

## CHAR VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY THIRD MEETING OF THE CHAR VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018 AT JAMES HARGREAVES COMMUNITY HALL

**4184: Present:** Cllrs: S Creed-Castle, H Joyce, C Mahaddie, C Everidge, R Colby, C Sage, J Eager, D Snook, K Vaughan, S Johnson, A Marks (Clerk), Allan Gore, Phyllis Diment

**4185: Apologies for absence:** Cllr. Peck, Cllr. Bailey, Cllr. Turner, Cllr. Christopher

**4186: Public Discussion Period:** Phyllis Diment was concerned that local residents around the James Hargreaves Hall had been asked to cut back their hedges so that the double decker bus X51 could pass through. CVPC advised her that they are was not on the proposed bus route but in any event it is the responsibility of land owners to ensure that any overhanging trees are 14' above the road.

**4187: Introduction to Sarah Dewe:** Ms. Dewe was unable to attend

**4188: Declarations of Interest:** None

**4189: Resolution to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018:** agreed unanimously

**4190: Clerk's actions following the last meeting:** The clerk was the only clerk to attend a seminar run by DAPTC at Kingston Maurward House on 18<sup>th</sup> September, the two main topics discussed being the council elections in 2019 and unitary authority.

A further donation of £500 towards to the restoration of The White Gates has been given from the children of Philippa Hill now aged 97 who is the granddaughter of Alfred Capper Pass who originally built the White Gates. See [https://www.freshford.com/pass\\_150.htm](https://www.freshford.com/pass_150.htm). There is also an article written by Philippa Hill about her life as a child living in Wootton Fitzpaine which can be found at [http://www.freshford.com/pass\\_home.htm](http://www.freshford.com/pass_home.htm). £100 has also been received from Miss P Fortescue of Lyme Regis. and the Shadow Council

The clerk and Cllr Everidge attended the BLAP Parish Liaison Meeting in Bridport on 26 September and it was agreed that BLAP will continue to facilitate the joint engagement between Bridport area councillors

The clerk designed a poster to be used to advertise the second WW1 exhibition on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> November at the LSI in Bridport.

The clerk researched the British Legion website for a poppy wreath to commemorate 100 years since the end of WW1 and found some measuring 17" in diameter and costing £18.99 each with a



personalised message.

Martin Hill, DCC has said that all salt bins will be refilled by the end of October.

The second half of the precept totalling £9,448.00 has been received but the grant for £250 towards

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the WW1 exhibition held in March, has not arrived. The parish council currently hold their bank account with the Co-op Bank, unfortunately the Bridport branch closed some time ago and the nearest branches are located in Exeter and Taunton, The clerk visited the local branch of HSBC Bank in Bridport to investigate the opening of a free community account (used for clubs and societies), following discussion about whether the branch is scheduled for closure, will look into this further.

WDDC has requested that the final precept notification for 2018/19 be submitted by 31 January 2019. The finance committee will meet to discuss this.

### 4191: Reports:

#### BLAP

##### Parish Liaison

With regard to the **Unitary Authority** it is accepted that organisation of the body must come first. However - due to the cost in terms of time and monetary expense PCs cannot keep attending non-productive meetings. Only Town Councils are invited to Shadow Executive Committee meetings and DAPTC can only make representations during public speaking. To best engage with the Shadow Executive BLAP is to invite an elected member of The Shadow Council to a BLAP Parish Liaison meeting and BLAP will continue to act as facilitator for Bridport Parish Councils giving a stronger voice on areas of agreement and common interest. A list of questions and issues raised so far will be circulated to PCs This does NOT replace PCs making their own submissions.

The main concern is the current state / future of planning.

#### Health and Well-Being

**Patient Participation Group** (PPG) numbers are dwindling. Concerns that tourism / health is in jeopardy due to **poor public toilets** – the vulnerable are increasingly isolated. To encourage businesses to allow needy people to use their facilities Macmillan have a card on a key ring. Changing Places UK has a website providing a map of accessible toilets. [http://www.changing-places.org/find\\_a\\_toilet.aspx](http://www.changing-places.org/find_a_toilet.aspx)

#### Provision for Homeless

Amongst others **Bridport Cupboard Love** provides food for 10 children per week; there are children who cannot use a knife and fork – food is cold or comes out of a kettle; the numbers of women wayfarers has increased in general increase of wayfarers. Donations of 'gently used' single bedding is always welcome.

#### WATAG

Measures are being taken to accelerate the accessibility of roads to double deckers. Firstly, they planned to divert one of the X51 double deckers via Whitchurch and Ryall to accommodate students there. When they first started using double deckers in 2017, they had to discontinue at the time and revert to single deckers as there were too many trees. This led to overcrowding problems, so the bus had to be put back on the main road. The students on that section have been able to get on the A1 bus but this bus is also full. Trees can be cut back for properties of 10+ at around £50 per property. People who have cut their trees are impatient to know where the buses are; those who cannot board buses because school children have priority want to know if it is worth trying to catch them on the off-chance.

A local train user informs staff on board the train from Waterloo that he has mobility difficulties and, whenever possible, they change the track at Dorchester South so that he does not have to cross the bridge.

#### DAPTC:

Cllr. Snook will be attending the AGM of the DAPTC on 10<sup>th</sup> November. The following motions were supported unanimously by CVPC

Motion 1 (from Beaminster Town Council)

NALC to lobby the Government to restore funding to Local Authorities to enable them to support (subsidise) bus services and other forms of public transport in rural areas

Motion 2 (from Bryanston Parish Council)

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Parish (and town) councils should be actively involved in all consultations between developers and planners, and directly involved in the resulting decision-making.

Motion 3 (from Chideock Parish Council)

NALC to urgently lobby central government to completely overhaul how adult and child social care services are funded.

Motion 5 (from Silton Parish Meeting)

Chairmen of Parish Meetings to be provided with their own copies of their Parish Electoral Registers (*Char Valley Parish Council support this motion but thought that it happened anyway.*)

Motion 4 (from Lyme Regis Town Council)

Lyme Regis Town Council would like NALC to continue to pursue the means for Town and Parish Councils to receive a percentage (e.g.5%) of Business Rates paid by businesses, within their town and parished areas.

Motion 4 was not supported.

**Action:Cllr Snook**

### **Verges**

The clerk still awaits a reply regarding cutting the verges in Blunthays Lane.

### **Cllr Everidge**

#### **Stanton St Gabriel**

The street light on Star Lane has been fixed – thanks to Magna SSE and Western Power!

Safety concerns have been logged in response to landowners cutting hedges / trees to give a 14 feet clearance over roads. A service is available for groups of ten or more at £50 property Awaiting a map from Chris Hook Dorset Transport Service Manager

Road surface water Stonebarrow Lane – Cllr.Everidge spent considerable time on this in 2016 and understood that the problem of ice preventing through passage of pedestrians and vehicles – including kerbside collection – had been resolved. This is not the case and I have spoken with the current Community Highways Officer and he is to establish the situation. The James Hargreaves grit bin needs attention

**Action: Clerk**

### **Cllr Johnson**

Cllr to obtain an update from Simon Roberts regarding the signage at Gassons Lane.

**Action:Clerk**

### **Cllr Vaughan**

Concerned about the lack of hedge cutting in Prime Lane, Whitchurch

There were no further councillor reports.

**4192: County and District Councillors' Reports:** Neither councillor attended the meeting

### **4193: Planning:**

- **Considered and approved at the meeting:**

WD/D/18/001763 LAND KNOWN AS PAM'S MEADOW SOUTH OF STONEBARROW LANE, CHARMOUTH Formation of new vehicular access and reconfigure the parking/turning area and associated works. CVPC objects to the scale of the proposed access which appears over large for domestic requirements. However, there is no objection, in principle, to access being created at this point. Allan Gore spoke about the planning application for formation of new vehicular access and reconfiguration of the parking/turning area and associated works at Pam's Meadow, South of Stonebarrow Lane, Charmouth. Mr Gore is not the owners of the property but attended

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the meeting to speak on their behalf. CVPC is concerned about the width of the proposed driveway and the removal of hedges together with drainage problems. Mr Gore said that no new water would drain onto the lane from the proposal, the removal of the hedge would be replaced by more than 12 metres of new hedge. He appreciated that the application had been objected to by three local residents, two of which objected to the proposal on water drainage grounds, the other resident objected to the loss of wildlife, but the Biodiversity Appraisal showed that there is no evidence of any wild life being adversely affected by the proposal. Mr Gore asked CVPC to reconsider the planning application.

- WD/D/18/001877 GABRIELS, STONEBARROW LANE, CHARMOUTH, BRIDPORT DT6 6RA Erection of first floor balcony. CVPC has no objection to this planning application
- **Applications still to be considered**
- WD/D/18/002104 LAND EAST OF GREEN PIT KNAPP, WOOTTON FITZPAINE Erection of general purpose agricultural building
- WD/D/18/002169 NUTCOMBE COTTAGE, GREEN PIT KNAPP, WOOTTON FITZPAINE DT6 6NA Conversion of existing detached car port to be used as holiday purposes or ancillary accommodation
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- **Decisions submitted to WDDC before the meeting and noted:**
- WD/D/18/001646 UPWAYS, VERRIOTTS LANE, MORCOMBELAKE, DT6 6DX Erect garage CVPC has no objection to the change of use from garage to games room
- WD/D/18/001472 BIRDS COTTAGE, RYALL ROAD, RYALL DT6 6EG Part removal of front garden wall to allow increased parking bay. Form new retaining wall CVPC is concerned about potential damage to the property of the adjoining owner at Far Horizons. Otherwise, CVPC does not object to this proposal, in that the impact of shortening the stone wall will be insignificant in the general appearance of the lane.
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### iii) West Dorset District Council Decisions (to note):

**Approvals / Refusals** - None

**iv) Appeal Decision** – None

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**vi) Enforcement:** - Champernhayes – an application was made in 2017 for temporary accommodation of a mobile home on 1.25 acres flower growing land, CVPC approved the business but were opposed to the accommodation being installed on the land and this was agreed by WDDC. The applicants appealed against the decision at the end of May. The owners have written to Cllr. Joyce advising that they have moved onto the site, two large shipping containers and two mobile homes have been installed on the site – this has been reported to the enforcement officers at WDDC by a neighbour as well as a Wootton Fitzpaine resident asking for swift action. Chris Thompson, WDDC, is investigating the case. The parish council were asked whether they supported this case going to the enforcement officers seven councillors supported this and two abstained

**Action: Clerk**

There has been an update on Little Oak Farm, a parishioner had informed the enforcement team that there had been several breaches and the following developments had taken place

- The development is not in accordance with the approved plans
- No permission was granted for the timber toilet block
- No activity regarding the barn being built
- A shepherd's hut has appeared on the site
- The caravan on the north part of the land has been sold off to a third party
- There have been tents on the site over the summer

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- Advertising a barn shop on the site for campers to use
- Mr. Thompson, WDDC has visited the site again and a resident has asked that CVPC write to the enforcement office but, as it is already in the hands of WDDC, it was decided not to take the matter any further.

Planning application WD/D/18/001256 1 SUNNYSIDE, WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, DT6 6RQ. Garage extension is going to the planning committee on 14<sup>th</sup> October. Cllr Joyce to update Cllr Christopher that CVPC welcomes the materials conditions suggested by the Conservation Officer.

**Action: Cllr Joyce**

### 4194: Finance

#### PAYMENTS FOR OCTOBER 2018

Payee	Details	C h e q u e n o.	R e c e i p t n o.	A m o u n t
Annette Marks	Clerk's salary	500201	1018/1	£448.96
HMRC	PAYE for October 2018	500202	1018/2	£85.00
Wootton Fitzpaine village hall	Hire of hall for September meeting	500203	1018/3	£23.50
Came & Company	Insurance 01/10/2018 to 30/09/2019	500204	1018/4	£781.83
S Kitcher	Work done at Wootton Fitzpaine playing fields	500205	1018/5	£108.50
Bridport Foundry	Finger post brackets	500206	1018/6	£138.00
Whitchurch Canonorum PCC	Grant for burial ground	500207	1018/7	£310.00
Wootton Fitzpaine PCC	Grant for burial ground	500208	1018/8	£310.00
Monkton Wyld PCC	Grant for burial ground	500209	1018/9	£300.00
Fishpond PCC	Grant for burial ground	500210	1018/10	£70.00
Stanton St Gabriel PCC	Grant for burial ground	500211	1018/11	£60.00
James Hargreaves (URC)	Grant for burial ground	500212	1018/12	£60.00
Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance	Annual grant	500213	1018/13	£110.00

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Citizens Advice Bureau	Annual grant	500214	1018/14	£110.00
Whitchurch Canonorum Playgroup	Annual grant	500215	1018/15	£500.00
Whitchurch Canonorum Village Hall	Annual grant	500216	1018/16	£380.00
James Hargreaves Community Hall	Annual grant	500217	1018/17	£350.00
Wootton Fitzpaine Village Hall	Annual grant	500218	1018/18	£380.00
DAPTC	Clerk's seminar	500219	1018/19	£70.00
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>£4,595.79</b>

The finances were proposed by Cllr. Snook, seconded by Cllr. Johnson and approved unanimously.

**Action: Clerk**

**4195: Taylors Lane signage:** Nothing further has been heard from Mike Trew, so it was decided to wait another month and if we still have heard from him, the clerk will chase this up.

**Action: the Clerk**

**4196: Whitchurch war memorial refurbishment:** the work can be done during October the estimated cost will be between £200 and £350 plus VAT. Cllr Colby will take photos of the memorial both before and after the work is done. The work is proposed by Cllr. Johnson and seconded by Cllr. Eager., approved unanimously.

**Action: Cllr Colby**

**4197: A35 update:** Cllr. Everidge is attending a meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> October discussing the feasibility study and details of the proposed crossing and will raise severe weather arrangements for the A35 with Balfour Beatty. The clerk will Email the clerk at Marshwood to see whether they are attending the meeting

**Action: Cllr Everidge**

**4198: Report from Countryside Working Party:** following the first meeting of the Countryside working party (Cllr. Sage, Cllr. Joyce, Cllr. Johnson, Cllr. Vaughan, Cllr. Colby, Cllr. Peck, the clerk) the other councillors were pleased with the report and its recommendations were proposed by Cllr. Mahaddie, seconded by Cllr. Snook and approved unanimously.

There will be publicity in the spring around the provision of Natural England's Countryside Code to all households and notices will be erected on footpaths asking users to respect the countryside. This is to address criminal damage of fences and dog worrying which are serious and dangerous problems

**Action: Cllr Colby and Sage**

A glossary of farming terms and a diary of the farming year is being prepared for future use. New CVPC councillors will be asked to visit a farm as part of their induction..

**Action Cllr Johnson**

It was agreed not to create a 'farming rep' as such but to continue the practice of a land related councillor being part of the three person team looking at farm planning applications. These councillors would also be available for other councillors or local residents to consult.

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**Action: Cllr Bailey, Johnson, Joyce, Sage and Vaughan**

Other items agreed include greater publicity by the working party of open farm days and notification of seasonal farming activities to the local community **Action: Cllr Colby**

A further working party meeting will be held on 29th October to discuss more aspects of living in the countryside which need addressing and a report made to the CVPC November meeting.

**Action: Countryside Working party councillors**

The following issues were identified and approved for action -

- i) inadequate marking of footpaths and bridleways leading to land abuse and damage to be addressed with Dorset County Council's footpaths department. **Action: Clerk**
- 2) delay in planning procedures causing financial hardship for farming and other businesses to be raised with WDDC **Action: Cllr Joyce**
- 3) lack of Superfast Broadband for farms : pressure to be continued about lack of service or impossibly high costs of alternative facilities **Action: Cllr Colby**

A public debate will be arranged for February for all CVPC councillors to discuss its policy towards the changing general future of land use in the Char Valley. **Action: Clerk**

**4199: Proposed Dorset National Park: AoNB** – BLAP has coordinated parish council input and submitted a joint response but otherwise, nothing further to report.

**4200: Severe weather provisions:** The sub-committee is preparing a severe weather plan and recommends that Berne Lane and Gassons Lane need to be gritted in very cold weather as milk lorries cannot get through. The clerk will contact Martin Hill at Dorset County Council. **Action: Clerk**

Grit spreaders can be attached to 4 x 4 and small tractors, the old price for these is £1,900 however the new price is £3,500.

Tom Ray can get a snow plough from Dorset County Council for use in Whitchurch, the budget is £200 and Mr Ray would charge £30 per hour in addition to some voluntary work if necessary. The committee to discuss the Monkton Wyld situation further as realistically it may not be possible for Mr Ray to cover this area too. A couple of farmers in Monkton Wyld also have snow ploughs. Proposed by Cllr. Colby and seconded by Cllr. Vaughan. and approved unanimously. **Action: Cllr Joyce**

**4201: Logo for Char Valley Parish Council:** the clerk will look into the cost, and it was suggested that it might be the subject of a competition in Char Chat. **Action: Clerk**

**4202: Date of next meeting** – 19<sup>th</sup> November at Whitchurch Canonorum Village Hall

**4203: Any other business**

**4204: Items for next meeting,** Usual reports; A35, National Park proposal, Countryside Committee report,

**4205: Close of meeting:** the meeting closed at 10.10pm