



## CHESIL BANK PARISH COUNCIL

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

### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held

**On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at Strangways Village Hall Abbotsbury**

**Present:**

Cllr M White ( <i>Chairman</i> )	Cllr S Milton	Cllr D Collins
Cllr D Stevens ( <i>Vice-Chairman</i> )	Cllr G Whitby	Cllr J Beck
Cllr J Coombe	Cllr R Chipp-Marshall	Cllr J Barker
Cllr I White	Cllr H Ford	Cllr R Doggett
Cllr Jean Dunseith (WDDC)	Cllr T Bartlett (WDDC)	
Mrs M Harding (Clerk)	5 members of the Public	

**Apologies:** Cllr K Donnelly, Cllr G Roper and Cllr I Gardner (DCC/WDDC)

**927. Welcome, Housekeeping and to receive apologies for absence**

Cllr Marsha White carried out housekeeping, received apologies for absence and welcomed all to the meeting including the speakers Mr Russell Goff Senior Ranger from West & Coast area and Emily Newton from DWT

**928. To receive any declarations of interest and grants of dispensation-** Cllr R Doggett declared an interest on planning application WD/D/17/00165 being a neighbouring property. Cllr Doggett asked Cllr Milton to handle the comments on this item.

**929. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017 and sign the same**  
Proposed Cllr D Stevens                      Seconded Cllr D Collins                      Resolved

**930. Matters arising for info only –**

- a. Training materials have been ordered to the value of £50 for James Irvine to use for his Chesil First Aid training
- b. The Pre-school have sent a letter of thanks and all their activities using the grant have been posted on their Facebook page.
- c. Chesil Fayre meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> Feb, the Fayre has now been arranged for Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, the next Fayre meeting will be Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March - The Kings Arms at 7.30pm

**931. Speakers Mr Russel Goff (Row) and Emily Newton (DWT)**

Mr Russell Goff apologised that he couldn't make the last meeting being a retained fire fighter. Russell explained that he is the senior ranger for South Dorset and Coast Rights of Way teams and took over the role from Jill Exton. Russell spoke about the plans for Blackdown and finally putting belted Galloway cattle on the site once the papers have been signed and risk assessments have been carried out. The management plan for the area is still ongoing and that the travellers have now been removed from the car park. Russell explained that it is thought that Romans occupied Blackdown at one point.

He went on to explain the roles of the RoW teams made up of apprentices and volunteers who carry out the work in the parishes. Russell is working on SLA's in parishes where some RoW's require more clearing but due to financial cuts are not being cut as regularly. SLA (Service level agreements) are being put in place at a cost of 40p/metre shared with the parishes at 20p/ metre

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each to have them cleared more regularly. This is optional should the PC wish to take this up and have identified a need.

RoW are now looking for further volunteering work creating walkabout leaflets. Also RoW are looking to change styles for gates to make some footpaths more accessible to any walkers especially those who walk with aids or are not able to climb styles. The cost of these would be borne by the PC but installed by RoW. The gates will cost in the region of £120 to £140 plus Vat depending on size. It will be up to the PC to decide if they wish to get involved.

Russell explained about the verges where there are red poles these are no cut areas due to Japanese Knotweed and the blue poles which are the conservation verges and have been planted with wild flowers etc. The verge cutting regime has been reduced; C & D cuts will be once in a growing season due to financial constraints and so far there have not been many complaints. Any volunteers are to contact Russell Goff if they are interested in getting involved with these projects. The PC can pass on his email.

Emily Newton- from DWT came to the meeting to speak to the PC about the Ridgeway project and volunteering to enhance wildlife and other opportunities. Emily is identifying green spaces that can ultimately become wildlife areas i.e. village greens, verges and areas in car parks. The scheme she is promoting is also looking at holding workshops to make bird and bat boxes and putting them in areas such as car parks, the Cemetery and similar locations. There is also an opportunity to gain a qualification as "Wildlife Champion" training in hedge laying, Grasslands, woodlands, planning law, butterflies, ponds and H & S. This is unique opportunity and this is being promoted in schools locally.

Emily also offered to come to events to promote surveying wildlife and their habitats. It was suggested that someone came to the Chesil Fayre and ran a workshop. Emily can also do talks on Bats as there are some very rare bats in this area. Cllr white will contact Emily to look at some of these options for Portesham Cemetery

Emily and Russell were thanked for their time to come and speak to the PC about these projects. They both left the meeting at 8pm

**932. Democratic Forum for agenda items only- none**

**933. Reports from the Parishes and confirm dates for the Annual Parish Assembly's**

**i. Abbotsbury**

Cllr Stevens explained that a meeting of Abbotsbury Cllrs and Jerry Gerlach DCC Highways Project officer was held at the top of Abbotsbury Hill to discuss the issue of the incorrect white lining. Mr Gerlach agreed that the white lines should be reinstated to that prior to the resurfacing programme. Mr Gerlach now needed to speak to his line manager to confirm that this would happen. Cllr Stevens reported that the drain in front of the butchers is still blocked and the one at the top of Hands lane, Clerk will follow up. Date of the Annual Parish Assembly to be decided.

**ii. Portesham- to confirm the finger post project with Dorset Ridgeway Project (GW)**

Cllr Whitby explained that he wished the PC to support the project to replace the finger posts in Front Street, Top of Portesham Hill and along Winters lane the project would fund 75% of the project a complete finger post costs £1500 to repair. This project was explained at the last PC meeting by James Sharpe. Cllr Whitby doesn't expect the project to cost the Parish much more than £500 in total

Proposed Cllr G Whitby

Seconded Cllr J Beck

Resolved

Portesham Parish are looking at 15<sup>th</sup> May to hold their Annual Parish Assembly

Cllr Beck had reported that dog mess is being dumped in the grit bins in Portesham and asked if they can be locked and a dog mess bin installed, it was explained that dog mess in

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the village is still an issue. Unfortunately in order to put this in place a bin would need to be purchased and an arrangement made with DWP to pay for the bin to be emptied at a cost to the PC to be investigated.

### iii. Langton Herring

The defib cabinet is faulty but we have been told this will not affect the defib from working so will be either repaired or replaced as still under warranty. Further defib training sessions will be booked. Annual Parish Assembly is booked for Weds 12<sup>th</sup> April; the signage issue to stop vehicles from going down a private track is still ongoing as are the drainage issues. As reported at the last meeting the play area will require some repairs and painting as noted in the annual inspection and the notice board requires varnishing.

### iv. Fleet

The over grown vegetation/hedge reported to enforcement has now been cut by a local; the parish meeting is yet to be arranged probably late April. There has been a large amount of fly tipping in Fleet because people can see the rubbish being left on private land. The area around Fleet gates has been cut back but this needs to be more regular.

## 934. To consider all correspondence received for decision, consultation and information (see list)

- a. The P & D working group were asked to look into the WDDC W&P local plan consultation which is due for comment by 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Cllr Whitby explained that he would be attending the sessions to view the plan at Chickerell on 9<sup>th</sup> March.
- b. The Communications group will be looking into fibre at Rodden after complaints from residents who are not going to receive the service.
- c. No meeting has been held at the Malthouse meadows site so this is on hold but public are encouraged to speak to the foreman when on site to ask questions if they wish.
- d. Planning training is available for Cllrs at WDDC on 5<sup>th</sup> April Clerk will attend
- e. DAPTC annual conference on 23<sup>rd</sup> March Clerk will attend
- f. Works to be done at the Lime Kiln Abbotsbury by RoW

## 935. Finance

### i. To consider receipts and payments

Receipts		
Grassby/Elgie	Burial income	485.00
Chesil Bank Pre-school	Donation for play area	80.00
Woods/Mentern	Burial income	100.00
Internet Cafe	Takings	18.00
Burial Income		385.00
Payments		
HMRC	PAYE	17.09
Portesham VH	Hall hire	30.00
Wessex Ground Services	Playing field contract	81.50
Strangways VH	Hall hire	15.00
Ian Pritchard	LH Grass	236.25
Gareth James	Grass Contract	284.70
M Jolliffe	Cemetery & Churchyard	550.00
W B Vincent	Abbotsbury Rec Ground	204.00

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The full payments list and finance report was previously circulated to Council members, all payments have been authorised and paid in line with the necessary internal controls and contracts. Payments due to contractors who have not fulfilled their contracts will be held until complete.

Proposed Cllr D Stevens

Seconded Cllr R Doggett

**Resolved**

Bank Balances as at the end of February 2017 **£31554.46**

**ii. To consider financial help towards the cost of installing railings at St Nicholas Church**

There were concerns if planning permission was needed but it was explained that the Church have their own planning department.

It was agreed by a majority vote that in principle the Parish Council would like to offer support if and when needed at a future date. The PCC have yet to conclude their findings on what is to be proposed and this will then be considered at a future meeting.

Proposed Cllr H Ford

Seconded Cllr J Coombe

**Resolved**

**7 Votes FOR 3 votes AGAINST 2 Abstentions**

**936. To consider all planning applications in circulation or commented on since the last meeting**

- i. **WD/D/17/000277**- 5 Hands Lane- Single Storey rear extension- still in circulation.
- ii. **WD/D/17/000262**- 7 Hands Lane, Abbotsbury Proposed extension, alterations and new access- still in circulation.
- iii. **WD/TP/17/00094**- Manor House Langton Herring- T1: Ilex Oak - reduce/pollard to 20ft trunk T2: Ilex Oak - reduce in height 40-50% T3: Ilex Oak - reduce in height 40-50% T4: Lime - shorten back heavy limb over stables - no TPO - No objections
- iv. **WD/D/17/000165**- Land East of Manor Lodge- Outline application for the erection of 1 dwelling- Objection
- v. **To discuss any other planning applications/enforcements**  
The old Rockett House which used to house the lifeboat equipment along Beach road Abbotsbury has been knocked down and has been reported to enforcement.

**937. Highways**- none

**938. To consider a report of RoW issues in the Parishes**- none

**939. Working Group reports:**

- i. **Recreation Chesil Fayre organising event for 2017**  
The chesil Fayre is now to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July as there were issues with the hiring of equipment and help from local groups. The group could do with more Cllr support at the meetings. The next meeting will be on 27<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm at the Kings Arms

**940. Items for the meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 at Fleet**

Chesil Fayre update.

**941. Democratic Forum 15 minutes:**

Cllr M White showed those at the meeting the copes of the Cemetery plans that have been laminated and framed and will be on public view in the Bier House shortly

Meeting Closed at 8.55pm

Cllr Marsha White (*Chairman*)

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Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017