

CHAR VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

FOUR HUNDRED AND TENTH MEETING OF THE CHAR VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 12th JUNE 2017 AT WOOTTON FITZPAINE VILLAGE HALL

3868: Present: Cllrs: D Snook, S Creed-Castle, C Everidge, H Joyce, C Mahaddie, S Johnson, C Sage, D Turner (DCC). S Christopher (WDDC), A Marks (Clerk) and one member of the public

3869: Apologies : K Vaughan, C Bailey and C Peck

3870: Public Discussion Period: there were no questions raised

3871: Resolution to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 10th May 2017: Draft minutes had been circulated and were approved and signed by **Cllr Snook**

3872: Actions following last meeting: The clerk has E mailed the parish clerk at Chideock regarding the A35 bypass and will bring her reply to June's meeting. The clerk has E mailed the new community highways officer for Marshwood Vale asking him to contact Mrs Tidy from Wootton Fitzpaine regarding the mounds of earth left by highways. He confirmed in his E mail of 23rd May that he visited Mr Tidy and has passed his concerns onto the site supervisor responsible for the resurfacing works a Mr Stephen Higgs who will investigate the matter further; he will contact the clerk again as soon as he receives his reply. The clerk thanked him on behalf of CVPC for attending to the potholes in Morcombelake. The clerk has E mailed Tara Hansford inviting her to our meeting in July but have yet to receive a reply. The clerk will write to her again next week.

The clerk has received a further E mail from Simon Roberts confirming that he had issued a works order for the gully outside Cllr. Johnson's house to be filled – the clerk passed this information onto Cllr. Johnson. Cllr. Peck asked the clerk to contact highways regarding the potholes in Lower Lane in Ryall, she had been contacted by Michael West one of the residents as the road surface is very bad. The clerk is pleased to report that following her E mail Simon Roberts issued a request for the 14 potholes in Lower Lane to be repaired the following day. Mr West was very happy and said that we had managed to achieve results in 48 hours and he had been trying for 5 months. Signage in Taylors Lane – the clerk has received an E mail from Mike Trew the sign shop manager for Dorset Highways asking for more details regarding the sign we wish to be erected, this will be discussed at June's meeting.

3873: Reports:

Dorset Association of Town and Parish Councils: **Cllr Snook** the AGM takes place in November and any councillor can put forward a proposal – this has to be submitted by 28th July. It was suggested that Cllr Peck propose that people who wish to have tree works undertaken report these jobs to us as WDDC are no longer advising us. Any substantial tree works should be reported as we live in an AONB and Conservation area.

Bridport Local Area Partnership: **Cllr Everidge** advised that both she and the clerk would be attending the BLAP meeting at Mountfield on 15th June. BLAP is looking at the number of homeless people i.e. people without a roof; one way of checking is seeing the number that visit the food bank. The subject was raised of the Melplash Show and whether Char Valley via BLAP would like to have some presence and the repairs of the fingerposts was suggested.

Transport: **Cllr Everidge** Highways England has no plans for any further works until autumn.

Trees and hedges: **Cllr Everidge** advised the meeting that the enforcement officer is aware of the tree problem in Sun Lane.

3874: Councillor Reports:

Cllr Snook: the new highways officer Simon Roberts visited Mrs Tidy and has passed on her concerns to Russ Goff. Clarification has been sought with Wootton Village Hall's insurance company regarding insurance cover for Wootton Playing Field which belongs jointly to CVPC and WDDC. The village hall's insurance broker has written "If a user were holding an event which spills over onto the Playing Fields then the Village Hall insurance would cover the activities, but if someone were injured or their property damaged due to a defect with the land itself then the Village Hall committee would not be held responsible and so any claim would need to be made against the landowners." CVPC's insurance company have said that if the Parish Council could be proved to be at fault, then cover would be available for any defect in the land, but otherwise there would be no cover. From these 2 statements, the village hall committee concluded that all eventualities are covered.

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Cllr Everidge: mentioned an article in the Sunday Times of 11th June relating to a festival being held for villages with the word Whitchurch in their name. Cllr Joyce had been contacted several times by the organisers and had said that the village has only a small number of residents many of whom are engaged in agriculture and tourism who don't have the time during the summer to take part.

Cllr Creed-Castle: Stoke Mill Lane – the list of landowners have been provided with a map, it is felt that the problems were caused by farming practices over the last 30 years. Paddocks Farm – there is now a huge drive being created at the entrance and a garden is being started it looks as if a campsite is being set up – can we establish what is going on. The clerk will contact WDDC for clarification on the need for planning approval for an entrance being established onto a property. We need to ensure that we get sight of planning applications on properties in parishes bordering ours.

Cllr Joyce: advised that there will be a welcome day in Whitchurch on 25th June – this has been organised by the church. There is a cost of £5.00 for visiting the gardens and afternoon tea will be served

Cllr Johnson: Cllr Vaughan E mailed to report that between Sue and the clerk reporting it they have filled the potholes along Gassons Lane- however it is with road chippings so they will wash out in the next big rains storm.

Cllr Mahaddie: a notice was put up to say that Pitmans Lane and Love Lane would be closed on 22nd May but no one turned up, can we contact Simon Roberts to find out why.

3874: County Councillors Report: Cllr D Turner reported that the new council had been elected and he had retained his seat. He advised that the plans for Bridport Connect had been completed and will cost £6.1 million to build – it will be on the site of the current day centre The Fisherman's Arms. He also advised the meeting where the responsibility lies for the following

Adopted roads – Highways

Unadopted roads – Owner's responsibility

BOAT (byeways open to all traffic) – County Council

3875: District Councillors Report: Cllr S Christopher advised that a new strategy committee were meeting to discuss the substantial amounts of money available for the Shire Hall in Dorchester – this is where the Tolpuddle martyrs were tried and is open to the public. The planning committee are busier in the summer, on 6th July they are looking at the planning application in respect of St. Michaels Trading Estate in Bridport. The school buses are changing and there will be a press release on Friday – one bus / one school. He also discussed the importance of defibrillators – he came across an accident when a car hit a hedge driven by a man aged 79 who had suffered from a heart attack. Cllr Christopher managed to access a defibrillator and he asked whether CVPC could have more in the area in particular Wootton Fitzpaine although Cllr Snook said there had not been much interest. We will look again at the POPP application form.

3876: Planning

i) To Consider: None to consider

ii) To Note: 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.

WD/D/17/001007 The Old Rectory, School Lane, Wootton Fitzpaine, Bridport DT6 6NF – Removing existing car port and erect studio/office building and erect double car port – no objection

WD/D/16/001250 land between Harcombe House & Pippins, Pitman's Lane – the appeal has been rejected and the application has been dismissed

iii) West Dorset District Council Decisions (to note):

iv) Appeal Decision – None to consider

v) Enforcement: WD/D/16/000045 Byways, Wootton Fitzpaine, DT6 6NJ. Replacement dwelling and conversion of residential annexe to ancillary garage and removal of outbuildings – this application was approved last year however the building that has been erected is very large and we need to check that it falls within the original plans. The clerk has contacted the enforcement officer and received a reply saying that the matter is being investigated and she will write as soon as she has any information.

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3877: Clerks Report:

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

PAYMENTS JUNE 2017

Payee	Details	Cheque no.	Receipt no,	Amount
Carolyn Peck	Photocopying for fingerpost project	500106	0617/1	£9.50
Annette Marks	Clerks pay - June 2017	500107	0617/2	£416.97
HMRC	PAYE - June 2017	500108	0617/3	£27.80
S Lee Garden Services	Lengthman's services May 2017	500109	0617/4	£811.20
S Creed-Castle	Photocopying	500110	0617/5	£22.00
TOTAL FOR JUNE				£1,287.47

(ii) I have E Mailed planning department in Dorchester and asked them to check whether adequate arrangements have been made for the clearance of sewerage at Paddocks Farm.

I have E mailed the enforcement officer regarding the property at Byways in Wootton Fitzpaine and to check whether the building conforms to the original planning application and they have replied to say that they are looking at the matter and will report back when they have definite answer.

I am in the process of submitting the VAT refund which totals £850.49. The meeting with the auditor went well and she has signed off the accounts for tax year ending 5 April 2017.

3878: Contribution to BLAP – there is another meeting of BLAP on 15 June concerning the potential replacement of Dorset's nine councils with two unitary authorities– and CVPC will be raising the following questions; financing, the councillors are volunteers not professionals so who should they call on with their concerns.

3879: Fingerposts: Cllr Snook will contact **Cllr Peck** to see if we want to have an exhibit at Melplash Show on fingerposts with before and after photographs

3880: Verges: Cllr Mahaddie has contacted the new contractor James Rose, he is due to visit the area but not sure when. The blue post areas are being taken back by Dorset County Council.

3881: Char Chat: Ivan no longer wishes to take this on all that is needed is a computer with Microsoft Publisher – the clerk checked her laptop and whilst Publisher is part of the package it would seem that it requires activation. The items to be included are as follows

- Precept (Cllr Snook)
- Fingerposts (Cllr Peck)
- National Parks (Cllr Everidge)
- Dark skies (Cllr Everidge)
- Neighbourhood plan and not to do it
- Verges (Cllr Mahaddie)
- Introduction to new clerk (Annette)
- Advert for 2 councillors
- Footpath officer for Wootton Fitzpaine

3882: Signs for Taylor's Lane there is a possibility of 2/3 entrances where the sign should be placed. Cllr Mahaddie will contact Mr Green who lives in the lane for his thoughts on the wording and positioning of the sign. She will then meet up with the clerk and the council to discuss this further.

3883: Conservation area / unitary council Cllr Snook to contact Simon Christopher to find out what it would entail if this were to be set up in Wootton Fitzpaine and Monkton Wyld

3884: National Parks we looked at whether we take to supporting the National Park to the next stage, if we do there is no commitment on our behalf and it was decided that we would support going towards the next

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stage of the assessment so that we have more information regarding the scheme. Cllr Everidge handed out some information written by Sandra and Richard Brown entitled 'A 21st Century National Park for Dorset'. She also handed some information dated 15 May 2017 entitled Chideock Society joined Councillors to support proposed Dorset National Park written by the Dorset and East Devon National Park team which said that Chideock parish councillors have been joined by members of the Chideock Society in expressing support for the proposed Dorset National Park. Villagers joined the councillors to hear a presentation on the National Park proposal and resolved unanimously to welcome the opportunities a National Park could offer Dorset and to invite Natural England to take its assessment of the proposal to the next stage. This follows a similar welcome for the National Park initiative by members of the Beaminster Society at their recent annual meeting.

3885: Management of memorials no interest

3886: 2017-18 Website funding dates no interest

3887: Items for next agenda: Trees – notification, update on verges, BLAP report, Taylors Lane, POPP defibrulators, Fingerposts. Cllr Everidge will chair the meeting in July.

3888: Date of next meeting: Monday 17th July 2017 at James Hargreaves Community Hall.

3889: Any matters of urgency: None were raised.

3890: Closure of Meeting: The meeting was closed at 9.25pm.