



Chideock Parish Council

Mr Daryl Chambers
Bridport Town Council

Via Email

2nd November 2024

Dear Daryl

RE: POSSIBLE MAINTENANCE AND GROUND WORK WITHIN CHIDEOCK ON BEHALF OF
THE CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

We have been in discussions about how to take the maintenance of the land owned by the parish council forward in the future and Cllr Benjamin and our Clerk recently met with Ed on 4th October 2024.

Current Arrangements

We understand that we currently have a contract with Bridport town Council for grass cutting at Clapps Mead, the cutting of the hedge at the Foss Orchard Car Park, including maintaining the small grassy/bushy area + limited strimming. The frequency of this work is 15 cuts a year to the Clapps Mead playing area and 2 cuts a year with limited strimming and clearing of grassy/bushy area at Foss Orchard Car Park. This contract expires in 2027 although we would be happy to end it earlier.

Dog / Litter Bins

Would you be able to supply and install 2 dog bins and 1 litter bin for the playground area. (Dog bins should be attached to a post that is concreted into the ground). We will need to arrange a contract with you for the emptying of these bins and after discussing with Ed it was thought twice a week in the summer and once a week in the winter should suffice. It would be appreciated if the dog bins could have an attachment that provided dog waste bags in order that dog waste can be collected by dog owners.

Future Contractual Arrangements

Our Clerk tells us that Bothenhampton & Walditch were given a call-off contract of hours that the Lengthsman was able to use to undertake all of the work required in the two villages. Is this something that you would consider doing for Chideock Parish Council?

The main reason for this is that the **current contract** (highlighted above), is not fit for purpose and does not take into account the many and varied requirements that the parish council has. For example,

Clapps Mead site

- Clearing of ditches around the perimeter of the play area, including strimming to the edges of the ditches to make them visible to people and not hidden under brambles and other weeds.
- Clearing of the sump area (near top main gate), Ed said this would need to be done at least 6 times a year to keep it clear and free from debris.
- Cutting back of peripheral bushes and trees with low-hung branches
- Turfing / Re-turfing goal mouth area of play areas as and when required.
- Depending upon ownership confirmation, the cutting back and ongoing maintenance of the footpath from Chideock Main Street to the Clapps Mead site. (We are trying to establish ownership, if it is Dorset Council we will ask them to do the work.)

Foss Orchard Car Park and Grassed Area

- Hedge cutting twice a year
- Topiary service to the 'Chideock' topiary
- Grass cutting and strimming of the grassy area to the side of the car park
- Elimination of weeds and brambles to this area and pruning of bushes and shrubs
- Clearing of the perimeter up to the river.

War Memorial

- Every October – weed and make ready for wreath laying

Miscellaneous

- Strimming of verges when required
- The removal of all pruning and grass cuttings from all sites

We would be grateful to discuss this in more detail.

Yours sincerely

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