

## DRAFT MINUTES CHAR VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### FOUR HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH MEETING OF THE CHAR VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2020 AT WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM VILLAGE HALL

**4495: Present:** Cllrs. H Joyce, C Bailey, C Mahaddie, C Peck, S Creed-Castle, C Noon, A Carey, T Hansford, S Johnson, K Vaughan, J Eager, A Marks (Clerk) Cllr. Simon Christopher (Dorset Council)

**4496: Apologies for absence:**

**4497: Talk from Hannah Jefferson from the National Trust:** Hannah Jefferson wished to tell CVPC about the festival that they are holding at Filcombe Farm between 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> September. The National Trust hopes that the money made from the event can be used, in conjunction with Highways England, to help improve access to the site. There will be camping and a number of exhibitors offering various entertainments as well as 3 or 4 food providers. Access to the festival will be via a one way system, entering from the A35 via Muddyford Lane and exiting from Ship Knapp via the track past St Wite's Well. Local residents and schools will be offered free tickets. Ms Jefferson said that the Trust might have an annual festival involving schools and also felt it had outgrown Filcombe Farm as its local headquarters and was looking to develop the site for camping and activities that would draw in more visitors. Later in the meeting Cllr. Vaughan and others expressed concern that access to the site to and from the very busy A35 was dangerous and that there would be little benefit to the community. It was suggested that Cllr. Joyce should write to the National Trust expressing the concerns of the councillors - proposed by Cllr. Noon and seconded by Cllr. Vaughan and approved unanimously.

**4498: Co-opting of new councillor for Wootton Fitzpaine:** Joanne Jones one of the proposed new councillors for Wootton attended the meeting, she will make a presentation to the council at March's meeting.

**4499: Public Discussion Period:** None

**4500: Declaration of interest:** None

**4501: Resolution to approve the minutes of the CVPC meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020:** this was proposed by Cllr. Bailey, seconded by Cllr. Carey and agreed unanimously.

**4502: Actions following last meeting:** as circulated by the Clerk to the councillors.

**4503: Reports:**

- WATAG – meeting attended by Cllrs. Noon and Joyce and report circulated; there is concern about the cancellation of the bus service between Bridport and Crewkerne. Bridport Town Council has written a letter of complaint requesting that the service be reinstated. In the winter there is no bus service on Sundays between Bridport and Axminster. The service would cost £300 per bus per day to run and it was proposed that CVPC write to other parish councils within the area to ask for assistance to pay for running the Sunday service. Cllrs. Joyce and Noon will then take this to the next meeting of WATAG and if it is approved it will be advertised on the First Wessex website.
- PCSO – no report
- Dorset Assn. of Parish & Town Councils – Cllr. Eager advised of the new website for DAPTC . A conference with the title 'Keeping your community safe and well' will be held at Kingston Maurward House on 30<sup>th</sup> March.
- Bridport Local Area Partnership: The last meeting was held on 22 January. There is nothing to report.
- Verges – nothing to report
- War memorials – nothing to report
- The councillors' reports have been distributed to all councillors however the following comments were made at the CVPC meeting:
- Cllr. Creed-Castle reported problems at Ryall Road; DC Highways have confirmed that some form of barrier is needed alongside the road. Cllr. Creed-Castle will write to Dorset Council.
- Cllr. Simon Christopher – Andrew Roberts from Highways England contacted Cllr. Christopher regarding the pedestrian crossing at Morcombelake. Discussions started in the summer of 2015 and they are planning to deliver it by the end of the financial year. All councils in the UK are being sent a letter regarding

climate change. The next full Dorset Council meeting is on 18<sup>th</sup> February. A large new solar farm is proposed near Blandford. There is concern about the withdrawal of local bus services and it is hoped that these will be reinstated. There will be an increase in council tax this year as the council is putting more money into social care and the care of children.

#### 4504: Planning applications

- **Responses submitted to Dorset Council before February's meeting**
- WD/D/19/002786 THE LIMES, WOOTTON LANE, WOOTTON FITZPAINE, BRIDPORT, DT6 6NH Erection of balcony to rear elevation; replace existing timber balcony with metal framed /balcony; enlargement of 2 no existing dormers; erection of /dormer, change to roof form of dormers and the replacement of first floor vertical cladding with horizontal cladding. – this application is supported by CVPC.
- WD/D/19/002859 DOWNSIDE, RYALL ROAD, RYALL, BRIDPORT, DT6 6EN Erection of single storey extension, balcony, garage and studio. Councillors observed that the proposed development would more than double the extent of the existing buildings and have a significant visual impact. Councillors visited this property on 16<sup>th</sup> January. CVPC does not support this planning application (please see website for CVPC response)
- WD/D/003005 COTHAYES, WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, BRIDPORT DT6 6RH. Erection of garden room – CVPC has no objection to the application.
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- **Responses to be submitted after February's meeting**
- WD/D/19/002896 GRANDVIEW BUNGALOW, SHIP KNAPP, MORCOMBELAKE, BRIDPORT DT6 6EW Erection of single storey extension, new upper floor, porch and installation of 2 No balconies. Formation of parking area and retaining walls (part retrospective) – still to be viewed.
- WD/D/19/003061 UPLANDS, LOVES LANE, MORCOMBELAKE, BRIDPORT DT6 6DZ Demolition of ground floor extension and construction of part two storey and part single storey rear extension – still to be viewed..
- WD/D/19/003015 CHURCH OF ST CANDIDA AND THE HOLY CROSS, WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM. Erect greenhouse – still to be viewed.
- **Dorset Council Decisions (to note):**
- **Appeal decision** – none to consider
- **Enforcement:**

#### 4505: Finance:

##### PAYMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2020

Payee	Details	Cheque no.	Receipt no.	Amount
Annette Marks	Stamps for Char Chat	500314	0220/1	£305.00
Annette Marks	Salt bin for Stonebarrow Lane	500315	0220/2	£103.74
Annette Marks	Clerk's salary	500316	0220/3	£494.23
HMRC	PAYE for February	500317	0220/4	£88.00
S Lee Garden Services	Lengthman's services for January	500319	0220/5	£249.60
Footprints	Printing Char Chat	500320	0220/6	£314.00
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>£1,554.57</b>

- A motion to approve the payments was proposed by Cllr. Noon, seconded by Cllr. Carey and passed unanimously.
- We received a request from Marshwood School for a donation towards to a new climbing frame. Councillors voted unanimously to donate £250.00

**4506: Morcombelake post-box:** the letter that Cllr. Mahaddie wrote took three months to find the right person at Royal Mail. Service will be withdrawn from the existing postbox but not until a new one has been provided. Martin Legg, the owner of the old Post Office, will be liaising direct with Royal Mail about the detailed arrangements.

**4507: Whitchurch telephone kiosk:** there has not been any further correspondence regarding this.

**4508: S106 progress:** unfortunately, we were not permitted to use the S106 monies allotted to the Morcombelake bus shelter roof for partitioning and fridge freezer at James Hargreaves community hall. The clerk has sent the claims

for the cycle racks at Whitchurch and the acoustic panels at the village hall to Dorset Council. She has been advised that the system for claiming reimbursements is likely to change and CVPC therefore agreed to pay the beneficiaries from CVPC funds.

**4509: Noticeboards – replacements:** it was agreed that we would buy two single-door notice boards with legs to put at Ryall and Monkton Wyld and one without legs to put on the wall at James Hargreaves Hall. Each will hold up to 8 sheets of A4 paper and each will have the name of the parish council at the top. The supplier is Earth Anchors. We will ask the lengthsman to install them. This was proposed by Cllr. Peck and seconded by Cllr. Carey and approved with nine in favour, one against and one abstention.

**Action: the clerk**

#### **4510: Working Party Reports**

**Communications working party:** due to other commitments the January meeting of the communications working party was postponed. Char Chat was distributed and the response has been excellent. Cllr. Noon hopes the next one will be ready in April/May. Sarah Hudston the editor of the Upper Marshwood Vale magazine 'Beneath the Vale' is stepping down due to other commitments. Cllr. Noon has had talks with Ali Cameron and it was decided to defer the decision over whether to do a joint publication with UMVPC until the end of the year.

**River Char working party: there had been** an operational meeting with AONB; the working group will pay all costs up front and subsequently claim them back from AONB. Ian Rees at AONB had suggested a number of possible consultants who might work with them on the River Char project and these will be investigated further, with Cllr Joyce to make enquiries about Tom Bowden of Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group Southwest.

Cllr. Vaughan reported that he had a meeting in London with DEFRA; there were 20 consultants at the meeting offering support for farming activities.

**Action: Cllr. Joyce**

**4511: Social media policy:** the council has been advised that councillors should use a dedicated email address (not their personal one) for council business and the Communications Working party will investigate this further as they develop a recommendation for a new website. The adoption of the social media policy was proposed by Cllr. Noon and seconded by Cllr. Vaughan and approved with nine in favour and one abstention.

**4512: Climate change public meeting:** leaflets advertising the meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup> were handed to all councillors and the clerk to distribute.

**4513: Climate change working party action plan recommendations:** there had been a very productive meeting. Cllr. Carey went through the various proposals to members of the committee. They have submitted their core proposals to Dorset Council on behalf of CVPC and have been invited to give feedback at a meeting in March in Dorchester. Cllr. Hansford had written a new proposal, at the request of CVPC, that CVPC carry out a landscape survey, audit and mapping exercise. Cllr Hansford was asked to amend the proposal to separate it into two phases.

**Action: Cllr. Hansford**

**4514: Report from Local Dorset Plan Workshop:** this is made up of 80 councils, Dorset Council need to build 1800 homes annually and the key question is where to build them – there are no sites in Char Valley.

**4515: 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020:** it was decided not to celebrate this event – proposed by Cllr. Mahaddie and seconded by Cllr. Carey, approved with nine in favour and one abstention.

**4516: Local Electricity Bill:** councillors had previously been asked to consider supporting this proposed legislation to enable renewable energy to be generated and sold within the community. The proposal to endorse the Bill was approved unanimously.

**4517: A35 working group:** the next meeting will be on 27<sup>th</sup> March and the new MP Chris Loder will take on the role previously undertaken by Oliver Letwin. Cllr. Noon said that he had had a discussion with Giles O'Bryen of Dedley Farm who wished to campaign for a 30mph speed limit to replace the current 40 mph limit through Morcombelake.

The suggestion that CVPC should support Mr O'Bryen was proposed by Cllr. Peck and seconded by Cllr. Vaughan and approved with nine in favour and one abstention.

**4518: Donation to Marshwood School:** see comments under Finance

**4519: Date of next meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> March at Wootton Fitzpaine village hall**

**4520: Any other business** – Cllr. Joyce said that she had heard that West Dorset is one of three areas being considered for designation as a National Park and only one will be successful – it is unlikely to be West Dorset.

**4494: Close of meeting**