



CHESIL BANK PARISH COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held

On Monday 7th November- Strangways Hall, Abbotsbury

Present:

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

Apologies: Cllr Jean Dunseith (WDDC), Cllr T Bartlett (WDDC) and Cllr S Milton

882. Welcome, Housekeeping and to receive apologies for absence

Cllr Marsha White welcomed all to the meeting and pointed out the exits and toilets
Apologies received and recorded.

883. To receive any declarations of interest and grants of dispensation-none

884. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd October and sign the same

Proposed Cllr R Doggett Seconded Cllr K Donnelly **Resolved**

885. Matters arising for info only –

- Item 867- the Best village – Portesham was presented with 3 awards and £250.00 on 27th October, it is hoped to spend the money on repainting of the phone box, a post for the plaque on the green and for a plan of the cemetery to be displayed in the Bier House.
- Item 872, after a response regarding extra signage for the village of Abbotsbury it was thought by Abbotsbury Tourism that this was not necessary; it may be the PC need to consider in the future.

886. Speaker- Mr Jon lake and Mike Potter- ref the request to increase the speed in parts along the B3157

Mr Potter and Mr Lake explained that it is not usual to have request to increase speed, but after looking into the request, on DFG guidance, and consulting with police an increase in speed would not be supported. It was explained that since the introduction of the Rural Roads Protocol and the decrease to 50mph there has been a decrease in accidents. Cllrs commented on the frustration then creating dangerous overtaking. Cllr Ford explained that the Rural Roads protocol was a brave scheme that did not meet expectations. Some Cllrs were not in favour of an increase in speed along the route.

Mr Potter and Mr Lake were thanked for their time and left the meeting.

887. Speakers- Mr Martin Hill and Simon Roberts DCC highways officers- on the working together document

A set of questions had been drawn up from the working together proposals.

Martin Hill explained that due to the cuts in the maintenance budget from 12M to 5.5M last year there is less money to maintain the routine work that has been done in the past. There will no

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longer be cyclic sign cleaning and minor works the works will no longer be proactive. There will still be gully emptying done to the community networks, although it doesn't mean that gully's won't be emptied at all, they will be done from officer inspections or when reported by the public or PC.

Officer inspections on the B3157 happen once a month and once a year on side roads.

The DCC highways are not devolving powers to parishes but informing them of what the DCC can no longer carry out on a cyclic basis so if the parishes want more than is being offered they have the options to carry out some of the work with volunteers, employing contractors or employing DCC at the agreed rates.

It was explained that the planned vegetation cuts are done by Countryside services although still part of DCC not the highways section, the cuts will depend on the growing season but there would be a planned cut once a year unless there was a safety issue. Hedges are the responsibility of the landowners unless they become a safety issue.

Weeds on pavements are also Countryside, this is particularly pertinent in Abbotsbury where there are high pavements and if not kept under control could be a safety issue. This needs to be carried out early enough in the season to take effect. Simon Roberts explained he is happy to consult with the Council on these issues.

Martin went on to explain about the documents DCC highways have loaded to their share point page which the Clerk can access, this has all the templates for working with volunteers or guidance and information about the scheme, as and when new documents are provided they will be uploaded to this site. Simon explained that the DCC have to work within their code of practice which Simon would provide a copy of for the PC to read. Simon also explained what kind of help he can provide if the Parish want to take on any works, tools, training, supervision, signs, safety equipment and insurance. Simon also explained that he can be available for works to be carried out at weekends as many potential volunteers work during the week.

Cllrs asked about using contractors for any works, this would be the contractors responsibility to ensure they were insured and suitably trained to work on a highway ie. Hedge/verge cutting.

Cllrs asked about clearing of vegetation, who removes it and where it can be disposed of, the PC was advised to speak to Dorset Waste partnership but for small amounts DCC may be able to help. The emphasis by the DCC highways on this scheme is that they will "keep it safe but not keep it pretty" although it was explained that much of the works will continue as it has been in recent years.

Simon and Martin were thanked for attending the meeting and left at 8.24pm

888. Democratic Forum for agenda items only-

Mr Mitchell from Fleet commented on the approval of the exclusive rights to Goalen Caravan site and asked if the Council were going to appeal against the decision, he explained the reasoning behind this and the options available to the PC. Cllr Coombe explained that it has been a complicated case and has run for over 30 years; a judicial review would be costly so the next step would be to write to the Secretary of State to ask for the decision to be looked into.

889. Finance

i. To consider receipts and payments

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

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Receipts		
Allotments	Haine/Chittle	40.00
Internet Cafe	Takings	15.00
Allotments	Evans	40.00
Payments		
ICO data protection	Annual subs	35.00
Wessex Water	Cemetery water	36.82
HMRC	PAYE	17.09
Wessex Ground Services	Playing field grass contract	81.50
P Bridle	Paint for Phone box	28.96
M Jolliffe	Cemetery/Churchyard grass contract	550.00
G James	Grass Contract	284.70
I Pritchard	LH Grass	236.25
Abbotsbury Church	donation	500.00
Langton Herring Church	donation	150.00
Fleet Church	donation	100.00
Chesil Magazine	donation	125.00
Portesham VH	Hall hire	48.00
Strangways VH	Hall Hire	15.00
W B Vincent	Abbotsbury Grass	204.00
Langton Herring VH	Parish meeting	15.00

Proposed Cllr D Stevens

Seconded Cllr K Donnelly

Resolved

Bank Balances as at the end of October 2016 **£34024.89**

ii. To consider help towards the cost of installing railings on the west side of St Nicholas Church Yard (HF)

A letter was received by the Vicar of St Nicholas church supported by Cllr Ford, requesting funds towards new railings to match existing along the west side of the churchyard, after the recent health and safety inspection, the cost of the repairs are in the region of £5000. The PC is not in a position to make a donation in this financial year as this amount has not been budgeted for. It was suggested that the Diocese and Ilchester Estate were approached to see if there was any funding opportunities, also Cllr Collins offered to take a look at the works to give his advice. It was also recommended that 3 quotes should be gathered as the PC has to do when procuring works. This will be discussed further at the December meeting, a response will be sent to the vicar in the meantime.

890. Working Group reports:

- i. Budget working group-meeting held 19th Oct 2016-** a report was circulated to all giving details of the budget meeting reporting on changes to the costs at the cemetery, allotment rents, financial risk assessment, asset register and a proposed budget for 2017-18 the final figures will be confirmed at the December meeting, Cllr Collins commented in the light of the discussions with Mr Hill, the Council will have to consider if they budget for the working together scheme. The Social media policy being drafted will also include email communications, the code of conduct will also be updated to reflect this; the budget group would meet again before the December meeting to confirm the precept request.

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proposed to the car park and toilets, due to amount of litter left by the fishermen and people visiting the beach and vandalism done to the toilets. In order to control this situation the plan is to lock the toilet block when the car park is not open for business. They do intend to open the café and therefore the toilets on most days throughout the winter. However when the café closes the toilets will also close. A sign will direct visitors to the subtropical gardens or the village toilets as an alternative. Photos of the litter were supplied to the PC.

To consider the illegal use of passing spaces along Burton Road:

Cllr Donnelly reported that the signs warning drivers not to park in passing places have been burnt as have the fences this is a concern for those who live along the road as fishermen park in these places and then there would not be enough room for the emergency services to access the properties. There is also fly tipping in the passing places. Unfortunately it is not illegal to park there and although it is a BOAT (By way open to all Traffic) it is on Ilchester Estate land. The Council will write to the Estate to ask what else could be done. The new road surface laid along Abbotsbury Hill and white lines have left the layby too narrow this will be rectified in due course.

- ii. **Portesham:** Portesham held a Parish meeting where the Working together scheme was discussed.
- iii. **Langton Herring:** Langton Herring held their parish meeting on 12th October when the SID, speed on B3157, defibrillator training and the Working together scheme was discussed. Cllr Doggett also raised a concern at the bus stop opposite the Knight in the Bottom pub where passengers stand dangerously close the B3157 and asked Cllr Gardner if this could be looked into.
- iv. **Fleet:** Cllr I White reported that the tree enforcement works at the top of Fleet Road as still not been carried out, fly tipping of building materials has been reported. No further response on the legal action to Fleet Castle.

895. To consider the correspondence list- circulated

896. Items for the meeting on 5th December 2016 at Portesham

Budget/ SID at Langton Herring/Email and Social media policy/Abbotsbury railings
Refreshments will be served after the meeting, Cllrs were asked to bring donations to share.

897. Democratic Forum 15 minutes:

Mr Adam Pylle attended the meeting from G P Metals and collected the feedback that has been in the Portesham Village Hall for comment regarding the proposed changes to the entrance on the B3157; option 1 was the preferred plan.

Meeting Closed at 9.41pm

Cllr Marsha White (*Chairman*)

Date: 5th December 2016