



CHESIL BANK PARISH COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held On Monday 5th October 2015 at Langton Herring Village Hall

Present:

Cllr M White (*Chairman*)

Cllr D Stevens (*Vice-Chairman*)

Cllr G Roper

Cllr R Doggett

Cllr M J Coombe

Cllr I White

Cllr G Whitby

Mrs M Harding (Clerk)

Cllr J Beck

Cllr D Collins

Cllr R Chipp-Marshall

Cllr S Milton

Cllr H Ford

Cllr J Barker

Cllr J Dunseith (WDDC)

10 members of the Public

Apologies: Cllr K Donnelly, Cllr T Bartlett (WDDC) Cllr I Gardner (DCC & WDDC)

706. Housekeeping and Welcome –Cllr White welcomed everyone to the meeting did the usual housekeeping.

707. To receive apologies for absence – received and recorded

708. To receive declarations of Interest and Grants of dispensation. Cllr D Collins declared an interest in items 8ii and 8iii under finance

709. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th September 2015 and sign the same.

The minutes were signed as an accurate record of the meeting

Proposed Cllr G Roper

Seconded Cllr D Stevens

Resolved

710. Matters arising from the minutes for information-

Cllr White commented on the new stone Bench on the village green in Portesham. She explained that there has been much disquiet in the village about this bench; many who have commented to Cllrs do not like the bench as it is felt not in keeping with the surrounding area. Cllr Whitby who was on the committee of the Parish Map project explained that the Fez wik Committee who over the years have raised over £40,000 for local groups was disbanded and had some funds left over and wanted to present a commemorative bench to the village. This was incorporated into the Parish Map project and it is believed the design was agreed by the project members and Fez Wik. Unfortunately the Parish Council did not see a design for the bench before agreeing to the siting of it on the Village Green. Cllr Whitby in response had explained that he had also spoken to many who did like the bench and this included the Chair of the Fez Wik committee Liz Draper who is very pleased with it, he explained that in retrospect more attention should have been taken by all in the process and design. The Map and Bench were formerly opened on 12th September but by the evening the top of the bench had become loosened so for H & S reasons was cordoned off until the stonemason who made and installed the bench was able to rectify this. The Council also raised concerns over the payment of the bench from a donation from Fez Wik and the remainder being paid for by the PC also the risk of it being vandalised. The PC are unsure how the move

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forward with this issue other than to accept the bench with the whole project as previously agreed, although not satisfactorily.

711. Democratic Forum 15 minutes (for agenda items only) None.

712. To consider the “Working Together” proposed policy from DAPTC/DCC

The Council discussed the content of the policy and commented that it seemed document is disguising a way of making the parishes even more responsible for areas in their villages. The document was described as underwhelming. Cllr Doggett offered to put together a response on behalf of the Council and the Clerk would submit it to DAPTC.

713. Finance:-

i. To consider receipts and payments

| Receipts | Detail | Amount |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|---------|
| Internet café | takings | 51.50 |
| Stonewater | Glebe rent | 1621.08 |
| Donation | Fex wik bench | 773.65 |
| Allotment | rents | 30.00 |
| Internet café | takings | 23.00 |
| Payments | | |
| HMRC | PAYE | 6.80 |
| DCC village fayre signs | signs | 84.00 |
| DAPTC | Clerks seminar/Chairs | 47.00 |
| Portesham VH | Hall hire | 39.00 |
| A J Wolsey | Fex Wik Bench | 860.00 |
| Langton Herring Village Hall | Hall hire | 10.00 |
| N D Contracting | Allotment fence repairs | 320.00 |

Bank Balances as at 30th September £39398.14

The Council approved all payments except the Stone Bench Payment which would be considered separately.

Proposed Cllr S Milton Seconded Cllr R Doggett **Resolved**

ii. The Council considered the payment of the Stone bench having already received the donation of £773.65 from the Fez Wik Committee

Proposed Cllr S Milton Seconded Cllr J Beck **9 votes For-3 Abstentions** Resolved

iii. To consider a donation towards the Superfast Contract for the Portesham Village Hall

The FWG had previously met and considered the donation and proposed £250.00 for the coming year after the initial donation of £500 to set up the phone line and original broadband contract which was agreed to provide internet service to the Village hall for the benefit of the community and the commencement of the Internet café project.

Proposed Cllr R Doggett Seconded Cllr J Beck Resolved

iv. To Consider the tenders for the Sewerage works at the Playing field at Elworth

Cllr D Collins left the meeting for this item

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After the September meeting the Clerk had been tasked with gathering further information on the 2 quotes received and had been able to gather a third quote from a contractor which was recommended by a parishioner in the Chesil Bank Parish. The Council discussed the quotes without identifying the individual contractors at the meeting.

After much discussion the tender was awarded to Sturmeay Ground works ltd details of the tender were not revealed at the meeting.

Proposed Cllr D Stevens

Seconded Cllr R Doggett

Resolved

v. To Consider the tenders for the Bier House

The Clerk had received 4 tenders for the project, Cllr Beck was commended for all the work she had done to gather the grant of £1550 for this project, the quotes were discussed without disclosing any of the Contractors. The contract was awarded to Neil Davies Contracting no details of the tenders were revealed at the meeting.

Proposed Cllr J Beck

Seconded S Milton **10 FOR -1 Against -1 Abstention**

Resolved

Cllr D Collins was invited back into the meeting

vi. Update on the Old Fleet Church Wall Project

The Clerk explained that the grant had been submitted but has been oversubscribed and the Council should hear in November. At this point the Council go to tender for the works to the perimeter Wall. This project is not being funded by Parish Council reserves.

714. Working Group reports:-

- i. **Recreation-** Cllr White explained that the Chesil Fayre working group would be meeting shortly.

Allotments- There are currently vacancies at the allotments and works have been carried out to repair some of the fencing, repair the gate and the paths have been cut. There are some plots which have been neglected and these are being dealt with through the agreed processes.

- ii. **Mobile and Communications –report-**

The Abbotsbury Mast contract has now been completed and the build is due before Christmas.

The superfast project to Portesham and Abbotsbury has been delivered except those in the outlying areas of the parish or directly from the Exchange. The delivery of the mast and 4G to the Portesham area has improved the mobile signal in the upper part of Langton Herring but the broadband to Langton is not likely to be enabled until 2016 as there are changes to be made to the rearranging of the network.

- iii. **Budget & Finance-**

The Budget meeting was held on 28th September where the Council considered the fees and charges of the Council, the Clerks salary risk assessments the assets, the draft budget and a proposed precept that will be considered at the November meeting. The initial proposal is to raise the precept from £18661.88 to £19000.

- iv. **Planning & Development WG–No report**

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715. Planning Consultations:-

i. To consider all planning applications since the last meeting

| Application no | Address | Detail | Comment |
|-----------------------|--|---|------------------------|
| WD/D/15002168 | 12 FRONT STREET, PORTESHAM, WEYMOUTH, DT3 4ET | Erect rear single storey extension (Full) | |
| WD/CA/15/00256 | 9 PORTESHAM HILL, PORTESHAM, WEYMOUTH, DT3 4EU | Surgery to: 1No. Yew, 1No. Spruce 1No. Pittosporum, 1No. Holly | No objections |
| WD/CA/15/00293 | 1 WINTERS LANE, PORTESHAM, WEYMOUTH, DT3 4ES | T1- Silver Birch - 20% Crown Reduction and thin | No Objection |
| WD/D/15/002022 & 2023 | APRIL COTTAGE, 22 WEST STREET, ABBOTSBURY, WEYMOUTH, DT3 4JT | Remove the lower section of thatched roof to the rear elevation, carry out the necessary structural repairs to the timber roof structure, fit second hand natural welsh slates to the lower section where the pitch of the roof had insufficient fall for a thatched roof (Retrospective) | |
| WD/D/15/002076 | BROADCROFT, RODDEN LANE, RODDEN, WEYMOUTH, DT3 4JE | Erect garage extension (Full) | Site visit recommended |

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

Proposed R Doggett

Seconded Cllr D Stevens

Resolved

ii. To consider any other planning/enforcement issues

Cllr Stevens has received a pre application letter from the Ilchester Estate for Merry Hill Barn to turn it into a dwelling. This was previously turned down by WDDC in 2007. The Council will wait until an application is presented to the Council by WDDC before making a comment.

No further updates on the Cheese Lane enforcement issue or the railings on the Ilchester Arms Porch. Clerk to follow up.

Clerk to investigate the conversion of a little barn at Higher Corton farm.

716. Highways

i. To receive any Highways issues

Cllr Beck reported that the new road surface from Portesham to Winterbourne Abbas is already breaking up.

The Council asked about the road Closure at Burton Bradstock, this is a night closure from Monday to Friday 7pm to 6am through the village.

The new highways officer for our area Simon Roberts has been very helpful with vegetation and signage issues.

717. ROW:-

i. To receive a report of RoW issues in the parishes

706. Cllr White reported on the ongoing issue of Rocky Lane and the records that have come to light regarding the illegal footpath.

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707. A site visit has been held and contractors are to be engaged to re look at the issue of the surfacing, a sweeper is due to clean the loose chippings from the surface shortly. Oliver Letwin has now been involved with property owners along the bridleway and site meeting with him is being arranged.

718. Reports from the Parishes

- i. **Abbotsbury** –No issues at the moment. The Village Coffee mornings and fund raising has raised enough funds for the defibrillator for the village. Training will be available for its use. Cllrs asked if this could be arranged for all of the villages.
- ii. **Portesham**-Cllr M White reported that the Parish Map and that it looks very good. Cllr Whitby asked if an email could be sent to the estate regarding the Railway Hut as it has yet to have any works done to repair the roof.
- iii. **Langton Herring- Parish meeting**-Cllr Doggett reported that the Parish meeting is due to be held on 14th October
- iv. **Fleet**- Cllr White complained about the over grown hedges, Cllrs to provide property owners details and Clerk to write letters.

719. To consider all correspondence received (list circulated)

Cllr Chipp-Marshall asked if the PC could enquire into a defibrillator for Portesham, as she had attended a First aid Course in Compton Valance where they are purchasing one for the village. Clerk asked to follow this up for all of the parishes.

Cllr Ford asked that if the new field in trust Plaques that are to be replaced as they have deteriorated, can be fixed appropriately to the stone so as not to cause a hazard.

720. Items for the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 2nd November 2015 at Abbotsbury and to consider to hold a December or January meeting

Proposed to hold a meeting on 7th December 2015, instead of 4th January 2016 in Portesham

Agenda items-Defibrillator information for all parishes and budget further items to be advised

721. Democratic Forum 15 minutes

Mr Mitchell asked for clarification of Fez Wik and why it was called that Cllr Chipp- Marshall and explained that Fez Wik (*feast week*) was traditionally a fund raising week that was historically held to raise funds for groups in the village which eventually became a weekend of fun and games but due to the amount of work and the village Cafes now held in the Village hall the event is no longer held.

Mrs Jean Dunseith asked if she could be added to the minutes on the last meeting as she attended and represented WDDC as the Cllr for Chickerell and Chesil along with Tom Bartlett and Ian Gardner.

It was requested that the junction at Langton Herring is cut back as it over grown and a Health and Safety hazard, also the Elworth Junction especially if turning in from Abbotsbury. It was also noted that many of the speed and road signs are covered by vegetation.

Meeting Closed at 8.42pm

Cllr Marsha White *Chairman*

Date: 2nd November 2015