



CHAR VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

424th Meeting of Char Valley Parish Council held remotely on 8th March 2021

MINUTES

4659: Present:

Cllrs. H Joyce (Chair), A Carey, J Eager, T Hansford, S Johnson, J Jones, C Mahaddie, C Noon, C Peck, K Vaughan. M Stainer (Clerk). Cllr. S Creed-Castle joined the meeting at item 4665. In attendance: Cllr. S Christopher (Dorset Council).

4660: Apologies for absence:

C Bailey, S Creed-Castle.

4661: Public forum:

No members of the public present.

4662: Declarations of interest:

Cllr. Johnson declared an interest in item 7.b.(i) Higher Abbots Wootton Farm.

Cllr. Carey declared an interest in item 20. Lifelines leaflet project.

4663: Resolution to approve the minutes of the 423rd CVPC meeting held on 8th February 2021

(and amended minutes of 422nd CVPC meeting held on 11th January 2021).

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

4664: Actions following last meeting:

As mentioned in reports.

In addition:

- The Clerk has sent a further letter to Co-operative Bank requesting change of address, confirmation of signatories and the account opening date (for the purpose of online security checks).
- Lloyds have confirmed that CVPC can open an account.
- The Clerk has contacted Footprints in readiness for Char Chat.

4665: Planning applications:

a. Responses submitted to Dorset Council before the meeting:

- WD/D/20/003074 – The Old Rectory, Elsdons Lane, Monkton Wyld, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 6DA – submitted.

b. Responses to be considered at the meeting:

- WD/D/20/003179 – Higher Abbots Wootton Farm, Wootton Fitzpaine, DT6 6NL. – No objection.
- WD/D/20/003023 – Ship Farm, Shipp Knapp, Morcombelake, DT6 6EW – No objection.
- WD/D/20/003024 – Ship Farm, Shipp Knapp, Morcombelake, DT6 6EW – No objection.
- WD/D/20/003220 – Land North West of Spence Farm, Spence Lane, Wootton Fitzpaine – Cllr. Hansford to make further enquiries and respond by e-mail.
- WD/D/21/000012 – High Bullen, Sun Lane, Morcombelake, DT6 6DL – No objection.

Two additional applications received post the sending out of the agenda:

- WD/D/20/002564 – Cobblestones, Berne Lane, Charmouth, Bridport, DT6 6RD – No objection.
- WD/D/21/000082 – Carters Lane, Morcombelake, DT6 6SF – No objection, subject to bat survey.

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

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c. Dorset Council Decisions:

Noted.

d. Enforcement:

None.

4666: Finance:

Payments:

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

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

PAYMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2021

Payee	Details	Cheque no.	Receipt no.	Amount
DAPTC	Online planning training	500452	0221/1	£ 117.00
DAPTC	Online planning training	500453	0221/2	£ 78.00
Mr S Lee	Footpath signs	500454	0221/3	£ 86.40
M H Stainer	Clerk's pay for 02.21	500455	0221/4	£ 468.07
HMRC	PAYE for 02.21	500456	0221/4	£ 112.40
TOTAL				£ 861.87

Coastal Community Cupboard are supplying a "Soup and soul service" and CVPC discussed supporting the service with a grant of £250.

Proposed by Cllr. Jones and seconded by Cllr. Peck. Agreed unanimously.

4667: CVPC policy reviews:

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.

4668: Parish Meetings 2021:

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

4669: Report from Climate Change and Environmental Emergency Working Party / River Char:

- Cllr. Carey reported that he has written 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.
- River Char Community Project. Cllr. Joyce reported that the DAONB have approved the name, which was suggested by the Communications Working Party. And approved by CVPC.
- Cllr. Joyce reported that CVPC has submitted the leaflet prepared by Cllr. Carey and PR plan to DAONB. DAONB were reluctant to expand publicity regionally, preferring to keep the publicity local (Bridport News and Char Chat). Thanks were given to Cllr. Carey for his work in preparing the leaflet.
- Cllr. Joyce offered a recommendation of support for a smaller, more limited approach as suggested by DAONB.

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

- Cllr. Carey advised that the cost of the leaflets would be about £120 and no objections were received from councillors.
- Cllr. Joyce reported that she has not yet contacted the other parish councils regarding the River Char Project.
- Cllr. Vaughan commented that there were two reported cases of E Coli in surfers over the last three weeks off Charmouth beach.

4670: Report from Communications Working Party:

- Cllr. Noon asked for articles for the next Char Chat news, targeted for the week of 25th March 2021 for delivery of the electronic format to Footprints.
- Cllr. Noon commented on the three considerations of: (i) PR; (ii) leaflets; and (iii) the handling of communication by either of Cllrs. Joyce and Carey.



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4671: Report from Cllr. Christopher (Dorset Council): (reported after 4674 below)

- Cllr. Christopher commented about discussion with a neighbouring parish with regard to an all-weather trailway from Chideock to Bridport.
- Cllr. Noon asked if the route could be continued to Lyme.
- Cllr. Christopher commented that Dorset Council have done more gritting around Whitchurch and, in particular, Crooked Lane, with a desire to also look at drainage here, and at Gooden's Hill.
- Cllr. Peck asked again whether Dorset Council have any plans to deal with the Government's strategy to do away with domestic fuel oil by 2030. Cllr. Christopher reported no response yet.

4672: Report from Farming Interests Working Party:

- Cllr. Johnson reported that the Agricultural Transition Plan runs to about 66 pages.

4673: Report from Local Amenities Working Party:

- Cllr. Joyce confirmed the original name of the working party was the "Local Amenities Working Party" and invited discussion on the preferred name for the working party.
- Cllr. Carey reported on Cllr. Creed-Castle's work on the grit bin locations.
- Cllr. Carey agreed to circulate revised terms of reference within the working party and to agree a preferred name.

4674: Report from Planning Working Party:

a. CVPC response to Dorset Council Local Plan Consultation:

- Cllr. Mahaddie reported on the draft response to the Dorset Council Local Plan.
- Cllr. Noon suggested an amendment with regard to the acceptance of sustainable growth as this principle has been agreed previously.
- Cllrs. Vaughan and Joyce thanked Cllr. Mahaddie for her work on the response and commented on the need for resilience in the Plan.
- Cllr. Joyce called for a vote to submit the draft response, with the omission of 2.1.1.
Proposed by Cllr. Noon and seconded by Cllr. Carey. Agreed unanimously.

b. Broadband – how to increase DC ambition for neglected areas:

- Cllr. Christopher reported that Dorset Council have a strong ambition to support broadband rollout.
- Cllr. Vaughan reported that BT surveys had been carried out but was looking for some acceleration from Dorset Council and asked Cllr. Christopher how this could best be lobbied. Cllr. Christopher asked for e-mails requesting better broadband to be sent to him.
- Cllr. Joyce called for a vote to submit an e-mail on behalf of the council about the broadband situation.
Proposed by Cllr. Vaughan and seconded by Cllr. Johnson. Agreed unanimously.

4675: Report from Staffing Committee:

Nothing to report.

4676: Report from Transport Working Party:

- Cllr. Joyce asked permission for Cllr. Noon to represent CVPC in the WATAG transport plan for West Dorset.

a. Erosion of banks along Bluntshay Lane:

- Lorries have been bashing against a narrow part of the lane and Cllr. Creed Castle has asked for a letter to go from the parish council to the contractor responsible. Cllr. Christopher offered to have discussions with Denhay in place of a letter from the parish council.
- Cllr. Peck reported that the bank needed to be repaired.

4677: Report from Whitchurch Canonorum Playground Working Party:

- Nothing to report.

4678: Lifelines leaflet request:

- Cllr. Carey reiterated the purpose of the project as an attempt to identify land that is farmed or managed without chemical pesticides, herbicides and fungicides.
- Parishes and National Trust have signed up to the project.
- Cllr. Joyce called for a vote to include the Lifelines leaflet in the next issue of Char Chat without charge.
Proposed by Cllr. Peck and seconded by Cllr. Hansford. Agreed unanimously.

4679: Fox hunting – update and request:

- Cllr. Vaughan reported on several incidents with the local foxhunt coming onto private land, the latest being in January 2021, and the distress caused.
- Cllr. Vaughan asked if the council could request information on when the two active hunts were likely to be active.
- A lengthy discussion took place, and it was agreed to defer further discussion until the next meeting.



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4680: Date of the next meeting:

- 12th April 2021 at 7.30pm via remote invitation using 'GoToMeeting'.

Meeting closed at 21.54.

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