

CHAR VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING WORKING PARTY
REPORT to CVPC SEPTEMBER 2021

PWP held a virtual meeting on 9th September 2021.

Cllrs Joyce, Noon , Peck and Mahaddie (chair) attended.

Apologies were received from Cllr Vaughan.

The following items were discussed:

POTENTIAL CHANGES TO PARISH BOUNDARIES

DC is carrying out a Community Governance review and there is a rare opportunity to make the following changes. The deadline for PCs to make initial submissions is 28th October.

1) Rationalization of Stanton St G and Whitchurch South boundary to run along the A35 (Andrew to be asked to consult residents.)

2) Chideock boundary:

Inclusion of Hit and Miss in Whitchurch South. Owner wants to remain in Chideock PC area but decision rests with DC. (no action needed from PWP).

3) Charmouth boundary

Charmouth PC has been consulting residents in Fernhill, Stonebarrow Lane, and cemetery areas with a view to those areas, including the Newlands holiday park, being moved into Charmouth parish. **We urgently need to consult residents about their views by the end of September so that we can decide our response to DC at the October CVPC meeting.**

4) Ungrouping of Char Valley parish

There is a rare opportunity to consider whether or not we want Char Valley to become a single entity rather than a grouped parish as at present. We need more information about the implications of such a move. Could our constitution include rules to ensure that each of the existing parishes was represented? Would we keep the same number of Councillors? (Hilary to enquire from Neil Wedge)

Councillors are asked to note the above issues and actions required and that these items will be on the agenda for the meeting of the full Council in October.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING>

1)Housing Needs Survey.

DC has offered to carry out a Housing Needs survey on behalf of CVPC> without cost to the PC.

Simon Parker (DC Housing Enabling team), has provided the template for a typical Housing Needs Survey. We had been told that this could be modified to a certain extent to suit individual circumstances.

The survey would be a first step in getting an affordable housing project off the ground and, even if not perfect, would give us a lot of what we wanted.

We agreed by a majority of 3 to 1 to ask CVPC to accept DC's offer while exploring possible adjustments to the template.

Cllr Mahaddie to contact Simon Parker

CVPC is asked to agree in principle to accept DC's offer of a Housing Needs Survey for Char Valley Parish.

A PLANNING POLICY

After considerable discussion, it was decided that it might be useful for CVPC to have a policy on employment development. The PC has no role in positive planning but a policy could guide our responses to applications as they came up.

Cllr Noon would produce an initial draft for discussion at the next PWP meeting.

CVPC is asked to note that PWP is considering a policy for employment development in the parish for possible inclusion in a future CVPC agenda.