

CHESIL BANK PARISH COUNCIL

INCORPORATING THE PARISHES OF PORTESHAM, ABBOTSBURY, LANGTON HERRING AND FLEET



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4th February 2019 at Langton Herring

Councillors Present:

M White (MW)(<i>Chairman</i>)	D Stevens (DS) (<i>Vice-Chairman</i>)	H Ford (HF)
J Coombe (JC)	G Roper (GR)	S Milton (SM)
D Collins (DC)	J Beck (JB)	R Doggett (RD)
K Donnelly (KD)	R Chipp-Marshall (RCM)	G Whitby (GW)
Mrs M Harding (Clerk)	10 members of the Public	

Apologies: I White (IW) J Barker (JCB) Cllr Jean Dunseith (WDDC/DCC) Cllr I Gardner (WDDC) Cllr T Bartlett (WDDC)

2019/02-1 Welcome, Housekeeping and to receive apologies for absence- received and recorded. The Chairman asked that Cllrs remember to give their apologies and reasons for to the Clerk prior to meetings and that all comments should be directed through the Chair during the meeting.

2019/02-2 To receive any declarations of interest and grants of dispensation- RD declared an interest in planning for tree works.

2019/02-3 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on

- i. **3rd December 2018-** Proposed KD Seconded GW
- ii. **14th January 2019-** after initially being proposed DC and GW asked for an amendment to the minutes, these were agreed- Proposed DC Seconded KD the updated minutes will be circulated.

2019/02-4 Matters arising from the minutes for info only - none

2019/02-5 Democratic Forum 15 minutes (agenda items only)

A resident read out a statement that had previously been sent to the Council regarding the January meeting. The resident commented on the behaviour of those who attended the meeting and the disappointment at the pressure put upon the PC. The resident supported the decision of the PC and commented on the important safety issue concerning the application.

The applicant for the Shepherds hut at Langton Hive spoke on the planning application explaining the reason for the hut for the applicant's family for occasional overnight use. The applicant was happy for restrictions to be placed on the proposal if the Parish could support the application.

Members of the Abbotsbury Play area group spoke on the item to transfer the management of the area back to the PC including the funds and equipment. The lease was for 10 years and the accounts have been audited, the equipment has been maintained. The volunteers who currently cut the grass and do the basic maintenance are happy to carry on doing this if the PC was agreed.

2019/02-6 To consider all correspondence received for decision, consultation and information

The list of the correspondence had previously been circulated

- i. Item 7-Self-Assessment Capability Tool- the F & GP group will meet prior to the new Council taking office in order look at the document in more detail. Clerk to arrange a meeting.
- ii. Item 14- email from the Head of planning regarding making comments on planning applications, Councils are asked to provide comments on applications with reasons if for or against an application.
- iii. Item 15- Following a request to place a bus shelter at the bus stop opposite the Swan, Abbotsbury the land owner was reluctant to agree to the shelter.
- iv. Item 34- Email request to repair the finger post to Ashley Chase, further discussions are required in to the costings.
- v. Item 36- request for assistance from a resident at The Glebe, the works carried out by Stonewater are to the satisfaction of the tenant, The PC are now supporting another family to stay in the village.

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- vi. Item 37- A meeting of DWT, Countryside ranger, Volunteers, Portesham Cllrs and some residents to discuss the future management of the verge owned by DCC. Following the issues raised with plant growth causing a problem for visibility at Frys Close it was agreed to have a monthly cutting regime and monitor closely.
- vii. Item 43- Following the handing over of the Pound in Langton Herring applying to register it at Land registry is proving difficult as there is a lack of documents. The Clerk asked for assistance with this matter.
- viii. Item 47- The new planning website has been launched, from now on PC comments will not have a tick box but will be expected to supply full planning comments.
- ix. Item 51- A tree has been reported blocking the railway line, the land owner has been informed, no date for clearing has been given.
- x. Item 51- Shadow cabinet will continue to involve Parish Councils as consultees in planning applications.
- xi. Item 53- Following the excessive rain and flooding in the villages of Portesham and Abbotsbury a meeting has been held with Flood officers, Highways, WDDC, Portesham Cllrs and some residents to gather information and data on the flooding issues. A further meeting will be held to visit the properties further up the village.

2019/02-7 Finance

i. To consider the proposal to take on the Abbotsbury Playground for 28th February 2019

The PC agreed to take on the management of the area and continue with the volunteers to cut the grass and carry out minor maintenance, the balance of the funds will be transferred to the PC and the equipment will be added to the PC assets and serviced when required. The Play area committee were thanked for their hard work in setting up the play area and continuing to keep the play area maintained for the benefit of the community. The Clerk to send a letter of thanks to the committee and contact the volunteers for future maintenance.

Proposed DC

Seconded HF

ii. To consider the specifications for all the grass cutting contracts for 2019-22.

The Clerk in conjunction with DC prepared the draft specifications, some agreed changes were made to the specifications, these will now be sent to the current contractors, advertised and placed on the PC website/Facebook page.

Proposed KD

Seconded GR

iii. To consider receipts and payments

All payments were authorised and paid in line with the necessary internal controls and contracts. The Jan and Feb reports had been circulated. Bank Balances at end of Jan 19 **£55118.88**

Proposed DS

Seconded SM

The Clerk had been approached by the contractor who is replacing the gate at the playing field that due to low stock he has been unable to source 2 x 7ft gates until a further 2-3 weeks, would the Council be happy with an 8ft and 6ft gate. The PC is happy to wait until the 7ft gates are in stock.

2019/02-8 Working group reports-

- i. *Finance & General purposes group*- A meeting to be held prior to the 1st April.
- ii. *P & D Working group* –has not met recently and is still awaiting the appeal for Willow Barn.
- iii. *Recreation and Allotments*- the Chesil Fayre date has been confirmed for the 4th Aug 2019, the next Chesil Fayre meeting is the 11th February. The group have been given a speaker system for the event by a resident. The pavilion has been vandalised, the council are looking for some fencing to install

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around the pavilion. The Recreation group now need a meeting to discuss the next step for the pavilion. The porta cabins have now been removed.

DC commented that he will be looking at the gates and the stone by the tunnel in the Glebe Play area in Portesham.

- iv. NP report -The Steering group have now formed and have a Chairman. The Group have decided not to pursue a PP but to move straight to a NP, the designated area has been set and the group are now formulating a questionnaire. Funding is to be applied for from Locality for £9000.00 once the project plan has been completed; this grant will not cover administration so the group have asked that the PC fund the pay for the Clerk, costings will be put to the PC at the March meeting.
- v. Emergency Plan group- Following the flood issues it was agreed to arrange a meeting of the group to look to refresh the plan, further members would be invited from the community; DC expressed an interest in joining the group.

2019/02-9 Planning Consultations-

i. To consider all planning applications-

- a. WD/D/19/000005- 31 West Street, Installation of external handrail-CBPC supports the application.
- b. WD/D/18/002978- Moonfleet Manor Proposed outdoor swimming pool and associated storage- Fleet Councillors need another week in order to gather local comments.
- c. WD/D/18/002686- 4 Winters Lane - Modification of front garden to facilitate the erection of a garage- Following the submission of amended plans Portesham Councillors now support the application with increased screening and re siting the garage further back from the road.
- d. WD/D/18/002640- Siting of Shephard's Croft on land formerly occupied by an HM Coastguard store building for occasional overnight use, Chickerell- Following retrospective planning the PC Objected to the application as this is against policies SUS2 outside a DDB, there is no social gain, and has an adverse effect on the area. The PC supported the draft comments read out by RD but they would require shortening and sticking to the main points. RD to action Clerk to submit. Proposed KD Seconded JC

ii. To consider any other planning or enforcement issues

Fleet Castle is still ongoing and Enforcement has investigated some issues raised at Furlongs Homestead. The site at Bramdon Mead needs highlighting to the enforcement team.

2019/02-10 Highways- To receive any Highways issues

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- i. To consider the recent flooding issues in Portesham & Abbotsbury- as previously mentioned a site meeting was held and given that more than 5 properties were flooded this has triggered a full investigation. The flood team have left a large scale map of Portesham in the village hall so that those affected and those with knowledge of the water courses can comment on the map in order to collect as much local data as possible. Another site visit will be held.

Countryside & RoW-

KD reported that Seaway Lane was flooded again; this is a long standing issue on private land. Hannah's lane is also an issue with flooding. A property on Rocky Lane was flooded; some residents in the village have a meeting with Oliver Letwin in February.

2019/02-11 Reports from the Parishes

- i. **Portesham-** Magna Housing Association came to speak to the meeting on the shared ownership properties available at Malthouse Meadows, this was at the Portesham Parish meeting, this was the

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Monday after the flood issues in the village so was unfortunate that residents of the flooded properties came early to the meeting to express their concerns. Magna gave information on the shared ownership scheme for those who have an interest in Portesham. It was noted that one of the new properties at Malthouse Meadows was flooded and some of the gardens as well as Goosehill cottages and properties by the Green and Rocky Lane. As part of the village self-help the Village hall committee have been asked to consider having a shed for sand bags for the village.

- ii. **Abbotsbury-** Cllrs commented on the issues of affordable homes for local people as it has not always the case in the village.
- iii. **Langton Herring-** LH will be ordering a new recycled bench using the monies won at the Best village competition and from the budget for LH.
- iv. **Fleet-**Still nothing on Fleet Castle or the culvert works along Fleet road.

2019/02-12 Items for the meeting on Monday 4th March at Abbotsbury.

Grass cutting contracts, Parish Council elections

2019/02-13 Democratic Forum 15 minutes: none

Meeting closed 9.10pm

2019/02-14 To resolve to move to closed session in order to consider the recent complaint made against the Parish Council.

Proposed MW

Seconded JB

Following a discussion of the complaint made and the complaints procedure, the Cllrs agreed to a response to the complainant informing them of the process to follow.

Meeting closed 9.30pm

Cllr Marsha White (*Chairman*)

Date: 4th March 2019