



CHAR VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

423rd Meeting of Char Valley Parish Council held remotely on 8th February 2021

MINUTES

4638: Present:

Cllrs. H Joyce, C Peck, C Mahaddie, C Noon, S Johnson, J Eager, A Carey, J Jones, S Creed-Castle, T Hansford. M Stainer (Clerk). Cllr. K Vaughan joined the meeting at item 4644. In attendance: Cllr. S Christopher (Dorset Council).

4639: Apologies for absence:

C Bailey.

4640: Public forum:

No members of the public present wished to speak.

4641: Declarations of interest:

None.

4642: Resolution to approve the minutes of the 422nd CVPC meeting held on 11th January 2021.

Subject to an amendment for a typing error in the Farming Interests Working Party and planning renumbering. To be resubmitted at the next meeting, once amended.

4643: Actions following last meeting:

As mentioned in reports.

In addition:

- a. The Clerk has sent a letter to Co-operative Bank requesting change of address, confirmation of signatories and the account opening date (for the purpose of online security checks).
- b. Following up on item 4627a of the meeting of 11th January 2021 Cllr. Joyce proposed that the Clerk investigate opening an account with Lloyds Bank.
Proposed by Cllr. Joyce and seconded by Cllr. Peck. Agreed unanimously.

4644: Planning applications:

a. Councillor copies:

Cllr. Joyce asked if the planning application circulation process, to councillors, could be streamlined. It was confirmed that:

- i. Where expiry dates of planning applications are in time to be approved at Council meetings the responses will be agreed at Council meetings; and
- ii. Where expiry dates of planning applications are not in time for Council meetings the Lead Councillor will co-ordinate, and give the majority response to the Clerk, within two days of the expiry date (where possible).

CVPC

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b. Responses submitted to Dorset Council before the meeting:

- i. WD/D/20/002768 – Champernhayes Corner, Wootton Fitzpaine, DT6 6DF – No objection but with the exception that the council does not approve of the request to locate a caravan on the site. Additional comment of adherence to the 3-year deadline.
- ii. WD/D/20/003074 – The Old Rectory, Elsdons Lane, Monkton Wyld, DT6 6DA - (moved to c. "Responses to be considered at the meeting" (below)).

c. Responses to be considered at the meeting:

- i. WD/D/20/003123 – Mead Cottage, Wootton Fitzpaine, DT6 6RH – No objection, in principle, to the extension, however concerns expressed about detriment to the neighbour's light, albeit of minimal disruption because of the presence of high hedging.
Proposed by Cllr. Peck and seconded by Cllr. Noon. Agreed unanimously with one abstention owing to Wi-Fi issue.
- ii. WD/D/20/003074 – The Old Rectory, Elsdons Lane, Monkton Wyld, DT6 6DA – No objection. Cllr. Hansford confirmed that a majority of eight councillors had supported the "No objection".

d. Dorset Council Decisions:

Noted.

e. Enforcement:

None.

Cllr. Noon noted that the new planning website has not retained the map feature and asked if the Clerk could ask Dorset Council if the map feature could be retained.

4645: Finance:

a. Payments:

The payments for January 2021, as below, were approved.

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

PAYMENTS FOR JANUARY 2021

Payee	Details	Cheque no.	Receipt no.	Amount
Mr S Lee	Play area grass cut plus other	500387	0121/1	£ 144.00
Geosphere	Parish online 23.07.20.to 23.07.21	500388	0121/2	£ 58.00
PKF Littlejohn LLP	Limited assurance review	500389	0121/3	£ 48.00
Annette Marks	Microsoft 365	500390	0121/4	£ 79.99
M H Stainer	Clerk's pay for 01.21	500391	0121/5	£ 468.07
HMRC	PAYE for 01.21	500392	0121/5	£ 112.40
M H Stainer	Arnold-Baker Local Council Admin.	500393	0121/6	£ 123.80
M H Stainer	SLCC fee	500394	0121/7	£ 140.00
Hilary Joyce	GoToMeeting subscription	500395	0121/8	£ 36.00
Whitchurch Can. PCC	Additional graveyard payment	500396	0121/9	£ 160.00
Wootton Fitz. PCC	Additional graveyard payment	500397	0121/10	£ 160.00
Monkton Wyld PCC	Additional graveyard payment	500398	0121/11	£ 155.00
Fishponds PCC	Additional graveyard payment	500399	0121/12	£ 35.00
Stanton St. G. PCC	Additional graveyard payment	500400	0121/13	£ 30.00
James Hargreaves	Additional graveyard payment	500451	0121/14	£ 30.00
TOTAL				£1,780.26

b. Precept for 2021-22:

Submission approved by Dorset Council.

c. Wildoes grant request:

Cllr. Joyce reported on a grant request from Wildoes. No grant awarded.



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4646: CVPC policy reviews:

Cllr. Joyce explained the basis for the review and a desire to review and, if necessary, update CVPC policies.

Cllr. Carey offered to bring a draft of an update of the Climate Change and Environmental Emergency policy, based on the response that the council sent Dorset Council, to the next meeting.

4647: Parish Meetings 2021:

Cllr. Joyce explained the requirement to have individual parish meetings in each of the three CVPC parishes by the end of April 2021.

Cllr. Joyce asked for the councillors to liaise with her to organise the three individual virtual meetings. All councillors from each parish are asked to attend.

4648: Report from Climate Change and Environmental Emergency Working Party / River Char:

- Cllr. Carey has submitted CVPC's response to Dorset Council and a copy is on our website.
- Cllr. Carey commented on the Dorset Cultural Strategy and noted the absence, therein, of references to their own climate change policy. Cllr. Carey asked if CVPC would support writing to Dorset Council on this matter. Cllr. Christopher suggested contacts at Dorset Council who were appropriate to contact.
- Cllr. Carey proposed writing to Dorset Council on behalf of CVPC on the inclusion of the Climate and Change and Ecological Emergency in each of their nine ambition statements. Proposed by Cllr. Carey and seconded by Cllr. Hansford. Agreed unanimously.
- Cllr. Carey proposed writing to Dorset Council on behalf of CVPC to seek feedback from all parish councils on the whole of their Cultural Strategy. comments on the draft response needs to be submitted to the working group by 6pm on 14 February 2021. Proposed by Cllr. Carey and seconded by Cllr. Hansford. Agreed unanimously.
- River Char Project. Cllr. Carey reported that Ian Rees has made a video which can be seen on our website and that comment is sought from the online questionnaire on the website. Councillors discussed mechanisms for publicising the website and comment sought.
- Cllr.s Vaughan, Carey and Noon agreed to discuss how to publicise the questionnaire.
- Cllr. Joyce asked Cllr. Vaughan to ask for an extension of time from Ian Rees to allow the information to go out with Char Chat.
- Cllr. Joyce agreed to draft a communication note to contact other parish councils to seek involvement in the River Char Project feedback.

4649: Report from Communications Working Party:

- Cllr. Noon reported that the next Char Chat news would be targeted for 1st April 2021.
- Cllr. Noon commented that our website's lack of full conformity with WCAG recommendations for accessibility will take time to address and we plan to keep the current website for another six months.
- Cllr. Vaughan commended the new website and work done by Cllr. Carey but noted that support, on a voluntary website, may be difficult to justify.
- Cllr. Joyce noted that the Clerk may take over some of the website updating duties and that Cllr. Carey will liaise with him on how the website is managed.

4650: Report from Cllr. Christopher (Dorset Council):

- Cllr. Christopher commented about retrospective planning applications and that very few applications make it to the planning committee at Dorset Council.
- Cllr. Christopher continues to chase poor Broadband issues.
- Cllr. Christopher commented that there may be changes in our parliamentary / constituency boundaries in the future.
- Cllr. Christopher stated that, in the context of the Local Plan and West Dorset, we do not have any settlements that fall in to either of Tier 1, 2 or 3.
- Cllr. Christopher stated his desire for lorries to be diverted from Chideock and Morcombelake.
- Cllr. Noon noted that the Local Plan doesn't address rural life, with no investment planned.



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- Cllr. Peck asked whether Dorset Council have any plans to deal with the Government's strategy to do away with domestic fuel oil by 2030.
- Cllr. Vaughan thanked Cllr. Christopher for his work on the broadband issue and asked for "Broadband" to be a separate agenda item for the next meeting.

4651: Report from Farming Interests Working Party:

- Nothing additional to report.

4652: Report from Local Amenities Working Party:

- Cllr. Creed-Castle commented that there are a few typing errors on the website that need amending.
- Cllr. Creed-Castle is continuing to work on grit bin locations, fill levels, type and whether broken.

4653: Report from Planning Working Party:

- Cllr. Mahaddie emphasised the need for all to feed in comments to the Dorset Council Local Plan.
- Cllr. Mahaddie commented there is difficulty commenting on planning applications when there is a lack of local knowledge. It was suggested that where there is no design and access statement, and the application is not straight forward, the applicant should be contacted by the Lead Councillor (or delegated), so that councillors could be better informed before decisions are taken.
- Cllr. Joyce reminded councillors that if they speak with members of the public who oppose applications they should also speak with the applicant.

4654: Report from Staffing Committee:

- Cllr. Peck reported that she has e-mailed the Clerk his contract and reminded him of his probationary period.

4655: Report from Transport Working Party:

- Cllr. Noon reported that there is a response date of 16th February 2021 for HMG's draft Strategy for Rural Transport. A summary of papers has been circulated to all councillors. Cllr. Joyce proposed that Cllr. Noon's report, with amendments as suggested by Cllr. Hansford, are adopted as the Council's response to the draft Strategy for Rural Transport. Proposed by Cllr. Carey and seconded by Cllr. Hansford. Agreed unanimously.
- Cllr. Noon reported on the issue of horse riding and crossing the A35 and invited councillors to seek comments and pass to Cllr. Hansford.

4656: Report from Whitchurch Canonorum Playground Working Party:

- Cllr. Eager reported on the benches.

4657: Working Parties:

- Cllr. Peck asked for clarification on the previously presented Councillor's Report and the recording of resident enquiries.
- Cllr. Joyce reminded councillors that potholes should be reported directly to Dorset Council with a two-month deadline.
- Cllr. Joyce clarified that councillors should still retain ownership of individual resident's queries but should refer them to the relevant Working Party for a response.
- Cllr. Joyce asked the Chairperson of each Working Party to send their terms of reference to Cllr. Peck, Cllr. Carey and the Clerk.
- Confirmed that Working Parties are not decision-making bodies.

4658: Date of the next meeting:

- 8th March 2021 at 7.30pm via remote invitation using 'GoToMeeting'.

Meeting closed at 21.38.



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