

CHAR VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

FOUR HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH MEETING OF THE CHAR VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 12TH MARCH 2018 AT JAMES HARGREAVES COMMUNITY HALL

4033: Present: Cllrs D Snook, S Creed-Castle, H Joyce, C Everidge, S Johnson, K Vaughan, C Mahaddie, C Peck, R Colby, C Sage, S Christopher (WDDC), A Marks (Clerk)

4034: Apologies: Cllr C Bailey, J Eager, D Turner (DCC)

4035: Public Discussion Period: No comment

4036: Declarations of interest: No comment

4037: Resolution to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 12th February 2018: Draft minutes had been circulated and were approved and signed by **Cllr Snook**

4038: Actions following last meeting:

4039: Reports:

- The clerk has reported the pothole near Witty Mead in Wootton to Simon Roberts He has replied saying that he has issued a works order for this to be done.
- The clerk has contacted the enforcement officers regarding the large barn at the top of Westover Hill, Cllr Sage has since discovered that this is being used to house a gig boat that was purchased using charitable donations and the owner of the land said that he would raise the barn in which the boat could be housed. This information has been passed onto Kevin Perry who has spoken to the owner of the land who has said that who will be submitting a planning application for consideration in due course, which will be passed to CVPC for consideration.
- The clerk has reported street light to WDDC using their on line service and has received the following reply –
- *Thank you for your e-mail. The light in Sun Lane, Morcombelake is not owned by Dorset County Council so would not be repaired by us unless we have an instruction from the relevant Parish who owns the light. The only other suggestion is that maybe the light is owned by a developer if there has been new build in this location or owned privately by residents perhaps, as sometime they are. Please advise if you have given us an instruction to repair this light as I am unaware that you think it should have been repaired by the end of January by us. Also please advise as to who you have been in correspondence with. Many thanks.*
- The clerk has contacted WDDC for up to date positions on Bafferlands Farm and Gold Cap Farm – she is still waiting to receive a reply.
- The clerk has been in touch with the enforcement officers regarding the swimming pool that has been built in the garden of High Close in Shedbush Lane, the pool was not included in the original planning application.
- The clerk has received a link from WDDC which should enable her to access the WDDC website to find the position on various items including planning applications – unfortunately she is still unable to access this information.
- The clerk again tried to contact Paul Derrien regarding local housing needs, unfortunately he is out of the office until 12th March.
- The chairman and councillor have started to apply for a grant from AONB towards restoring The White Gates, this has to be submitted by mid May and will be completed soon.
- The clerk and Cllr Everidge are due to meet with Sir Oliver Letwin on 16th March to discuss the on going issues at The Veiw.
- Cllrs Everidge and Colby and the clerk are attending a meeting at WDDC on the evening of 8th March regarding parish and town planning
- Cllr Snook and the clerk are attending the annual conference of DAPTC on Friday 9th March 2018

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- Finally the clerk now has a new laptop and she would like to thank the parish council for this purchase which far more efficient than the previous one.

4040 Reports:

Dorset Association of Town and Parish Councils: Cllr Snook advised that the meeting that the annual conference had taken place on 9th March at Kingston Maurward House and that she and the clerk had attended the conference. Speakers included Sir Oliver Letwin, Cllr Rebecca Knox, leader of DCC, Dr Jonathan Owen CEO of NALC, Martyn Underhill Police and Crime Commissioner, Dr Forbes Watson Chairman of CCG, Alan Clevett Chairman Dorset Community Action.

Mostly the conference covered the changes coming with the unitary authority starting in May 2019. Sir Oliver Letwin anticipated that there would be an improvement in relations between Parish and Town Councils and the new Dorset Council, compared to the current relationships. His assessment of current relationships was that DCC and WDDC regard the town and parish councils as agitators. The future relationship should be one of partnership. Rebecca Knox covered the transition period we are now in before we have our new Dorset Council and emphasised that all transition would not be completed by May 2019, it would still be ongoing. Jonathan Owen from NALC talked about the new Data Protection Bill currently going through parliament. Martyn Underhill talked about the changing nature of policing and the increase in online crime. We have 3 members of the rural crime team, 6 drones and 1 digital dog, who can find hidden sim cards etc. Police numbers have fallen from 1500 in 2012 to 1200 in 2018. Dorset will be merging with Devon and Cornwall Police Force. We are currently the second smallest force with the second smallest funding in the country. Dr Forbes Watson said that the demand for services in the NHS increases by 4% per year, but funding by 1% and that 20% of the population uses 80% of the services, hence the need for reorganisation in Dorset to save money. Alan Clevett from Dorset Community Action said that Dorset had a thriving voluntary section and that DCA can help with application bids for funding.

Bridport Local Area Partnership: Cllr Snook attended the BLAP liaison meeting on 7th March with the clerk as Cllr Everidge was away. Nick Randall from the Local Government Resource Centre attended the meeting and advised that the clerks had been sent a questionnaire to complete concerning the devolution of services and assets following the establishment of the unitary authority in May 2019. None of the clerks had received the questionnaire so these were handed out at the meeting, Cllr Snook asked Mr Randall to provide the clerks with a list of statutory and non statutory services currently provided by WDDC and DCC

Cllr Everidge advised the meeting that she had heard from Symondsburry Parish Council regarding a broadband box that had suddenly appeared without consultation and wondered whether there had been similar issues in Char Valley – there haven't been any such issues.

Transport: Cllr Everidge: nothing to report

Trees and hedges: Cllr Peck had nothing to report

Ancient monuments: Cllr Creed-Castle advised the meeting that the forthcoming exhibition 100 years on, the Whitchurch men who went to war, to be held on 24th and 25th March, has been advertised in the Marshwood magazine and she asked for volunteers to cover the entrance and refreshments.

Lengthsman: has fixed the hinges on the notice board at the Five Bells. The drains at Gassons Lane need clearing and the notice board at Stonebarrow Lane needs to be repaired. It was pointed out that he must complete his worksheet for every job he undertakes together with a breakdown of the hours worked.

4041: Councillor Reports:

Cllr Snook: advised the meeting that the grit bins in Wootton Fitzpaine did not need refilling

Cllr Mahaddie: advised the meeting that the lengthsman did work on Gibbs Lane where it meets the A35 junction with Pitmans Lane

Cllr Creed-Castle: nothing to report

Cllr Johnson: advised the meeting that the grit bin in Gassons Lane did not need filling. The clerk will contact highways regarding the potholes and gullies that require attention in Gassons Lane.

Cllr Joyce: had nothing to report but was pleased to say that there were no problems on driving to Axminster as the road had been gritted

Cllr Colby: saw gritting lorry going through Wootton Fitzpaine on the Friday following the snow.

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Cllr Sage: wanted to thank people for clearing the roads during the bad weather, the council had been very good on clearing the side roads. The worst affected area was at Hunter's Lodge when the snow ploughs did not arrive until Friday afternoon.

Cllr Vaughan: is looking for help for vulnerable people in the community, this should be discussed at the annual village meetings

Cllr. Peck: is attending the AONB forum in Bridport on 20th March. Dorset Wildlife Trust have written an article on the Marshwood green linnet which will be added to our website. CVPC have received £800 from CPRE towards the restoration of finger posts. The new roundels will have 'Dorset' on the top, the middle collar will have the location together with CVPC and the grid reference will appear at the bottom, the roundels for Ryall and the Five Bells are currently under production. Cllr Peck will be restoring monthly surgeries in Whitchurch, she will chair the meetings and run a trial for 6 months.

Cllr. Everidge: concerned about the status of Shedbush Lane, Cllr Colby will check. Continues to pursue Magna Housing regarding the state of the buildings in particular number 1. The street light in Sun Lane is not the property of highways but was put in by Magna Housing – Cllr Everidge had spoken with Magna. The light had to be disconnected from the mains power line. Western Power had carried this out however had left a 'do not touch - live wire' sign attached to the top of the post. Magna could not proceed until the wire was no longer live and the sign had been removed; they were waiting for action to be taken by Western Power. A grit bin needs to be installed at Upcot Farm and the grit bin at Ship Knapp needs topping up.

Cllr Eager: although Cllr Eager was not at the meeting she asked that we arrange for a grit bin to be installed at the bottom of Pitmans Lane where it meets Verriotts Lane

4042: County Councillors Report: Cllr D Turner did not attend the meeting as he was unable to find a suitable parking place.

District Councillors Report: Cllr S Christopher said that he had checked on the elderly residents in Ryall on snowy Friday. He saw the gritting lorry in Ryall and Whitchurch at 3.30 on snowy Friday. The next planning meeting is on Thursday March 22nd. Cllr Everidge asked that when giving presentations the Planning Department provided more than one microphone and ensured they were used. Acoustics at Committee meetings would be improved through more audible delivery by the Committee and abstinence from talking between members of the audience.

4043: Planning

To Note:

- **To Consider:**
- **WD/D/17/003010 COBBLESTONES, BERNE LANE, CHARMOUTH BRIDPORT, DT6 6RD** Removal of existing conservatory and erection of single storey flat roof extension; erection of single storey pitched roof porch; addition of pitched roof to existing flat roof extension; construction of raised decking and external stairs; construction of outdoor swimming pool and ancillary buildings; installation of 12.5m wide array of PV cells on eastern boundary – we have asked WDDC for an extension to this application which they agreed to 16th March. Three councillors have looked at this property and say that it involves a lot of work, the addition of a swimming pool, sauna and toilet which will run down to River Char and the surrounding land is liable to flooding. A statement be drafted giving CVPC's reasons for objecting this application
- **WD/D/18/000069 HIGHCLIFFE COTTAGE, FISHPOND BOTTOM ROAD, FISHPOND, BRIDPORT, DT6 6NN** Demolish existing building and ancillary accommodation and replace with new single storey dwelling house
- **WD/D/18/000148 CHERRY COTTAGE, WHITCHURCH CROSS TO JN GASSONS LANE, WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, BRIDPORT, DT6 6RF** Two storey side extension and interior and external alterations
- **WD/D/18/000147 CHERRY COTTAGE, WHITCHURCH CROSS TO JN GASSONS LANE, WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, BRIDPORT, DT6 6RF.** Two storey side extension and alterations
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- **WD/D/17/000220 BEFFERLANDS FARM WORKSHOPS, BERNE LANE, CHARMOUTH, BRIDPORT DT6 6RD** Erection of 10 light industrial units and use of land for equestrian purposes – amended description of application number WD/D/17/000220 which was objected to – number of units now reduced to 4 although the original application still states 10. Have contacted WDDC asking for extension until after CVPC January meeting and clarification. Have advised WDDC that CVPC is still opposed to this despite the amendments
- **WD/D/17/002577 LAND AND BUILDINGS AT GOLD CAP FARM, MUDDYFORD LANE, MORCOMBELAKE** Confirmation that the use as a holiday let is still in force as per the original certificate of 6/4/1993 – *application for a certificate of lawfulness* - CVPC together with Chideock Parish object to this
- The application for Cards Mill Farm is going before the planning committee at the March meeting
- **Enforcement** – A councillor and the clerk are meeting Sir Oliver Letwin on 16 March 2018 concerning the ongoing issues with The Veiv in Muddyford Lane

The clerk will contact WDDC regarding the up to date positions on Befferlands Farm and Gold Cap Farm both of which are shown as being under consideration

4044: Clerks Report:

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

PAYMENTS FOR MARCH 2017

Payee	Details	Cheque no.	Receipt no.	Amount
Annette Marks	March salary	500162	0318/1	£425.14
HMRC	PAYE for February	500163	0318/2	£28.00
S Lee Garden Services	Lengthman's services for February	500164	0318/3	£280.80
Annette Marks	Payment for new laptop	500165	0318/4	£379.99
Wootton Fitzpaine Village Hall	Hire of hall for February meeting	500166	0318/5	£22.00
Bridport Foundry Ltd	Roundels for finger posts at Ryall and Five Bells	500167	0318/6	£374.40
TOTAL				£1,510.33

4045: Jurassic/heritage coast: on some of the planning applications we see that we see that there has been consultation with either the Jurassic coast or Heritage coast and we had asked for clarification. Cllr Everidge explained that the Heritage Coast stretched inland from the coast as far as Wootton Fitzpaine and similar villages and the Jurassic Coast stretches from the top of the cliffs to the low water mark.

4046: A35: The feasibility study has produced good returns, there is a chance of funding under community severance. Cllr Everidge contacted the senior engineer from Highways England who would be undertaking the project for the second crossing at the Western end of the A35 in Morcombelake – they are looking for a walking/cycling/horse riding assessment confirming that we need to provide specific information from these users. A35 Chideock by-pass – following on from the parish council meeting in February it appears that Char Valley Parish Council cannot express a view at present and therefore are not ready to vote. Cllrs. Joyce and Vaughan will write new proposals.

4047: White Gates: we are attempting to ascertain the owners of the White Gates, Land Registry charges are £17.99. The clerk has contacted DAPTC to see if the Land registry will provide parish councils with this information for free but she still has not received a reply. She will chase DAPTC for this information. Cllr. Snook has received two estimates for the work and is waiting for a further estimate from the lengthsmen,

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she has had offers of contributions from parishoners and other members of the public towards the repairs and this will be discussed further at the Wootton Fitzpaine village meeting.

4048: Parish meetings: the annual parish meetings have to take place before the AGM on 14th May, Cllr. Mahaddie will arrange the meeting for Stanton St. Gabriel
Cllr. Peck will arrange the meeting for Whitchurch Canonicorum
Cllr. Snook will arrange the meeting for Wootton Fitzpaine

4049: Unitary authority: Following item under BLAP (article 4040) it has been decided to form a small working party to discuss the devolution of services and assets. Cllr. Snook will represent Wootton Fitzpaine, Cllr. Peck will represent Whitchurch Canonicorum and Cllr. Everidge will represent Stanton St. Gabriel, they will meet before the next parish council meeting as the report has to be with the council by 12th April.

4050: Planning: a report of the planning meeting will be included in the next agenda

4051: Local housing needs: the clerk has been unable to contact Paul Derrien, the Housing Enabling Team leader so this item is to be carried forward to the next meeting.

4052: Donations from CVPC to charities: this item will be discussed further when working on next year's budget

4053: Annual report of Dorset Youth Association: CVPC received an E mail from Dorset Youth Association relating to funding and the councillors suggested that the money that used to be allocated to the Bopper Bus could possibly be redirected, this will be discussed further at the budget meeting.

4054: Wootton Fitzpaine playing field: the basketball nets will be taken down as they are not used, new football nets have been donated with no cost, the lengthsman will paint the football posts.

4055: Severe weather planning: the subject of gritting lorries being located on farms was raised and the councillors will give this further consideration.

4056: Champernhayes planning application: Cllrs. Joyce and Peck will look again at the comments that we originally made.

4057: Items for next agenda: A35 severance, White Gates, A35 by-pass resolution, Unitary authority, Planning, Local housing needs, severe weather, data protection,

4058: Date of next meeting: 9th April at Whitchurch Canonicorum Village Hall

4059: Any matters of urgency: Cllr. Snook advised the meeting that following the AGM she will be standing down as chairman, but she will remain on the council.

4060: Meeting closed at 10.15pm