

CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Chideock Village Hall on Tuesday 30 April 2024 at 10am.

Present: Cllr George Dunn, Cllr Anna Dunn, Cllr Vanessa McAra, Cllr Caroline Parkins.

In attendance: The Clerk, Dorset Ward Councillor Simon Christopher, PCSO Bishop and 4 members of the public.

The Parish Council meeting commenced at 10.00.

3077 Apologies.

Cllr Peter Hunt sent his apologies which were accepted.

3078 Grants of Dispensations.

None received.

3079 Declarations of Defined Pecuniary Interests.

None made at this point in the meeting.

3080 Minutes.

- a) **RESOLVED** to accept and sign, as a true record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 26 March 2024.

Proposed by Cllr Anna Dunn, seconded by Cllr McAra, carried unanimously.

3081 Dorset Ward Councillor and Police Reports.

a) PSCO Bishop: -

At the beginning of April there was a break-in at a house on Main Street – nothing was taken but a window was smashed.

Anyone with concerns about security and wanting advice can contact the police for crime prevention tips etc.

A purse / wallet was stolen from a vehicle a Langdon Woods – the owner was a visitor to the area. He asked B&B and guest house owners to warn visitors of the risk of theft at local beauty spots.

Cllr Parkin asked such places are routinely patrolled by the police.

PSCO Bishop said that power is with the offenders – they watch and wait and will leave if they see police. The police do have “trap” vehicles, but these are in high demand across the Dorset Police area.

Cllr Parkin suggested that the Parish Council contacts the National Trust to ask them to consider putting up cameras so the evidence could be obtained. PCSO Bishop said that the police have spoken to the National Trust but said that there might be a better response if the council contacted them.

Cllr Dunn then thanked PSCO Bishop for his regular attendance at council meeting and Cllr McAra echoed this and thanked him for his proactive responses.

A member of the public then asked if random patrols are conducted by the police in Bridport. PCSO Bishop said that patrols are determined on intelligence received and are not random.

b) Cllr Simon Christopher: -

Cllr Christopher said he had not sent a written report as it is the pre-election period before the elections for County Councillors on Thursday 2 May.

At the General Election MPs cease to be MPs when the election is announced but County Councillors remain in office for 4 days after the election – 5 this year due the Early May Bank Holiday.

Concerns can still be raised with him up to that date.

Cllr George Dunn thanked him for his support, regular attendance at meetings and his reports over the past 5 years.

Standing Orders were suspended for the following item.

3082 Democratic Period.

Paul Ramsden, Winniford River Action Group, reported that he understood that Wessex Water met with West Dorset Leisure Holidays on Friday 26 April to discuss the permanent repair of the leaking sewage pipe within the Golden Cap Holiday Park.

Cllr McAra said she had seen children playing in the lagoon at Seatown and asked if the signs erected by the Parish Council last year are still visible. It was **AGREED** that this should be checked, and new signs purchased and erected, if necessary,

Mr Ramsden said that Dorset Council recently erected new signs which are not relevant or suitable, Recent testing for e-coli showed lower concentrations but it will still accumulate in the lagoon.

A resident asked for an explanation of the Terms of Reference for the Air Quality Working Group and the Clapps Mead Management Group. After some discussion it was **AGREED** that these be considered at the appropriate points in the meeting agenda.

Cllr McAra said it is essential work on Air Quality is carried forward by the new council.

Standing Orders were resumed.

3083 Reports / Updates by the Clerk and Councillors.

Item 2 on the Actions & Information List was **NOTED**.

AGREED that Item 3 - Rural Village Services Group – be deferred for consideration by the new council at a later date. Cllr McAra said that this organisation gives a window into other rural locations and associated politics.

Cllr George Dunn spoke briefly about the recent Bridport Local Partnership Parish Liaison meeting when 2 members of Dorset Community Action spoke about Rural Housing Exception Sites.

3084 A35 Matters.

Items 4 to 9 on the Actions and Information List were noted.

Item 9 – Average Speed Cameras. Clerk to ask for information as to which village will be the first to have Average Speed Cameras.

Cllr McAra said that she had seen a sign indicating that the A35 will be closed for roadworks in June. The Clerk will ask for details from Connect Balfour-Beatty / National Highways.

RESOLVED to: -

- a) Hold a public meeting on 22 May for Bristol University to present their findings regarding air pollution in Chideock.
- b) Send the Bristol University Air Quality report to Dorset Council, National Highways, Dorset Public Health, Chris Loder MP, and the newly elected Dorset Ward Councillor following the meeting of 30 April.
- c) Issue a press release from Bristol University on the report findings after the meeting on 22 May.

Proposed by Cllr Anna Dunn, seconded by Cllr McAra, carried unanimously.

Cllr George Dunn and Cllr Vanessa McAra said that they would chair the meeting.

It was **AGREED** to defer consideration of the Terms of Reference for the Air Quality Working Group to the new parish council at a later date.

3085 River Winniford and Water Pollution Issues.

a) Dorset Council.

No updates.

b) Wessex Water.

Item 10 on the Actions and Information List was **NOTED**.

c) Winniford River Action Group.

No updates.

3086 Motions Received with Notice. None.

3087 Planning Matters.

a) Applications.

P/FUL/2024/01968 Seatown Seafront - Retention of existing mobile sauna business.
Chideock Parish Council supports the application.

P/LBC/2024/01531 Hogin Cottage Main Street - Internal alterations consist of new bathroom on first floor, new utility room downstairs, enlargement of kitchen by taking down pantry wall. *Chideock Parish Council supports the application.*

P/TRC/2024/01927 Stone Cottage Mill Lane - C1 Wisteria- Remove T3 Rowan- Remove. *Chideock Parish Council supports the application.*

P/TRC/2024/01929 Farmers Arms Mill Lane - T5 Cypress (Leylandii) – Remove. **Chideock Parish Council supports the application.**

P/TRC/2024/01987 Stone Cottage Mill Lane - T1 Liquidambar- Remove *Chideock Parish Council supports the application.*

AGREED to retrospectively approve the comments made after e-mail consultation for the following applications:

P/HOU/2024/01435 Little Orchard Mill Lane - Proposed changes to the external wall finishes; minor amendments to modify or create door and window openings; form new terrace and steps to the rear elevation and the replacement of 2 No skylights with dormers.

Chideock Parish Council supports this application.

P/PAAF/2024/01633 Doghouse Farm Doghouse Lane

Change of use from agricultural building to commercial unit (Use Class E(g)(i) Offices to carry out any operational or administrative functions, E(g)(ii) Research and development of products or processes E(g)(iii) Industrial processes)

Chideock Parish Council is unable to support or object to this application as no information is given about the following matters: -

- i. transport and highways impact of the development.*
- ii. noise impacts of the development.*

b) Determinations.

None.

c) Appeals. No new appeals lodged.

d) Other Planning Matters.

i. AONB, Lighting / Dark Skies, Dorset National Park, Conservation Areas.
Nothing to report.

ii. Enforcement, Retrospective Planning Applications.
Nothing to report.

iii. Other.

Item 110 on the Actions & Information List was **NOTED**.

3088 Finances.

Items 12 to 15 on the Actions and Information List were **NOTED**.

a) Payments.

i. Clerk's Salary and Expenses for April	£307.90
ii. Village Hall Hire – 30 April	£22.00
iii. DAPTC Subscription + enhanced e-mail service	£291.04
iv. Bridport Local Area Partnership contribution	£74.48

Proposed by Cllr Parkins, seconded by Cllr George Dunns, carried unanimously.

b) Accounts to 31 March 2024.

RESOLVED to accept the accounts to 31 April 2024.

Proposed by Cllr Anna Dunn, seconded by Cllr McAra, carried unanimously.

It was **NOTED** that, as no current bank account signatories will be councillors after 7 May 2024 it will not be possible to make payments until new signatories have been added to the TSB bank account. This could affect payment of the Clerk's salary and expenses, and payment of the Parish Council insurance premium due 1 June 2024 (when this occurred in 2007 the insurance company at the time agreed to renew the insurance on the understanding that the premium would be paid as soon as possible).

c) Foss Orchard Car Park.

The accounts to 31 March 2024 were **NOTED**.

3089 Clapps Mead Playing Field.

a) **Playing Field Update.**

Item 16 on the Actions & Information List was **NOTED**.

Cllr George Dunn reported that there had been an issue strimming round the new goal posts with concerns that the coating could be damaged. However, the Lengthsman believes he has a solution – to be monitored.

It was **AGREED** to defer consideration of the Terms of Reference for the Clapps Mead Committee of Management to the new parish council at a later date.

b) Friends of Clapps Mead.

Nothing to report.

3091 Dorset Rights of Way, Dorset Highways and Flood Management.

a) Rights of Way.

Item 17 on the Actions and Information List was **NOTED**.

b) Dorset Highways.

Items 18 to 18A on the Actions and Information List were **NOTED**.

AGREED to write to the owner of Long Cottage, Mill Lane regarding keeping the drain outside the property clear of vegetation.

c) Flood Management.

Items 19 and 20 on the Actions & Information List were **NOTED**.

3092 Consultations. None.

3093 Annual Village Meeting – 28 May 2024.

Cllr McAra said that she considered the reply from National Highways to arrogant and insulting – the other councillors agreed. Cllr McAra said she would draft a letter to this effect.

AGREED that as there was no speaker, village groups will be invited to speak of what they have done in the past year and what they intend to chieve in the coming year.

The clerk will contact the groups inviting them to attend the meeting.

AGREED that tea / coffee and biscuits will be served from 6.45 pm and that the meeting will commence at 7 pm.

3094 Correspondence.

There were no other items of correspondence to be brought to Councillors' notice.

3095 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of Chideock Parish Council meeting.

The next scheduled meeting is the Annual Parish Council meeting at 10 am on Tuesday 21 May 2024.

The meeting closed at **11.45 am**.

Action	Responsible individual	Item	Notes