



## CHESIL BANK PARISH COUNCIL

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

### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at Langton Herring

#### Present:

Cllr M White ( <i>Chairman</i> )	Cllr G Whitby	
Cllr D Stevens ( <i>Vice-Chairman</i> )	Cllr R Doggett	Cllr K Donnelly
Cllr J Coombe	Cllr S Milton	Cllr J Barker
Cllr D Collins	Cllr H Ford	Cllr J Beck
Cllr Jean Dunseith (WDDC/DCC)	Cllr I Gardner (WDDC)	
Mrs M Harding (Clerk)		9 members of the Public

**Apologies:** Cllr G Roper, Cllr I White, Cllr R Chipp-Marshall, Cllr T Bartlett (WDDC)

#### Minute

#### Action

**2018/2-1 Welcome, Housekeeping and to receive apologies for absence**  
Cllr Marsha White welcomed all to the meeting, carried out housekeeping and received apologies for absence

**2018/2-2 To receive any declarations of interest and grants of dispensation-** Cllr Coombe regarding correspondence item No 4

**2018/2-3 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December and sign the same**  
Proposed Cllr K Donnelly                      Seconded Cllr R Doggett

**2018/2-4 Matters arising for info only –**  
Cllr Doggett- item 12-4 a response to a concern raised with Stephen Hill of WDDC on uploading comments on planning applications and the review of the current WDDC policy- response has been received, the policy is nearing completion and will be publicised in due course.

Cllr Coombe commented that the gullies had still not been cleared in Fleet- Clerk to follow up.

**Clerk**

**2018/2-5 Democratic Forum 15 minutes (agenda items only)** Mr Julian Andrews spoke on item 9ii in support of the traffic calming measures in Abbotsbury. Mr Andrews was representing Ms Laura Jones who was unable to attend the meeting and who had made a request that the PC support traffic calming measures in Abbotsbury, a reduction in speed and signage. Support has already been given by the MP Oliver Letwin, Martin Underhill Chief of Police and DCC highways members but before any calming measures can be put in place the group require support from the Parish Council. The Council had previously received copies of evidence to support the request and a copy of the petition. The Council would further discuss this under Highways.

The PC was also asked if there had been a response regarding the Goalan Caravan tree works from the tree officer nothing has been received since the last meeting the planning was agreed but a split decision and conditions placed on the works. The PC

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are no longer consulted on Tree works applications but the applications are still loaded onto the planning portal, this particular tree works was not in the public domain in time for anyone to make a comment. Local residents have sent in complaints about the lack of consultation on this particular application.

## 2018/2-6 To consider all correspondence received for decision, consultation and information

The list of the correspondence had previously been circulated

- i. A response was sent to DCLG on park homes
- ii. To consider the extra lettering on the finger arm from Back Street Portesham, it was agreed to have the extra lettering and use the funds Portesham village won at the Best village competition to pay for this, a detailed invoice is still to be sent to the PC
- iii. A request for support to install mains sewerage from Rodden to Bagwell, further information to be gathered.
- iv. Cllrs Doggett and Whitby will attend the WDDC Planning seminar on 8<sup>th</sup> March considering different types of planning applications and how they are considered, material considerations, commenting on applications and an update on the scheme of delegation. A report will be provided report for the April meeting. GW/RD
- v. Cllr M White commented on the footway and horse gates locked on the road to Hardyes monument, there had been issues with the gates being left open now that there are cattle grazing the area, the owner of the cattle had locked the gates. This has caused issues for horse riders and walkers who cannot use the cattle grids. There will now be new self-closing gates fitted, an alternative route has been designated whilst this work is being done, the route is not thought to be a suitable one for horses as commented on by local residents. MW
- vi. New Signage is to be installed at either end of the B3157 Bridport and Weymouth, the PC have not been informed of the design or locations of the signage so the Clerk will follow this up prior to it being installed. Clerk
- vii. A General Data Protection Regulations Update is being arranged by the DAPTC as these new regulations come into force in May 2018, the Clerk will be attending.
- viii. A new bag of salt has been delivered to Langton Herring parish.

## 2018/2-7 Finance

### i. To consider receipts and payments

All payments have been authorised and paid in line with the necessary internal controls and contracts, due to a computer issue the complete finance report would be circulated in due course and balances reported at the March meeting.

**Proposed Cllr S Milton**

**Seconded Cllr K Donnelly**

### ii. To consider the new grass cutting specification for Langton Herring play and amenity area tenders to be considered at the March meeting commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 for 1 year

The spec was approved this will now be sent to local contractors and advertised

**Proposed Cllr J Beck**

**Seconded Cllr R Doggett**

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## iii. To consider the play inspections of the play areas in the future and the recent inspection and repairs at Portesham play area

The Clerk suggested to the meeting that the PC consider employing a play company to carry out quarterly play inspections with minor repairs on a contractual basis, currently Cllrs carry out weekly checks and the PC have an annual inspection by a qualified company to comply with the PC insurance, a report is provided and any works is done retrospectively, the PC are not currently carrying out ongoing maintenance on the play equipment and therefore this is not cost effective. This was thought to be a good idea; the Clerk will gather quotes from companies for this service for the March meeting.

Clerk

Cllr Collins reported that he had met with the contractor who was servicing the roundabout to see what the issues are, the biggest problem is that is a poor design and possibly fitted incorrectly when installed whilst under the management of the play area group at the time, regular maintenance is required so the roundabout turns but new plates are needed to access the bearings as these have been damaged previously, a quote to be gathered for the new plates.

Cllr Collins also reported on the rot damage to the Swing frame, which had been reported in the last annual play inspection report and by the contractor explaining that the equipment life was only 6-12 months, the swings are in good order, the Council proposed to remove this play equipment for safety reasons asap. Cllr Collins offered to carry out the removal and store the frame. The Clerk will now gather quotes for a replacement frame.

DC

Concerns have also been raised about the gates into the play area as they are not closing properly and that moles are active the Clerk will go back to the contractor to ask him to confirm what he carried out and ask advice on the best course of action.

The Council resolved to carry out the above actions

Proposed Cllr J Beck

Seconded Cllr G Whitby

## iv. To consider the purchase of accessories for all Defibs in the parishes

There has been some delay gathering the information on the costings and use by dates, it was agreed to purchase 1 battery and 2 sets of pads, Abbotsbury will check if there is a provision for replacement accessories as this is owned by the Village Hall with money raised for the community.

Clerk

Proposed Cllr R Doggett

Seconded Cllr J Beck

## Planning Consultations

2018/2-8

### i. To consider all planning applications

WD/D/17/002678- Old School House, Cheese Lane to Coryates- Demolish single storey utility room and garden room and erect two storey extension, raise single storey lounge roof- No objections.

WD/D/17/002752- Rodden Barn Farm- Conversion of redundant agricultural building to three self-contained holiday units (Use Class C3 dwelling houses)

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(Outline)– this application was considered in January as it was received after the last PC meeting in December a site visit held and no objections were submitted by the PC.

WD/D/17/002947- Beach Farm, Bullers way, Abbotsbury- Install roof mounted solar photovoltaic to existing building- no objections.

**ii. To consider any other planning/enforcement or ongoing issues**

There are still ongoing enforcements being looked into in the parishes, no further updates

**iii. Report from the Parish/Neighbourhood plan working group**

Cllr Whitby reported from the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January with Cllrs Coombe, Collins, Donnelly, Chipp-Marshall and the Clerk. The group met and discussed the current out of date Parish plan and the possibility of a Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Whitby reminded the meeting that if the Neighbourhood plan is progressed it would need the support of the community as it will need to go to referendum which requires 51% of those who vote for it to become a statutory document. It was suggested that this should be discussed with the individual parishes at their Parish meetings during April. At these meetings it is hoped to gather volunteers for the steering group to take the plans forward.

**PP & NP  
Group**

The group recommended to the PC that the Parish plan is updated, there may be an implication on costs but funding advice is being sought from DCA, then whilst this process takes shape incorporating questions that could gather support for the development of a Neighbourhood plan if supported.

Proposed Cllr G Whitby

Seconded Cllr S Milton

A surgery has been set up for 20<sup>th</sup> Feb with the DCA, Cllrs Whitby and Doggett as well as the Clerk

**GW/RD/  
Clerk**

**2018/2-9 Highways**

**i. To receive any Highways Issues-**

Cllrs commented on the bollard that has been placed at the last of the Goosehill cottages, which has already been knocked down already, it is further out into the highway than the previous bollard, this has been reported to Highways and a new bollard will be placed closer to the pavement, it was also noted that the PC was not consulted or notified about this scheme to improve drainage.

Cllr Beck commented that builders vans are parking outside residential properties, causing issues for residents, with their own parking and at breakfast and lunch times when the workmen sit in their cars with their loud music on, It was suggested that residents need to speak to the site foreman, Cllr Whitby explained that he had met the foreman and would have a chat with him, if there is no improvement then the Council will contact C G Fry's.

**GW**

Cllr Donnelly reported that cars are still parking on the turning circle at Beach Road Abbotsbury which means that it obstructs large vehicles from passing.

Cllr Stevens reported blocked drains outside the butchers in Abbotsbury and along the road to East Bexington Farm.

**DS**

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## ii. To consider a Change of Speed Restrictions in Abbotsbury

The Council had been sent information on the request for a 20mph speed limit or traffic calming measures in Abbotsbury from an resident, this included a petition signed by 160 people, various reports on 20 is plenty, support from the Dorset County Cabinet member, (pending various monitoring), Police Commissioner and MP assuming that the Parish Council also supported and promoted the request. Abbotsbury Cllrs commented that at no point did anyone contact them about the concerns with speed in the village prior to the local press and the petition. Also the local County Cllr had not been contacted.

Cllr Ford spoke on behalf of Abbotsbury and explained that the 20 is plenty signs were erected in Back Street without consultation and subsequently had to be removed, the suggestion now is to have 20 Zone to include the entire village. Abbotsbury comprises of Rodden Row, Market Street and West Street which are all part of the B3157 Coast Road, Church Street which extends to the Children's farm and Swannery, also Back Street, Rosemary Lane and Hands Lane that link with White Hill to Portesham.

The Council would need to consider how the changes would be enforced, the fact that Chesil Bank does not currently support a Community Speed watch scheme, the SID has been out of action for months, the realistic costs if Chesil Bank is expected to fund the scheme, SAT NAV's directing traffic via White Hill, Hands Lane and Back Street for Dorchester and Tourism is a significant factor.

Cllr Beck commented that yellow lines may make the traffic drive faster. It was noted that Back Street is already being monitored.

The Council proposed to request that DCC Highways to monitor traffic Flow, Speed and accident statistics for all village roads in Abbotsbury.

Proposed Cllr H Ford

Seconded Cllr K Donnelly

Clerk

## iii. To consider the siting of Yellow Lines in Abbotsbury

Abbotsbury Cllrs met with Blair Turner from DCC to look at the positioning of Yellow Lines along West Street, it was noted that there have been reports of delayed emergency vehicles on at least 4 occasions, the Clerk will clarify how many delays there have been from the ambulance service. Abbotsbury Cllrs will supply the plan of the proposed location of the yellow lines to be sent to DCC for consideration.

Abb Cllrs/  
Clerk

## iv. To consider the future of the SID (beyond repair)

Cllr Beck reported that the SID after being looked at over Christmas is now beyond repair, the cost of a new SID is in the region of £3000. It was agreed that the old SID will stay in situ until a location is found to store it whilst the PC decide the best course of action. Cllr Beck will remove the batteries. The Council now need to decide if they will purchase a new SID assuming they have volunteers to deploy it this can be anyone in the community as training will be provided, no longer have our own SID programme, ask to join the Dorset SID programme.

Clerk

Quotes will be gathered and information to see if the Dorset programme can be accessed. Cllr Beck informed the Council that Abbotsbury is now on the list of speed enforcement and a request can be submitted from the Dorset Road safe website.

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The Clerk will contact Rod Camp at Dorset CC for further information.

**v. To consider further lettering to the finger post in Portesham**

Item discussed under correspondence

**2018/2-10 Countryside and RoW- none**

**2018/2-11 To discuss the admissions at Portesham School**

Cllr Whitby had raised concerns about the admissions policy and what policy is in place for local children when the school is full with many coming from out of catchment, Cllr Whitby had contacted The Chair of governors who had guided Cllr Whitby to the school website where the admissions policy is available, Cllr Whitby explained after reading the policy that there is provision for local children and the policy seems sound, the only issues might be if the admissions are in year when there may be a delay if the classes are full.

**2018/2-12 Reports from the Parishes**

- i. **Abbotsbury-** none
- ii. **Portesham-** Churchyard wall along Front Street has been cleared and we now have permission to go into the Rectory to remove the ivy from the wall, a contractor is to meet with Cllr White to cost the replacement/repair of the Cemetery fence, this will be a future project due to the costs expected. Cllr Collins reported that some of the wooden posts on the green in Portesham are rotting and may need replacement, Cllr Collins will gather number and spec of posts for a quote. **MW**
- iii. **Langton Herring-** Costs for the signage from the DCC signs shop are in the region of £300, a quote is to be produced for the next meeting, Potholes and subsidence has been reported Wessex Water are dealing with the water leak and the Annual meeting has been booked for Weds 18<sup>th</sup> April. **DC**
- iv. **Fleet-**An order has been placed to clear the gullies along Fleet Road and the Fleet Cllrs will provide a plan of the potholes along the road for repair. **RD**  
**JC & IW Clerk**

**2018/2-13 Working group reports-**

- i. **Recreation Group-** there has been no Chesil Fayre meeting since the last meeting due to ill health further date to be booked in February, it was agreed that the Portesham Village hall could place the vegetation at the Portesham playing field.

**2018/2-14 Items for the meeting on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at Abbotsbury-** Grass cutting specifications, Highways updates, SID replacement costs, repair costs

**2018/2-15 Democratic Forum 15 minutes: none**

**2018/2-16 To resolve to move to Closed session to discuss staff matters**

The Clerk left the meeting.

It was resolved this matter would not be taken any further.

Meeting closed 8.45pm

Cllr Marsha White (*Chairman*) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018