



Chideock Parish Council

Mrs V McAra

Via Email

12th November 2024

Dear Vanessa

RE: RESPONSE TO YOUR EMAIL – 11TH NOVEMBER 2024

Thank you for the email I will answer your queries in order:

1 Joint meeting – I understand that the joint meeting relates to the trampoline and DAPTC are arranging a review of the purchase of this item and until this has happened I see little advantage in having the meeting, only to air old grievances that cannot be verified and/or dealt with. I have spoken to DAPTC yesterday and can confirm that the review is being arranged and should start in the next week or so. You can be sure that once this review has happened, I will arrange a meeting.

2. Complaints – A number of complaints have been received by the parish council. Your complaints have indeed been escalated to Dorset Council and I understand they were unable to assist. However, most of the previous parish councillors have complained about many things, most recently the grant awarded to the Village Hall, which has been escalated to DAPTC. Where I have been asked to put these on the website I have done so under the 'correspondence' tab.

The number of emails containing complaints of one sort or another have been numerous, and the parish council has asked for assistance from DAPTC to try to deal with these. The advice from DAPTC was to not answer individual emails, but to wait until a response had been crafted by them to consider all of the issues raised. The parish council is therefore, awaiting this response and as soon as we have it I will send it out.

3. Facebook – our Facebook page is managed by Cllr Biggins and I have asked him to respond to your email, I append his response below:

Thank you for reaching out and sharing your thoughts regarding the Chideock Parish Council's use of social media, specifically our Facebook page. I'd like to address your questions and provide some context.

Firstly, the Chideock Parish Council Facebook page was established by the previous council and clerk, primarily as a means to share community updates and engage with villagers in a more timely and accessible way. The council recognises that social media offers an inclusive platform that helps keep residents informed about council decisions, events, and important local information in a way that reaches a wide audience promptly.

To address your data protection concerns, the Parish Council does not collect or store any personal data through our Facebook page. As a publicly accessible social media platform, it is used solely for one-way communication – posting information for villagers.

We do not store or share any personal information of those who interact with or follow our page. As such, no data is held or managed by the parish council, beyond what is visible on Facebook itself under Facebook's own privacy policies.

In terms of promoting transparency, we also actively encourage villagers to visit our official website, where formal council information, agendas and minutes are published. The website remains our primary tool for housing official information. The Facebook page is simply an additional resource, chosen for its immediacy and ease of access for residents who may prefer this format for timely updates.

We hope this explanation clarifies the role of our social media use as an adjunct to our official website rather than a replacement.

I hope that all the above information is satisfactory.

Yours sincerely

Tan Cox

Clerk

Chairman - Chideock Parish Council

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