

CHAR VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

FOUR HUNDRED AND TWELTH MEETING OF THE CHAR VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2017 AT WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM VILLAGE HALL

3913: Present: Cllrs D Snook, S Creed-Castle, C Everidge, H Joyce, C Peck, C Mahaddie, S Christopher (WDDC), D Turner (DCC) A Marks (Clerk) Tara Hansford Countryside Project Development Officer, Nicholas Dyson and two members of the public.

3914: Apologies: Cllrs C Bailey, K Vaughan and C Sage

3915: Presentation by Tara Hansford Countryside Project Development Officer – Tara is in charge of an environmental advice team working in West Dorset, she works closely with the rangers looking at rights of way. She runs a strategic project development aimed at getting money from companies throughout the region – she is involved in developing a rights of way improvement plan, road severance, capital improvement, developing the old railway line between West Bay and Maiden Newton, operating a countryside ranger's service in charge of maintenance with two teams in the North and West and one in the East, coastal rangers who maintain 2,000 miles of rights of way, 35 sites and nature reserves, verges, stiles and signage. The senior rangers cover technical issues and the assistant rangers cover the more practical work. Any issues should be reported using the reporting form on the council's website. Tara also has to find capital funding for rights of way projects such as resurfacing, drainage problems, She does not have a budget to work from but looks at each job to see whether the funding can be matched. If we have any projects that we would like her department to be involved in then we would have to find 50% of the funding. Part of the service level agreement that her department operates with the parishes is that the parish contributes 50% of the cost to monitor and maintain pathways.

3916: Public Discussion Period: Nothing was raised

3917: Declarations of interest: Nothing was raised

3918: Resolution to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 17th July 2017: Draft minutes had been circulated and were approved and signed by **Cllr Snook**

3919: Actions following last meeting: – 3896: The clerk has contacted Sandra Brown at National Parks to advise her that CVPC supports the request to Natural England in taking the evaluation of Dorset's eligibility as a National Park to the next stage of assessment.

3897: The clerk together with Cllrs. Everidge and Peck attended the meeting at Chideock Village Hall regarding the proposed by-pass through Chideock. The clerk has contacted WDDC regarding all future planning applications to be listed under the name of the parish council and not under the names of the three villages that make up the parish – James Kidger from WDDC has replied with the following:
The Parishes in question remain separate entities and we have to treat them as such, even though they're grouped together for administrative efficiency. It's a bit like NDDC, WDDC & WPBC joining up as the DCP, but remaining separate, sovereign entities in legal and democratic terms. We can't therefore merge them together on the web.

Cllr Mahaddie asked to contact Chesil Bank Parish Council – another grouped council – to ask whether the councillors had made a similar request and she replied that they had not and did not find it to be a problem.

3901: The clerk has added the Declarations of Pecuniary Interest to CVPC's website, as the previous clerk had collected all the necessary information. It was not necessary to apply for a Transparency grant to undertake the additional work, details of each councillor's additional duties are already on the website but possibly need updating – the clerk will bring the current list to the next meeting. The clerk is attending a Clerk's Seminar at Kingston Maurward College on 21 September and a course for New and Nearly New Clerks at the YMCA in Dorchester on 12 September.

3905: The clerk has again contacted Mike Trew for a price for the signage in Taylors Lane and is still awaiting a reply.

The clerk has purchased a used copy of Microsoft Office Professional 2007 through Ebay costing £31.00 and this has been loaded onto the laptop. This contains both Publisher and Powerpoint – it will enable us to produce our own copies of Char Chat and the laptop should be able to do presentations.

Annual Canvass for the Register of Electors - the clerk has obtained posters from the Elections Team at Dorset regarding this and they will be displayed in all parish council's noticeboards.

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3920: Reports:

Dorset Association of Town and Parish Councils: Cllr Snook attended a meeting on 7th September in Bridport, Mr Hill the director had no further information on the unitary situation. The AGM will take place at County Hall on 4th November – funding in tourism, toilets, street sweeping and grants maybe reduced. The West Dorset Local Plan is now in place however Cllr Turner does not think that it has been ratified.

Bridport Local Area Partnership: Cllr Everidge said that Lyme Regis police station is short of a PCSO, one of the officers had retired and another officer has been moved to Bridport which is only open two days a week. BLAP were very happy with the fingerpost display at the Melplash Show. There is a joint parish meeting on 20th September.

Transport: Cllr Everidge: WATAG are meeting on 28th September and hopefully we will find out where we are with the buses – Thorncombe operates a good scheme.

Trees and hedges: Cllr Peck reported on a fallen tree between Baker's Cross and Catherston Lewiston

Ancient Monuments: the pub at Shave Cross is closed until further notice, Cllr Snook advised the meeting that it had been sold

3921: Councillor Reports:

Cllr Snook: the footpath officer at Wootton Fitzpaine is probably stepping down. Cllr Snook had received an E mail from Civil Contingencies Officer at Dorset LRF with a questionnaire regarding the burial capacity in the local cemetery.

Cllr Everidge: advised the meeting that she had had a positive meeting with highways.

Cllr Creed-Castle: was concerned that despite the clerk E mailing the enforcement officer on three occasions regarding the camp site at Pilsden View nothing had been done and the sire was operational for more than 28 days. Cllr Turner informed the meeting that Kevin Perry the enforcement officer is on long term sick leave and very little is being done, he requested that any enforcement issues are cc'd to him.

Cllr Joyce: nothing to report

Cllr Mahaddie: advised the meeting the field opposite James Hargreaves Community Hall is up for auction in October

Cllr Johnson: with the start of the new school term Cllr Johnson was concerned about the lack of school buses, eight families from Whitchurch Canonorum go to the school at Marshwood and as six of them are very young they are not entitled to a seat on the school bus and also they are considered to be in the catchment area of Charmouth School. Last year the parents were quoted a cost of £600 for the use of the school bus from this September, however then DCC withdrew the service the week before term started in September, so if the parents want someone to take the children via minibus / taxi they have to do this privately themselves. Cllr Turner advised the meeting that the seating situation on the buses will be reviewed in October. The parents could contact the school transport appeals office at DCC. Cllr Johnson also mentioned that the gratings need cleaning and Cllr Creed-Castle will contact the lengthsman.

Cllr Peck: nothing to report

3922: County Councillors Report: Cllr D Turner spoke of the school transport issues and budget issues, for the year 2018/19 there is likely to be a £9million short fall which may create a reduction in services The new building in Bridport at the Fisherman's Arms – Bridport Connect – is in abeyance due to a shortfall of funds, there is £4.7million available and the actual costs amount to £6.1million

District Councillors Report: Cllr S Christopher attended a meeting in Chideock regarding the effect of the A35 the lives of the residents, pollution and air quality. Cllr Everidge asked Cllr Christopher for evidence behind the statements that people had been made ill / met early deaths because of the pollution on the A35, he volunteered to identify the same. On Friday Ashley Fox the Euro MP was invited by people in Chideock as there are large areas of concern. The planning committee are meeting on Thursday to look at an application on a listed building – the village in question has a neighbourhood plan.

3923: Planning

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- **To Consider: WD/D/17/002072 EVELIEGHS FIELDS, TIZZARDS KNAPP, MORCOMBELAKE, BRIDPORT, DORSET** Prior notification - Erect barn for the storage of fodder and implements
WD/D/17/001710 STUBBS FARMHOUSE, MONKTON WYLD LANE, MONKTON WYLD, BRIDPORT DT6
Change of use of agricultural barn to residential use – no objection
- **WD/D/17/001691 STUBBS COTTAGE, BLUNTSHAY LANE, WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, BRIDPORT, DT6 6RJ** Erect two single storey extensions and modernise existing property – Cllrs. Creed-Castle and Cllr Mahaddie will look at this later this week
- **To Note: WD/D/17/001262 BREDON, STONEBARROW LANE, CHARMOUTH, BRIDPORT DT6 6RA.**
New external swimming pool and associated plant enclosure – application approved **WD/D/17/001007 MAYFIELD, LOWER ROAD,RYALL DT6 6EJ** – convert existing garage loft into holiday annex and installation of raised deck area and access steps to the rear elevation – now application 001296 – application approved
WD/D/17/001169 DEDLEY FARM, RYALL ROAD, RYALL, BRIDPORT DT6 6EN Demolition and rebuilding of existing ‘cow shed’ to create new bedroom, bathroom, living room, kitchen and terrace – application approved
WD/D/17/001296 MAYFIELD, LOWER LANE, RYALL, BRIDPORT DT6 6EJ Convert existing garage loft into holiday annex and installation of raised decked area and access steps to the rear elevation – (see 001169 above)
WD/D/17/001469 THE OLD COACH HOUSE, SCHOOL LANE, WOOTTON FITZPAINE, BRIDPORT, DT6 6NF Proposed alterations and extension – application approved
WD/D/17/000220 BEFFERLANDS FARM, BERNE LANE, CHARMOUTH, BRIDPORT DT6 6RD Erection of 10 no. self-contained light industrial/craft units with associated parking. Formation of open storage compound for boats and caravans. Formation of a small horticultural enterprise with access drive, parking and polytunnels with provision for selling produce on site – application objected to.
WD/D/16/002881 – VALLEY VIEW, CARTERS LANE, MORCOMBELAKE DT6 6SF - Erect ancillary building – pending as have asked for more information on drainage and sewerage
WD/D/17/00823 PADDOCKS FARM, , PADDOCKS LANE, BROADOAK, BRIDPORT DT6 5NR - Use of the land for siting of camping pods and toilet/shower block – require further information on the erection of hedging to provide privacy on the north side. Specific dates to be given for the removal of the pods for the winter and reinstatement for the following season. The sewerage arrangements will be checked.
WD/D/17/001562 GEORGIES, BAKERY LANE, MORCOMBELAKE, BRIDPORT, DT6 6DW Demolition of conservatory, erection of two storey rear extension and erection of detached double garage – objection

3924: Clerks Report:

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

PAYMENTS SEPTEMBER 2017

Payee	Details	Cheque no.	Receipt no,	Amount
Annette Marks	Clerks pay Aug / Sept 17	500114	0917/1	£1,013.65
Came & Co	Annual insurance	500115	0917/2	£751.76
HMRC	PAYE	500116	0917/3	£96.20
DAPTC	Annual subscription	500117	0917/4	£368.57
S Lee Garden Services	Lengthman’s services	500118	0917/5	£156.00
BDO LLP	Fee for annual return year ending 31.3.17	500119	0917/6	£162.00
				£2,544.78

(ii) The clerk wishes to attend a training session on Budgets and Precepts run by DAPTC on 12th October in Dorchester

3925 A35: the councillors decided to write to Sir Oliver Letwin regarding the proposed works on the A35 at Marshwood Vale – we will oppose any trunk road through Chideock and we must be involved in any further proceedings and discussions. A third of the residents of Chideock, when polled were in favour of not having a bypass in the parish of Chideock, but CVPC and Symondsburry had been completely left out. The council thanked Nicholas Dyson for his input and reporting on current proceedings with regard to the proposed Chideock by pass.

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3926: Verges: See previous comments made by Cllr Mahaddie

3927: Signs for Taylors Lane: we are still waiting to hear from Mike Trew the sign shop manager at Dorset Highways with a price for the signs, the clerk will chase him up again

3928: Verges: knotweed spraying is now done apart from that in Cllr Joyce's road – so far so good.

3929: Exhibition at Whitchurch Canonicorum: this has been postponed until the Easter holidays

3930: BLAP unitary authority and contributions for BLAP on concerns relating to the Unitary Authority meeting on 20th September Cllr Everidge and the clerk will attend the meeting at Mountfield and report back at the next council meeting

3931: Char Chat: the clerk will prepare the draft of the next edition for the meeting in October, it will be proof read beforehand by Cllrs Mahaddie and Snook – the following will write reports to be E mailed back to the clerk during the first week in October

Cllr Snook – precept

Cllr Everidge – dark skies, A35

Cllr Mahaddie – verges

Cllr Peck – finger posts

The clerk - introduction

3932: DAPTC photo competition: details of this was passed to Cllr Creed-Castle

3933: Grantfinder4local government: nothing was raised

3934: Char Valley name: we will write to Cllr Turner on this subject

3935: Enforcement issues: there is ongoing activity at Muddyford Lane both on and off the site, the clerk will write to the owners of Briggs Farm and Little Oak Farm as the hedges are very overgrown. There are concerns that work other than farming is taking place at Briggs Farm.

3936: Items for next agenda: A35, Char Chat, Superfast Broadband, Taylors Lane

3937: Annual finance meeting: this will take place at the village hall at Whitchurch Canonicorum at 19.30 on 6th November – Cllrs. Snook, Johnson and Creed-Castle and the clerk to attend

3938: Date of next meeting: 9th October 2017 at Wootton Fitzpaine village hall

3939: Any matters of urgency: nothing to report

3940: Meeting closed at 10.00pm