

CHESIL BANK PARISH COUNCIL

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



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on

Monday 5th November 2018 Abbotsbury

Councillors Present:

D Stevens (DS) (*Vice-Chairman*)
D Collins (DC)
K Donnelly (KD)
S Milton (SM)

H Ford (HF)
J Beck (JB)
R Chipp-Marshall (RCM)
Mrs M Harding (Clerk)

J Coombe (JC)
I White (IW)
G Whitby (GW)

Cllr T Bartlett (WDDC)

Cllr I Gardner (WDDC)

5 members of the Public

Apologies: G Roper (GR), R Doggett (RD) M White (*Chairman*) (MW) J Barker (JCB) Cllr Jean Dunseith (WDDC/DCC)

2018/11-1 Welcome, Housekeeping and to receive apologies for absence- received and recorded.
Cllr Dave Stevens Chaired the meeting as MW was unable to attend.

2018/11-2 To receive any declarations of interest and grants of dispensation- none

2018/11-3 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1st October 2018 and sign the same Proposed KD
Seconded JB

2018/11-4 Matters arising from the minutes for info only

- i. IW commented that no work has been carried out at the culvert in Fleet; the Clerk will follow this up.
- ii. Following the concerns of the cut through onto the highway at the Malthouse Meadows, GW had spoken to the foreman and the PC have received copies of emails from the DCC highways engineers, explaining that this is all in line with the approved plans. Local residents to the development have raised their concerns, MW had suggested a meeting with the DCC highways officers, it was suggested that the levels are checked prior to a meeting to confirm that the cut through is correct, photos were also suggested. JB, DC and GW will arrange to carry out the measurements and the clerk will organise a meeting.
- iii. Following the survey of the stream, the clerk sent the report to the EA, DCC and Ilchester Estate, to gather any advice. No response had been received. A copy will now be given to the riparian owners. It has been noted that the vegetation is high at the bottom of the stream and it is already starting to break its banks, DCC highways are only responsible if the stream breaks its banks and creates an issue on the highway. Concerns were raised that road debris makes its way into the stream coming down from Portesham Hill.

2018/11-5 Democratic Forum 15 minutes (agenda items only)

A resident spoke on the request for funding towards the clock tower which is being considered in finance, the resident spoke against a donation, as it is not a good use of public money. It was explained that this should be a choice to give to this project and could be fund-raised for within the community.

2018/11-6 To consider all correspondence received for decision, consultation and information

The list of the correspondence had previously been circulated

- i. Concerns had been raised regarding the Housing association Stonewater who manage the PC properties, Clerk to contact Stonewater and follow up.

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- ii. Information had been received from LCAS regarding Tree and Cemetery/Memorial liabilities, the PC carry out risk assessments on their property and will look further into this on all Council property.
- iii. Information had been received relating to re-election charges, the worst case scenario if there were to be a contested election would cost the PC £1560.00. This will be considered in the budget and precept.
- iv. The PC have now received an offer regarding the toilets in Abbotsbury, the offer has now changed considerably due to the lack of funds available for maintenance. The new proposal under the Shadow Executive Principles, if public conveniences are to be transferred this may only be done on a leased basis with a proviso that if the Public Convenience is ever closed then the asset reverts to the new Unitary authority. The Public Conveniences in our Parish could now be transferred on a 30 year lease at a peppercorn rent and while no funding is available for refurbishment the District Council would attempt to address any maintenance issues before transfer. The transfer would therefore take place on the basis that the Parish Council agrees to fund the management and operation of the service from the date of transfer.
The PC considered this new offer and the costs being in excess of £8500 which would mean a large increase in the precept in order to maintain them.

Cllrs commented on the need for toilets in the village by tourists and local businesses, some of which rely on the toilet facilities for their business. It was suggested that the businesses in Abbotsbury should be informed of the situation. The Clerk was asked to respond to the LGCR/WDDC that the PC is not in a position to accept these new terms, also to request a timescale for a decision so that the PC could consult the local businesses.

Proposed GW

Seconded HF

2018/11-7 Finance

i. To consider the costs of removal of the porta cabins at the playing field

RCM reported that one of the porta cabins has collapsed; the other porta cabin is in a poor state and now not fit for purpose. A quote had been gathered to remove the porta cabins £150 to remove 1 and £200 to remove both the porta cabins. This was approved

Proposed JB

Seconded GW

ii. To consider receipts and payments

All payments were authorised and paid in line with the necessary internal controls and contracts. The November reports had been circulated

Bank Balances at end of Oct 18 **£60559.10**

Proposed IW

Seconded HF

iii. To consider the budget report from F & GP and precept for 2019-20

The F & GP met on 16th October and made the following recommendations

i. To review the Statement of Assurance- agreed and updated

Proposed JC

Seconded SM

ii. To consider the financial risk assessment- The risk assessment was updated to include the new accounts package and GDPR, all dates were updated accordingly.

Proposed IW

Seconded DS

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depth answers were provided by Cllr Ian Gardner. Short brief by a former resident of Langton Herring, who gave his personal and 6-years ongoing experience of trying to deliver a N-Plan for his home village in London. Approx. 23 residents from across Chesil Bank attended, 4 attendees signed up to potentially to be involved or assist on top of those who have already expressed an interest from the Annual parish meetings. It was suggested that a further 1 or 2 additional meetings could be held. It was also suggested that leafleting all householders to ensure all are aware of the plans. GW suggested that the Steering group meeting needs to get started and arrange a meeting now and let the steering group lead the next stage and carry out further consultations if desired. Cllr I Gardner who is on the steering group of the Chickerell NP explained that you only need a small committee to get things started and people can join as the plan progresses. Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting of the volunteers before Christmas.

2018/11-9 Planning Consultations-

i. To consider all planning applications-

- WD/D/18/002437 Elm Tree Inn Shop Lane-Erection of 2 dwellings with associated parking-extension agreed to 5th Dec, whilst the plans are made available in the VH for residents.

ii. To consider any other planning or enforcement issues

- The P & D WG need to discuss any comments on the Willow Barn appeal
- No further updates on any enforcement issues.

2018/11-10 Highways- To receive any Highways issues

i. To update on the Abbotsbury traffic issues-

Rt Hon Oliver Letwin has supported the PC and Abbotsbury residents by writing to DCC Highways department asking for this to be considered, Highways England and DCC Highways are to meet to further discuss this matter. As part of the investigations a traffic count is being carried out on the junction of Market Street and Church Street.

ii. To receive any other Highways issues.

The yellow lines have been renewed at Market Street, the Clerk was asked to follow up on the request for yellow lines along West Street.

Countryside & RoW-

- i. The PC had received information on the The Stones at Black Down and car park project giving details of the design, material and costs, the whole project including the new car park cost £90,000. Also MW had reported that the NT is closing the gate to Hardyes monument from now until April 2019. Many people park on the side of the road along this area and there has been a report that a bus had to park on the brow of the hill because the gate was locked. This is being followed up.

2018/11-11 Reports from the Parishes

- i. **Abbotsbury-** the Beacon on the 11th Nov will be lit at Abbotsbury at 7pm. The road towards the Tithe barn has not yet been repaired Clerk to follow up.
- ii. **Portesham-** One of the posts on the village green has snapped off, being rotten, the Clerk will gather a quote for replacement.
- iii. **Langton Herring-** A parish meeting was held on 17th October items discussed-CBPC WG activities, updates on main planning issues, LGR, resuming defibrillator training and intentions for the Parish Plan and N-Plan.

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iv. Fleet-None.

2018/11-12 Items for the meeting on Monday 3rd December 2018 at Portesham- refreshments to be served.

D & S AA presentation of the Chesil fayre chq

2018/11-13 Democratic Forum 15 minutes: none

Meeting closed 9pm

DRAFT

Cllr Marsha White (*Chairman*) _____

Date: 3rd December 2018