

## CHAR VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY SIXTH MEETING OF THE CHAR VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019 AT WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM VILLAGE HALL.

**4274: Present:** Cllrs. H.Joyce, C.Mahaddie, C.Everidge, C.Bailey, D.Snook, C.Peck, S.Johnson, J.Eager, K.Vaughan, C.Sage, R.Colby, A.Marks (clerk), Cllr. D Turner, S.Christopher, D.Everidge, N.Wordie

**4275: Apologies for absence:** Cllr. Creed-Castle

**4276: Public Discussion Period:** Nicholas Wordie, the architect of Quarry Gates a planning application on the agenda put forward the architects and owner's proposals. He said that the owners wished to build a traditional home that would be clad in timber board and a slate roof.

**4277: Declaration of Interest:** None

**4278: Resolution to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019:** proposed by Cllr. Bailey and seconded by Cllr. Snook and agreed unanimously apart from Cllr. Johnson who did not attend the meeting in February.

**4279: Clerk's actions following the last meeting:**

i) the lengthsman has completed the worksheet for February and has been advised that we still need a worksheet for January this has now been delivered. He was informed that, in future, invoices will not be paid without completed worksheets

ii) WDDC were asked whether planning permission is needed to erect the bus shelter in Morcombelake, and has received the following reply

*Yes permission would be required as the Parish Council do not have permitted development rights for such structures and although it would be within private land it could not be considered as part of any householder proposal*

iii) the lengthsman has been engaged to undertake the repairs to the CVPC noticeboard outside the Five Bells PH, Whitchurch Canonicorum and the landlord advised of the work.

iv) East Devon District Council and Devon highways were thanked for fencing their gravel storage area on the CVPC boundary to prevent further fly tipping. The clerk has received a reply from both organisations who are appreciative for CVPC acknowledging the work that has been done. Their E mails have been forwarded to Cllr. Sage.

v) further donations totalling £2,100.00 have been received towards the renovation of the White Gates, and all donors have been thanked either by letter or E mail. They were also advised that all future works will be updated on the Char Valley website.

vi) Kevin Payne the leader of the 1<sup>st</sup> Charmouth Scout Group has been advised of the CVPC donation of £250 to the scouts. He was asked to update CVPC as to how the money is spent.

vii) Char Chat is ready, and a copy forwarded to each councillor.

viii) In view of the upcoming elections notices have been out on the CVPC noticeboards, and the website has been updated with details of the timetable and general information about the election process. Nomination packs will be handed to the councillors by the clerk at the next parish council meeting.

x) Posters supplied by Dorset County Council titled "Standing as a local councillor for the new Dorset Council in 2019" have also been put up on the CVPC noticeboards

ix) various action points for the Countryside Working Party as detailed on the minutes of February's meeting, have been undertaken.

#### **4280: Reports**

**West Dorset Western Area Transport Action Group** – with the proposed changes to the treatment taking place at Bridport Hospital (the muscular skeletal clinic is moving to Blandford Forum) and WATAG are looking at ways of travelling to the clinic by public transport. The second meeting of this forum will be meeting at Bridport Golf Club on 20<sup>th</sup> March. Cllr. Vaughan proposed against the move of the clinic to Blandford Forum, all the other councillors supported his proposal except Cllr. Peck.

**Bridport Local Area Partnership** – have produced a leaflet on homelessness, details of this can be found at the following website

[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/c2e8777a548ccdb898ef12c40/files/725ac29d-419e-4a69-8d44-ceb46bac489e/Leaflet\\_Help\\_and\\_Support\\_2.pdf](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/c2e8777a548ccdb898ef12c40/files/725ac29d-419e-4a69-8d44-ceb46bac489e/Leaflet_Help_and_Support_2.pdf)

Follow up from the closure of Morcombelake Post Office: Rural Services Network (RSN) are attending a meeting with Post Office Advisory Group on March 7<sup>th</sup> and have prepared a case to present on behalf of Rural Post Offices. For information: The Post Office receives 37p from banks for every £1000.00 of banking transactions carried out by the Post Office

Rural Services Network providers have called for the Government to end 'rural mainstreaming' by, in preparation for Brexit, producing an urgent comprehensive strategy for rural areas. RSN have warned that "people living in our towns and villages simply cannot afford to wait any longer for politicians to take their concerns seriously and act on them". To explore enthusiasm for this strategy and maximise impact David Drew MP, Rebecca Pow MP and Lord Cameron along with RSN have convened a meeting in Taunton this Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. The full report is on [https://rsnonline.org.uk/images/publications/rural-strategy-2019/rsn\\_rural\\_strategy\\_online.pdf](https://rsnonline.org.uk/images/publications/rural-strategy-2019/rsn_rural_strategy_online.pdf)

To support 'Time for a rural strategy' click on the link in the report or put the link below directly into your browser and answer 4 simple questions;

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/time-for-a-rural-strategy>

#### **Cllr. C Everidge**

Band D Council Tax will increase by 5% in the year 2020 – 2021

Reminder that 'election purdah' comes into effect on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Also some 200 employees of the county and district councils have received letters advising that their posts are 'at risk' under the new Council structure. Please be sensitive to this when dealing with DCC and WDDC.

#### **Stanton St Gabriel**

Ref; 1119995 complaints have been received re branches narrowing the width of Ship Knap to Pickaxe Cross resulting in concerns voiced by drivers over potential damage to their vehicles and possible leading to refusal to drive along the lane. The dorsetforyou map does not recognise this location under the area 'maintained by highways'

The new portal has caused concern, drawing complaints across the board and waiting for remediation to be seen taking place. With regard to Stanton, that would, with the exception of Stonebarrow Lane, appear to have been joined with Whitchurch South and categorised under the new world category of 'Morcombelake'. Charmouth are not aware of Stonebarrow Lane appearing in their planning application listing.

**Cllr. D Snook**

## **WHITE GATES**

The estimate for the White Gates is £2450, but this will rise to £2830 if a further replacement post is needed, position not ascertained as yet. We have received donations of £2550 to date. A further £400 has been pledged, and CVPC will donate £700 from the remaining CIL money allocated to Wootton Fitzpaine.

One donor asked that any surplus money from his contribution of £500 should be donated to Wootton Fitzpaine Village Hall.

Cllr. Sage and Cllr. Snook have discussed the matter of the surplus and suggest that after an appropriate amount has been donated to the Village Hall, the remainder should be ring-fenced in perpetuity for any future maintenance.

Cllr. Sage has asked Mr and Mrs Watson from Tempest House if they will paint the White Gates when needed and they have agreed to do this.

It is hoped that the refurbishment of the White Gates will be completed sometime this spring.

Following the donation that Char Valley Parish Council made to the 1<sup>st</sup> Charmouth Scouts as the 1<sup>st</sup> Charmouth Guides meet in Wootton Fitzpaine they may well contact CVPC for a donation.

There were no other councillor reports.

### **4281: County and District Council Reports:**

- Cllr. Daryl Turner: continuing to work for the new Dorset Council, everything is on track. This will be Cllr. Turner's last meeting that he will attend for CVPC, Cllr. Joyce thanked him for all his help on behalf of CVPC.
- Cllr. Simon Christopher: the shadow council passed their budget which will come into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> April. When he attended the parish council at Chideock it was noted that there had been an increase in poaching.
- It had been reported that oil will no longer be used for domestic heating after 2030 – Cllr. Turner will look into this.

### **4282: Planning applications**

- **Responses submitted to WDDC before March's meeting** – none
- **Responses to be considered at March's meeting:**
- WD/D/19/000167 QUARRY GATE, LOVES LANE, MORCOMBELAKE, BRIDPORT,DT6 6DZ. Demolition of existing dwelling, garage and various out-buildings and erect new dwelling and garage (with storage/studio above) – Cllrs. Mahaddie, Joyce and Colby spoke to the owner Mr Noon. Cllrs. Joyce and Colby had no objections however Cllr. Mahaddie said that whereas there was no objection to the redevelopment of the site on the edge of Ardour Hill the proposed house is inappropriate for its position. After lengthy discussions and further comments from the applicant's architect, the councillors voted – 3 approved and 8 were against the application and agreed to submit the following comment – CVPC object to the height and visual bulk of the house and garage and the encroachment on the local protected environment
- WD/D/19/000315 HAZYVIEW, RYALL ROAD, RYALL, BRIDPORT DT6 6EG. Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling – also sent to Chideock Parish Council – As the plans in their current form do not adequately substantiate the aspirations voiced by the owners CVPC recommends refusal **Action: Cllr Bailey**
- **West Dorset District Council Decisions (to note):** none
- **Appeal decision:** none to consider

- **Enforcement:** none to consider

#### 4283: Finance:

##### PAYMENTS FOR MARCH 2019

Payee	Details	Cheque no.	Receipt no.	Amount
Annette Marks	Clerk's salary	500241	0319/1	£445.12
HMRC	PAYE for March	500242	0319/2	£85.00
S Lee	Lengthman's services for February	500243	0319/3	£436.80
Charmouth Scout Group	Donation to 1 <sup>st</sup> Charmouth Scouts	500244	0319/4	£250.00
Ken Hussey	Playground inspections at Whitchurch and Wootton	500245	0319/5	£127.50
Total				£1,344.42

#### 4284: Report from Countryside Working Party

- Cllr Joyce reported that copies of the Countryside Code are being sent out with Char Chat. Press releases have also been sent to Char Chat and the church magazine.

#### 4285: Environmental issues

- Muddy roads – the verges are being damaged by large machinery which causes further damage to cyclists/motorists. Cllr Vaughan offered to devise a map of Gassons Lane where it is exceptionally bad and Verriotts Lane where caravans are damaging verges. Two potholes have been filled in Ryall Road and Goodens Hill
- However Cllr. Joyce has received information today from Simon Roberts, DCC Highways Department saying that he had issued a notice for repairs to deep roadside gashes in Gassons Lane and that the work would be completed, at the latest, within 28 days but hopefully earlier.
- River Char pollution – Cllr. Joyce contacted Charmouth Parish Council regarding alleged poor water quality in the Char. Charmouth Parish Council reported that their assessments taken beyond the estuary are usually 'excellent' with 'good' occasionally being reported when heavy floods on The Char bring down debris. Concerns were voiced about the sewage arrangements for two new campsites which may affect the quality of the Char. Cllr. Vaughan will contact the Environment Agency for water quality data and their interpretations.

**Action: Cllr. Vaughan**

#### 4286: Byway 89 between Ryall Road and Pitmans Lane (Loscombe Well Road)

- When walking around Kingston Russell and Long Bredy recently we came across a "RESTRICTED BYWAY" sign "OPEN TO ALL TRAFFIC EXCEPT VEHICLES" Please could the CVPC request that such a restriction should be applied to Byway 89. It has never been possible to drive through this byway, so vehicles reverse back, usually badly, damaging adjacent properties. Restricting the byway to walkers, riders and bikers would not affect those who usually use the path but would discourage "Joy Riders" and others who do much damage to what was a delightful country path. The Hardown Society raised this point and asked for the road to be reclassified as a bridleway – Cllr. Mahaddie will speak to Russell Goff, will put on hold for the time being.

**Action: Cllr. Mahaddie**

**4287: S106 update**

- The clerk has contacted Tony Hurley to carry the grant forward for a further year.

**4288: A35 volunteer group updates**

- With regard to the A35 Diversion Volunteers Group- Sir Oliver called for a meeting between Highways England, Dorset Highways, the relevant Police Officers and representatives of the A35DVG. Cllr. Everidge has been asked to co-ordinate and all are awaiting a response from Martin Underhill as to whether it is to be he or Sir Oliver to convene.

**4289: 2019 Parish Council Elections**

- Cllr. Colby is standing down as a councillor of Char Valley Parish Council
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**4290: National Park Updates**

- The latest newsletter has been handed to the councillors

**4291: Champerhays Appeal**

- The appeal is being heard on 16<sup>th</sup> April unfortunately none of the councillors are able to attend

**4292: DAPTC motion of no confidence**

- Cllr. Joyce spoke to the administrator of DAPTC and surmised that this motion is a political move by Dorchester councillors and does not require any action by CVPC

**4293: Proposed listed building project**

- Cllr. Creed Castle is interested in making a detailed list of all the listed buildings within the Char Valley – however these details can be found on the internet. Cllr. Creed-Castle to elaborate at our next meeting.

**Action: Cllr. Creed-Castle**

**4294: Date of next meeting:** 8<sup>th</sup> April at Wootton Fitzpaine Village Hall

**4295: Any other business**

**4296: Close of meeting** – meeting closed at 10.00pm