

Minutes from Stanton St. Gabriel Parish Meeting

The Stanton St Gabriel Morcombelake Parish Meeting
James Hargreaves Community Hall 7.30pm Tuesday 18th April 2017
Chairperson - David Everidge elected unopposed
Secretary - Chris Everidge elected unopposed

Minutes of 2016 meeting agreed; Cllr Mahaddie and 14 residents were welcomed to participate in the 2017 agenda

1. Highways England / DCC Highways - A35 / Road Calming

Update on Vearse Farm; roundabout preferred over traffic lights; aiming to complete in 2019; CVPC to be informed of access arrangements for construction vehicles

In the event of A35 closure Contingency Arrangements including Resilience Plan with alternative routes are being formalized involving Connect Balfour Devon and Dorset Police, Connect and HE Highways England's 5 Year Collisions Investigation, Honiton to Bere Regis, ended in 2015; speed was not an identified issue; 30 areas of 'further interest' include Charmouth Roundabout, Chideock and Miles Cross.

A Community Severance Grant is available for HE to make a study of hot spots related to pedestrian safety.

The landslip to the east below Felicity's is shored up and monitored on a monthly basis;

Designs were drawn up for another pedestrian crossing at Morcombelake; HE would assist with a car park for Morcombelake if a site were found

2. Planning

Concerns were logged over the increase in and type of building applications agreed; decisions are governed by the Local Plan; cited was good practice in 2001 when smaller houses were preferred to forestall imbalance – larger, more expensive properties would force locals out; rebuilds should not exceed the footprint they replace; for the current situation recommend use of dorsetforyou –

<http://webapps.westdorset-weymouth.gov.uk/PlanningApps/Pages/Search.aspx>;

Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site (Heritage Coast) (DCC) do not respond as a consultee - 'apparently' their responsibility is from the edge of the cliff out to sea; CVPC to clarify on the current relevance of 'viewed from Golden Cap' in planning; reports of breaches of Enforcement Orders now require photographic evidence, seen as an unreasonable request on PCs and public

3. Neighbourhood Development Plan

Hard copies of the Clerk's report on the results of the Residents' Survey and Councillor Joyce's overview were available for all attendees with access to the full compilation of the Residents' Survey 2016 and details of where the same could be found on CVPC's website. Cerne Abbas, Uploders, Uplyme were named as good examples for reference. No interest in a CVPC / Stanton/Morcombelake NDP was expressed nor were potential participants identified. Should the National Trust, with considerable presence in the area be expected to partake?

CVPC would remain open in the event of a group willing to initiate a NDP coming forward.

Strong support was voiced to preventing further development in Stanton / Morcombelake along with lack of confidence reiterated in the decisions being made by the planning department.

4. Chideock Bypass 'proposal'

Disappointment and frustration that this contentious topic had been disinterred. No-one in Morcombelake (or Symondsburry) were given the courtesy of either being pre-warned or involved in the move. CVPC as adjoining Parish would ask to be kept abreast of developments

5. The Case for the Dorset and East Devon National Park

Insight to the maps and proposals were given, more to follow with a talk from Sandra Brown on May 8th.

<http://www.dorsetnationalpark.com>

6. Superfast Broadband

Some improvement was acknowledged; many households and businesses remain disadvantaged, considerable upgrading was still required to ensure that a reasonable speed was available across the board

7. Char Valley Parish Council - vacancies, effective communication

Interest was expressed alongside acute awareness of increasing delegations being metered out by County and District in response to significant cuts in funding. Trepidation of new roles and responsibilities.

8. Any other topics raised by attendees

Bonfires, times, direction, types of smoke continue as problems. Is there a byelaw that could be instrumental in curbing contributory factors adversely affecting health and hygiene?

The meeting closed at 8.28