



CHESIL BANK PARISH COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held On Monday 2nd November at Strangways Village Hall, Abbotsbury

Present:

Cllr D Stevens (*Vice-Chairman*)
Cllr J Beck
Cllr G Roper
Cllr R Doggett
Cllr M J Coombe
Cllr I White

Cllr D Collins
Cllr K Donnelly
Cllr G Whitby
Cllr S Milton
Cllr H Ford
Cllr J Barker

Mrs M Harding (Clerk)

7 members of the Public

Apologies: Cllr M White (*Chairman*), Cllr R Chipp-Marshall, Cllr T Bartlett (WDDC) Cllr I Gardner (DCC & WDDC) Cllr J Dunseith (WDDC)

722. Closed and Confidential session to consider staff salaries –

Cllr D Stevens chaired the meeting as Cllr M White was unable to attend; he explained the usual housekeeping and asked for approval to hold the Closed and Confidential session to consider staff salaries.

Proposed Cllr J Beck

Seconded Cllr J Coombe

Resolved

The Clerk left the meeting

Cllr Sheila Milton and Cllr John Coombe had completed the Clerks appraisal in October

Recommendations were made to the full Council regarding the Clerks salary which was approved.

Proposed Cllr J Coombe

Seconded Cllr G Roper

Resolved

The Clerk returned to the meeting

The Public meeting was opened at 7.30pm

723. To receive apologies for absence – received and recorded

724. To receive declarations of Interest and Grants of dispensation. Cllr Beck declared an interest in the item on Road Safety issues in Portesham due to the nature of her job. Cllr Whitby declared an interest in a planning application in Helston Close.

725. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th October 2015 and sign the same.

The minutes were signed as an accurate record of the meeting

Proposed Cllr I White

Seconded Cllr G Roper

Resolved

726. Matters arising from the minutes for information-

PVH are setting up superfast as from 2 Nov with the assistance of a donation for £250 from the CBPC

There is now only 1 vacant Allotment at the site at Elworth, Portesham

Item 715ii- Little Barn, Higher Corton's application was approved in 2013

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Item 716i- further works were carried out on the Coombe Road to Winterbourne Abbas as faulty materials had been used

718- Railway Hut-Portesham end- email has been sent but no response to date

719- Fields in trust plaques- replacements now received and will be installed at Portesham Playing field and Abbotsbury Recreation ground

721- All road issues reported at the Oct PC meeting have been reported to DCC Highways

Cllr Collins commented on the tarmac that is still in the layby at the top of Portesham Hill which was used on the resurfacing of Coombe Road, Clerk to follow up with Highways

Cllr Doggett commented on the “Working Together report” from DAPTC which he had formulated comments, these had been forwarded to DAPTC

727. Democratic Forum 15 minutes *(for agenda items only)* -

Mrs Yvonne Dalley who had previously sent the Parish council a letter regarding the issues that some parents have encountered whilst trying to cross the road in Front Street to attend the village school, she read out the letter and asked the Council for their comments and assistance to make the route safer. She explained that with the support of (at the time of the meeting) 138 signatures on a petition and has already spoken to the school governors who are considering the issue at their next board of governors meeting. It was suggested that the Car park needs to be extended to accommodate the increased number of parents driving to the school from out of the area, or a crossing point, or a reduction of the speed limit at school times. The Council thanked Mrs Dalley and explained that it will be discussed further in the meeting.

728. Finance:-

i. To consider receipts and payments

Receipts	Detail	Amount
DCC	Parish Map Grant	515.00
Internet café	Glebe rent	32.00
Payments		
J Suroweic	Plinth Grant	515.00
Wessex Water	Sewer Connection	349.00
HMRC	PAYE	20.09
DAPTC	Clerks seminar/Chairs	30.00
Strangways Hall Hire	Hall hire	10.00
Portesham VH	Internet café	24.00
Abbotsbury Church	Donation grass	500.00
Chesil Magazine	Chesil Mag	125.00
Fleet Church	Donation grass	100.00
Langton Herring Church	Donation grass	150.00
ICO Data Collector	annual registration	35.00
M Jolliffe	Cemetery/Chruchyard	500.00
W Vincent	Abbotsbury Grass	189.00
G James	Port/Abb village greens	458.32
I Pritchard	LH grass contract	223.75
PVH	Superfast donation	250.00

Bank Balances £37077.14

Proposed Cllr G Roper

Seconded Cllr J Beck

Resolved

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ii. To consider the Budget and Precept request 2016-17

The budget report had been circulated to the Council at the October meeting after being prepared and recommended by the FWG. The precept to be raised from £18661 to £19000 over the whole grouped parish, this small increase has meant that the reserves will be reduced slightly.

Proposed Cllr S Milton

Seconded Cllr R Doggett

Resolved

iii. To consider a defibrillators for the Parishes

Cllr Beck reported that she had applied for a free defibrillator through the British Heart Foundation and should hear in the next couple of weeks if successful. Abbotsbury already have enough funding for their defibrillator and Mr James Irvine (local postman) is running first aid sessions during Nov and Dec at Strangways Hall to assist as many people as possible in the use of the defibrillator. Cllr Doggett had reported 100% support from those who attended the Langton Herring Parish meeting but will await the outcome of the Portesham application under the auspice of the Emergency planning working group, Fleet also said it would wait and consider where one could be sited. This will be reported to the December meeting.

iv. To Consider the quotes for the removal of vegetation at the Cemetery

As part of the Bier house project some works are required to clear vegetation from the area around the Bier House also there are many shrubs and some trees that require tidying up some of these on H & S grounds.

Quotes were gathered from experienced tree works contractors. The specification was set out in 2 parts.

The Council approved the quote for part 1 of the specification and this was awarded to Mr Max Wade (Elworth)

The second part will be put on hold until the December meeting after the current maintenance contract has been considered and a meeting held with the contractor.

Proposed Cllr G Roper

Seconded Cllr D Collins

Resolved

729. Working Group reports:- none

730. Planning Consultations:-

i. To consider all planning applications since the last meeting

Application no	Address	Detail	Comment
WD/D/15/002271	3 Market St, Abbotsbury	Relocate stairs & form Chimney	No obj
WD/CA/15/00323	7 Cemetery Rd, Portesham	Fell 1 Sycamore	No Obj
WD/CA/15/00324	Manor Farmhouse 17 Front st	Reduce 1 Holm Oak by 50%	No obj
WD/D/15/002323	10 Winters Lane Portesham	Erection of 2 dwellings in grounds- outline planning	Still in circulation
WD/D/15/002056	Abbots Walk Church St	Internal and External alterations	Hard copies requested
WD/CA/15/00337	Westhope Angel Lane	Reduce 3 Ash back to previous pruning point, coppice 1 Bay, Fell 2 sycamore	In circulation
WD/D/15/002414	3 Helston Close, Portesham	Demolish existing garage and erect ext & Garage, internal and external alterations	In circulation

All the applications are dealt with by the individual parishes unless comments are requested to the Full Council for consideration.

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ii. To consider any other planning/enforcement issues

No further reports from the Ilchester arm railings and Cheese Lane issue, It was reported that the Pub were unaware that there is an issue with the chairs and planters on the footway outside.

The excessive caravans on the site below the scrap yard was reported to the meeting and Councillors were asked to be vigilant of people moving into caravans on a more permanent basis in the area.

731. Highways

i. Road safety to Portesham School via Front Street

Cllr Collins explained that there had already been a traffic calming project to make Portesham a shared space in 2010, with buff strips and a casual walkway up front street also increasing the size of the Green to narrow the road and reduce speeds but does not seem to have helped the issue of pedestrians at school drop off and pick up times.

This is exacerbated by the fact that Portesham School now attracts a lot of children from out of catchment therefore there are more parents driving to school. A suggestion is that the car park is made larger to accommodate the increase in cars to the village at these times.

Cllr Collins also commented on the 30mph signage that seems to be at inappropriate locations on the bends and need to be more clearly visible.

Cllr Whitby explained he walked Front Street daily and his experience is that most drivers do drive safely, he felt there is a danger with putting in a crossing that this may cause accidents as pedestrians could then just walk out assuming it is safe to do so.

Other suggestions were made, alternative routes but these would be on private property and would have to be dealt with separately. A 20mph limit at school times only as in another village in Dorset.

Cllr Ford suggested contacting our County Councillor Ian Gardner for his support and making sure this goes through the proper channels.

It was suggested that a site meeting is held with a DCC Highways officer and ask for their comments as to what can be done if anything to assist this issue.

The Council do not want anyone injured whilst walking to school but are mindful not to make the matter worse.

The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with DCC and write a letter of support to the Governors of Portesham School for an extension to the Car Park if required.

ii. To receive any Highways issues

Cllr Donnelly reported the issue of people parking in the laybys and destroying the passing places signage along Burton Road. The Clerk will report this to DCC

732. ROW:-

i. To receive a report of RoW issues in the parishes- None

733. Reports from the Parishes

i. Abbotsbury –Cllr Stevens reported that there have been several complaints about the Plant pots and chairs on the pavement outside the Ilchester Arms as it causes an obstruction when using the bus service also it is now creating greening on the pavement so cause be H & S slip issue, residents have been asked to make letters of complaint. It was suggested that a Councillor should speak to the landlord of the pub about the issue.

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- ii. **Portesham**-Cllr Whitby reported that he had been approached about a dog poo bin for the end of Frys Close and along Winters lane, it was explained that the bins will contain hazardous waste and the issue is the emptying of them, the Clerk had already contacted Dorset Waste Partnership about this issue in Langton Herring and is awaiting a response.
 - iii. **Langton Herring- Parish meeting**-Cllr Doggett reported on the Parish meeting held in October where key issues discussed were the proposed precept, Defibrillators in the Parishes and the increased mobile coverage which is would increase further when the Abbotsbury mast has been completed. The VROSS project then may become obsolete if the masts give enough coverage. Cllr Doggett is awaiting the result of the mobile library service questionnaire and he reported that after many complaints about blocked drains and gulleys he had produced a drains map which has been sent to DCC highways. Finally that the 5th Chesil Rocks event is booked for 18th June 2016
 - iv. **Fleet**- none.
- 734. To consider all correspondence received (list circulated)**-none
- 735. Items for the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 7th December 2015 at Portesham**
Update on the road safety issue in Portesham, Bier House update
Refreshments will be served at the December meeting including mince pies after the meeting
- 736. Democratic Forum 15 minutes**
K Hatter commented on the parking near the pub as it is very difficult to come out of Church Lane onto Front Street and that the speed is inappropriate.
Mr Dalley reported that he does gulley clearing and vegetation works and would be happy to assist some of the projects in the village
Mrs Dalley explained that they are considering getting hi viz jackets for the children walking to school; Cllr Beck would see what she could to help with this.
K Hatter asked where the defibrillator would be stored at the Village hall, Cllr Beck explained that she had confirmation from a VH committee member that it would be in the VH outside porch.
Cllr Collins questioned the tendering process and although he tendered and didn't win the work, can he have access to the tender documents to ensure that the contractor is providing good value for money, the Council thanked Cllr Collins for tendering for works in the parish and hoped he would continue to offer his advice but refused this request to view the tender documents that he has also tendered for as this would not be ethical or proper practice. Cllr Whitby explained that tenders can be very difficult when there is such a disparity even though all tenderers receive the same specification.

Meeting Closed at 9.06pm

Cllr Dave Stevens *Chairman*

Date: 7th December 2015