). In attendance: Cllr. S Christopher (Dorset Council), E Molony (Parish Maps Project).

4736: Apologies for absence:

T Hansford, C Peck.

4737: Public forum:

No members of the public present.

4738: Declarations of interest:

None.

4739: Resolution to approve the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting of CVPC meeting held on 21st June 2021

Subject to: (i) 4712 - amending to include Cllr. Jones on the Planning Working Party; (ii) 4720 - amending Thorncombe Farm to Filcombe Farm; (iii) 4726 – remove "is" from third bullet point; (iv) 4722 – Cllr. Joyce action point to be removed; and (v) 4728 – Cllr. Eager to discuss all points not just the signage.

Proposed by Cllr. Carey and seconded by Cllr. Mahaddie. Agreed unanimously.

4740: Actions following last meeting:

The following were in addition to those mentioned in reports:

- The clerk reported on the proposed purchase of grit bins. He had approached six suppliers, the cheapest of which was Safety Buyer, who agreed to supply the five, yellow, 200 litre bins, for £582, including VAT and delivery. The lead time from order to delivery is expected to be no more than 10 days. Cllr. Joyce agreed to take delivery at her home address.
- Cllr. Joyce prepared a response regarding the West Dorset National Park proposal.
- Cllr. Vaughan agreed to prepare a draft response on the fox hunting issue and circulate to councillors – outstanding at the time of the meeting.
- Cllr. Christopher had agreed to forward the advice received from Jonathan Mair regarding virtual meetings. Confirmation from Cllr. Christopher that councillors could only be "minded to" make decisions that would ultimately be delegated to the clerk in their capacity as the responsible officer of CVPC.
- Cllr. Joyce had agreed to send a letter to Dorset council regarding broadband – outstanding at the time of the meeting.
- Councillors to sign up to a virtual session about codes of conduct and practice.
- Cllr. Carey to liaise with the clerk to discern whether separate correspondence with the Tree Officer is required – outstanding at the time of the meeting.

4741: Planning applications:

a. Responses submitted to Dorset Council before the meeting:

None.

b. Responses to be considered at the meeting:

- i. P/PABA/2021/02274 – Land West Of The Chalet, Berne Lane, Charmouth, Dorset – No objection but attention should be paid if livestock are to be involved.

Proposed by Cllr. Jones and seconded by Cllr. Carey. Unanimously minded to agree.

- ii. HOU/2021/01558 – Villosa, Wootton Hill, Fishpond, DT6 6NN – No objection.

Proposed by Cllr. Jones and seconded by Cllr. Noon. Unanimously minded to agree.

c. Dorset Council Decisions:

None.

d. Enforcement:

None.

4742: Finance:

a. Payments:

The payments for July 2021, as below, were approved, including two additions to the original agenda.

Proposed by Cllr. Creed-Castle and seconded by Cllr. Johnson. Unanimously minded to agree.

Payee	Details	Receipt no.	Amount
Ken Hussey	Quarterly playground inspection	0721/1	£ 37.50
S Lee	Remove grit bin	0721/2	£ 67.50
Wootton Fitzpaine Village Hall	Hall hire 21 st June 2021	0721/3	£ 23.50
Wootton Fitzpaine Village Hall	Hall hire 19 th July 2021	0721/4	£ 23.50
H Joyce	GoToMeeting	0721/5	£ 36.00
TOTAL			£ 188.00

b. Lloyds bank account:

The incoming clerk will pick up the account opening process. Cllr. Joyce suggested that upon opening the Lloyds bank account the Co-op account is closed unless it is done automatically by the new bank.

Proposed by Cllr. Creed-Castle and seconded by Cllr. Johnson. Unanimously minded to agree.

4743: Future meetings:

- Cllr. Joyce has booked Wootton Fitzpaine Village Hall for September, October and November 2021.
- Cllr. Mahaddie reported that the James Hargeaves hall will be available from September with a cleaning requirement by those that book.
- Cllr. Johnson believes that Whitchurch Hall will be available, but we will need to be mindful of the pre-school requirements.
- Cllr. Joyce suggested that we maintain this year's bookings with Wootton Fitzpaine Village Hall before considering a rota with other village halls.
- Cllr. Joyce reminded all that the next meeting may be virtual and it may well be that a last minute decision is made.

4744: Parish Maps Project:

- Cllr. Joyce introduced Emma Molony who outlined the project on which she was working and funded by AONB.
- Emma Molony agreed to write an article for inclusion in Char Chat and prepare boxes in time for 30 August for distribution at the Whitchurch fete.
- Emma Molony reported that the project wasn't intended to produce a physical map as she is a print maker. The expectation from the production was a range of written work, comprising stories and recollections, with prints from visual works.
- Cllr. Joyce thanked Emma for her presentation.

4745: West Dorset National Park:

- Cllr. Joyce reported that West Dorset was not put on the short list to be considered for a National Park so it is therefore not a current proposition.

4746: Fox hunting:

- Cllr. Vaughan confirmed that he would send a draft letter to Cllr. Joyce.
Action - Cllr. Vaughan will prepare a draft response and circulate to Cllr. Joyce.

4747: Report from Climate Change and Environmental Emergency Working Party / River Char:

- Cllr. Joyce reported on the corrections required to the website so that the names of the Working Parties were stated consistently. Cllr. Carey will make the amendments.
- Cllr. Hansford joined the meeting.
- Cllr. Joyce reported that Ian Rees of AONB has put together the results of conversations and questionnaires with regard to the River Char and that the final report ran to about 40 pages, therefore requiring a two-page summary at the front.
- Cllr. Joyce reported that the report should be ready, in draft, to send out before the next meeting in September.
- Cllr. Carey reported that Upper Marshwood Vale Parish Council had agreed, in principle, to support the next stage and that Charmouth Parish Council wish to do the same.
- Cllr. Joyce reported that the AONB don't wish to involve the other two parish councils at this stage.
- Cllr. Vaughan commented that he believes there are a couple of fundamental issues that should be included, specifically taking a river catchment approach. Cllr. Vaughan fully supported sharing the report with the other councils for comment as long as CVPC could retain the management of the comments process.
- Cllr. Joyce suggested agreed to send an e-mail to Ian Rees saying that CVPC wish to share the draft with other parish councils because of their interest in the River Char project.

4748: Report from Communications Working Party:

- Cllr. Noon reported that Char Chat was proposed to be ready by 26th August in time for the Whitchurch fete.
- Cllr. Noon asked if anyone wishes to propose articles, please could they do so by 5th August.

4749: Report from Cllr. Christopher (Ward councillor Dorset Council):

- Cllr. Christopher commented on the visit of the Tourism Minister to West Dorset for the first time in many years.
- Cllr. Noon asked Cllr. Christopher about the lack of meetings by Chris Loder about the A35 and whether there was an intention to have meetings with local representatives. Cllr. Christopher stated that he was sure that he will in the near future.
- Cllr. Christopher commented on the deferment of a decision, by the Strategic Planning Committee, in respect of the Chard Junction Quarry, with the expected increase in traffic into Dorset.
- Cllr. Noon asked Cllr. Christopher about the possible de-trunking of the A35 as part of the Highways trunk route review this year. Cllr. Christopher asked Cllr. Noon to send him an e-mail about the matter so that he could make the necessary enquiries at the Dorset Council.
- Cllr. Noon raised a point about a number of questions to be raised about a report Highways England were producing about safety in Morcombelake, Chideock and surrounding areas about which he would like more information. Cllr. Christopher replied that he was seeking separate meetings in Chideok and Morcombelake and comments from CVPC.
- Cllr. Christopher encouraged councillors to look at the CLA website with respect to their drive for renewable energy.

4750: Report from Farming Interests Working Party:

- Nothing additional to report.

4751: Report from Local Amenities Working Party:

- Cllr. Joyce reported that she had a CVPC bench sitting in her barn for about two months that was originally intended for Goodens Hill which can't be installed because of parishioner objection.
- Cllr. Joyce commented that the Wootton Fitzpaine bench has damage to its front struts and that it needs repairing.
- Cllr. Joyce commented on another bench in need of repair at the corner of the road in Wootton that goes to Champernhayes.
- Cllr. Joyce commented on the proposed move of the bench from the children's' playground in Whitchurch to Wootton.
- **Action** – *Cllr. Hansford would chase up the move of the children's playground bench.*
- Cllr. Eager proposed including an item in the next Char Chat asking parishioners where the bench in Cllr. Joyce's barn should be sited, with a caveat that it would be dependent on the permission of the landowner.
- In the context of benches and related expenditure Cllr. Joyce reminded councillors of the need to present any expenditure requests from all Working Parties in September for the Finance Committee meeting.
- Cllr. Eager reported on the further information she had sought about the playground inspection report.

4752: Report from Planning Working Party:

Broadband – how to increase DC ambition for neglected areas:

- Nothing additional to report.

4753: Report from Staffing Committee:

- Tamsin Ely was appointed as the new clerk.

4754: Report from Transport Working Party:

- Cllr. Noon asked if anyone had received a request from Dorset council on their consultation for parking.
- Cllr. Joyce reported that CVPC did not make a response as there hadn't been the opportunity to discuss it.
- Cllr. Noon reported that the proposed charges would disadvantage parishioners in West Dorset.
- Cllr. Christopher commented that other parish councils had noted that it was regressive (a burden on those with lower wages) and that further information was required on what permits would cost residents.
- Cllr. Noon reported that the deadline for comments had passed.

4755: Councillor training:

- Cllr. Eager has signed up to the training.

4756: Date of the next meeting:

- 13th September 2021 at 7.30pm at Wootton Fitzpaine Village Hall or 'GoToMeeting'. To be decided in advance of the agenda being issued.

4757: Meeting closed at 21.10.