

CHESIL BANK PARISH COUNCIL

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



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held On Monday 12th March at Abbotsbury

Present:

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

Apologies: Cllr G Roper, Cllr R Chipp-Marshall, Cllr S Milton, Cllr J Coombe, Cllr J Beck, Cllr J Barker and Cllr T Bartlett (WDDC)

	Minute	Action
2018/3-1	Welcome, Housekeeping and to receive apologies for absence Cllr Marsha White welcomed all to the meeting, explained about rearranging the meeting due to the weather, carried out housekeeping and received apologies for absence. The Chairman read out a statement regarding emails, Cllrs were reminded to only send factual information by email as these are open for public scrutiny under Data Protection rules and the new GDPR coming into force this May.	All
2018/3-2	To receive any declarations of interest and grants of dispensation- None	
2018/3-3	To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th February and sign the same Proposed Cllr K Donnelly Seconded Cllr R Doggett	
2018/3-4	Matters arising from the minutes for info only – i. Item 2/7iii- Cllr Collins reported that the swing frame was removed but the swings are stored in his yard until required. ii. Cllr Whitby had spoken to the foreman at the building in Portesham and the issues with parking in Malthouse Meadows, the foreman explained that he is doing the best he can to assist with the issues. iii. No further response from Stephen Hill on their policy review of commenting online, Cllr Doggett asked the Clerk to follow up.	Clerk
2018/3-5	Speaker Ben Smith- National Grid VIP project update Ben Smith the project manager for the Visual Importance Project provided a plan and booklet on the project to mitigate the visual impact of existing electricity infrastructure in nationally protected landscapes in Great Britain, this equates to 571km of overhead line. The Dorset project being nearly 8km long includes all the pylons that can be seen from Hardy's monument this being the removal of 22 pylons. This project will take 2-3 years to complete, it is hoped this will then be completed in 2022. Ben went on to explain the process and timeline for the project. Copies of the report will be available to view at the Parish meetings Ben was thanked for his presentation and left the meeting.	
2018/3-6	Democratic Forum 15 minutes (agenda items only) Mr Mike Potter from DCC Highways attended the meeting to give an update on the petition raised in 2017 for a 20mph for Back Street, Abbotsbury. Mr Potter explained	

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that the results of the survey showed that there is not a speeding issue as the average speeds recorded were 15mph the highest being 24mph. Without the support from the Parish Council highways could not take this any further but on these results it would be unlikely to happen. The Police would also be consulted and have to agree to any changes in speed.

The PC responded that it agrees with the comments from Mr Potter and does not support the request for a 20mph limit given the results recorded however Cllr Ford requested that the issue of SAT NAV's is looked into as they send the traffic along Back Street up White hill to get to Dorchester, although a lovely scenic route much of the road is single carriageway, it is also used as a diversion when the A35 is closed. Cllr Ford suggested some signage to that effect. Mr Potter explained that the SAT NAV companies purchase the information gathered from OS and not all SAT NAV companies buy into the updates. Mr Potter will look into any appropriate signage. The issues of speed in Front Street, Portesham was also raised as an issue, he explained that each case would be scored accordingly if a request came from the PC to Highways. Mr Potter was thanked for his time and left the meeting.

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2018/3-7 To consider all correspondence received for decision, consultation and information

The list of the correspondence had previously been circulated

- i. Devolution of Assets & Services-survey to be completed by 12th April
A working group will be set up to discuss a suitable response to this, all Cllrs were asked to read the survey and consider what this could mean for the Parish Council.
- ii. G Whitby reported on the South Dorset Ridgeway Landscape Project for Portesham having met with Jill Hearing, members of the Portesham Volunteers- he had previously sent the report on the possible works in the village, on the village green, Cemetery, playground, green areas and roadside hedges, planting of wild flowers, encouraging hedgehogs, birds and insects. It was also reported that because the PC is already making a large contribution towards the finger post project then no further costs would be incurred. It was proposed that Portesham would take part in this project where suitable.
Proposed Cllr K Donnelly Seconded Cllr D Collins
- iii. The proposed signage by Paul Eastwood from Highways at Chickerell end of the B3157 was fully supported by Councillors but further discussions need to be held with Highways England regarding the signage at Bridport.
Proposed Cllr H Ford Seconded Cllr I White
- iv. Cllr Collins commented on the stream that broke its banks (some vehicle damage was also to blame) in Portesham by the green and what can be done about it. Currently all Highways have to do is make the area safe, as it is a riparian ownership issue, the stream in Portesham really does require dredging out specifically at the bottom opposite the pub. There is also the issue with the sluice gate which was meant to alleviate the problem, the key is currently with the Estate and as soon as this is opened the silt runs into the pub stream and causes further issues. It was agreed to contact Becky Brookman from the flood team arrange a site meeting to discuss the best options and then have a meeting with the riparian owners to see what can be done. Residents who attended the meeting also commented that the stream further

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down the village flooded a property near to the entrance at Manor Farm on 9th March. It was noted that much of the stream requires attention.

- v. The Post on the green was also damaged when the stream edge was damaged but no one saw the vehicle that caused it, Cllr Collins will create a spec for the works so the PC can gather quotes. **DC/
Clerk**
- vi. A request to support the change of tenants was received from Aster for one of the Galway cottages, the agreement being the PC and Estate should be contacted when there is a change of tenant providing information when there is a local need, and this is the first time this has happened since they were built. Currently there is no one on the housing register who has any connections with Abbotsbury. It was agreed that the PC would respond that it preferred people with a local connection but understood that the property cannot stand empty. A copy of this agreement will be requested from Aster and the Estate. **Clerk**
- vii. The entries are now open for the Best Village Competition 2018, Portesham will be entering again this year and the Portesham Volunteers and shop are keen to enter in one of the sections. Abbotsbury, Langton Herring and Fleet were also persuaded to enter this year. Cllr M White commented that the PC will no longer laminate their notices and only use the notice boards removing all the laminated notices on the poles around the village. **Clerk/
Parish
Chairs**

2018/3-8 Finance

i. **To consider receipts and payments**

All payments were authorised and paid in line with the necessary internal controls and contracts.

Bank Balances at end of Jan 18 **£45274.16-** (not reported at Feb meeting)

Bank Balances at end of Feb 18 **£45975.49**

Proposed Cllr R Doggett

Seconded Cllr D Stevens

ii. **To consider the new grass cutting tenders for Langton Herring play and amenity area tenders to commence 1st April 2018 for 1 year**

Quotes received from 3 contractors, it was agreed to continue with the current contractor for 1 year at a cost of £975.00 per annum

Proposed Cllr J Beck

Seconded Cllr R Doggett

iii. **To consider quotes for quarterly inspections to the play areas in Portesham and Langton Herring**

Quotes had been gathered from 2 local competent contractors for the 2 play areas, the PC would also like to include the Play area in Abbotsbury as it is likely to be transferred to the PC in a couple of years to maintain when the agreement runs out with the Abbotsbury Recreation ground group.

The contract was awarded to Ken Hussey at a cost of £98 per quarter for all three sites to include minor adjustments to the equipment.

Proposed Cllr G Whitby

Seconded Cllr K Donnelly

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iv. To consider the cost of the new swing frame at Portesham Play area

Quotes were gathered and the works were awarded to Ken Hussey at a cost of £2070.00. VAT may be reclaimable if equipment ordered by the PC. The PC will also apply for the S106 funds to purchase this equipment.

Proposed Cllr K Donnelly

Seconded Cllr G Whitby

v. To consider the quote for “No access to the sea through village” signs at Langton Herring

A quote had been received from the Dorset works sign shop to provide and erect the signs on existing poles, no other contractor can carry out the works due to the current regulations with working on the highway

The signs were approved at a cost of £384.49

Proposed Cllr R Doggett

Seconded Cllr I White

vi. To consider the purchase of a new SID for Chesil Bank

Quotes had been received for a new SID of £2319.00 the PC had also been offered a free SID from Dorset CC so we are able to have 2 running at any one time which is the recommendation by Rob Camp given the 5 locations. It was also recommended that 2 of the pole in Abbotsbury are moved to new locations but this would incur a further cost to the PC. Unfortunately the PC has had NO offers from volunteers to deploy the SID. Rob Camp asked for a site meeting with Cllrs to discuss the SID and its future, the PC agreed that before it can decide to purchase a new SID a meeting will be held with Rob Camp and report back to the April meeting. Cllr M White and Cllr H Ford offered to attend the meeting.

Proposed Cllr H Ford

Seconded Cllr R Doggett

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Planning Consultations

2018/3-9

i. To consider all planning applications

WD/D/18/000047- land from Winterbourne Abbas to Friar Waddon including Bradford Peverell, Compton Valance, Frampton, Martins town, Portesham, Winterbourne Abbas and Winterbourne Steepleton - The proposal comprises the following main elements: Installation of approximately 8.8km of 400kV underground cables; Construction of two cable sealing end compounds (SECs) including permanent access roads, required to connect the new underground cables to the existing overhead line; Dismantling and permanent removal of 8.25km of 400kV overhead line including 22 pylons Temporary works to facilitate road works and construction access. Replacement (Full) - **No objections.**

WD/D/18/000089- 32 Front Street, Portesham- Erect open car port to side of property- **no objections**

WD/D/18/000255- Barn along Cheese Lane, erect barn for the storage of straw- **no objections.**

WD/D/18/000293- 8 Winters Lane to Cheese Lane, Coryates- Demolition of rear conservatory and office, erection of single storey rear extension and garage- **no**

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objections.

WD/D/18/000291- Olds of Portesham Bramdon Lane- Application for Reserved matters of Access, Layout, Appearance and Landscaping in relation to Outline approval

WD/D/15/002654: Erection of detached house with car port and home office over (Reserved Matters)- Issues raised by a neighbour, height, potential noise issues and materials used for windows- **Cllrs will carry out a site visit to gather comments and call a planning meeting if required**

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

An appeal has been lodged for the Whitmore Coppice application; a meeting of the P&DW group will be called in order to formulate the PC's additional comments by the 3rd April.

No further updates on the Fleet Castle enforcement.

iii. Report from the Parish/Neighbourhood plan working group

Cllr Whitby reported on the surgery with the DCA consultant Joanna Keats, Cllr Doggett and the Clerk; Joanna asked questions about our current parish plan and what we have achieved from the plan, also information on the villages as they are now. She will then prepare a report with costings, a time line and advice on potential funding sources.

Cllr Doggett reported on the recent planning seminar held by WDDC attended by both Cllr Doggett and Whitby the seminar covered material considerations, different types of planning applications and commenting on applications it was felt that all Cllrs should attend these seminars at some point. The new NPPF is out for consultation, WDDC's local plan is vulnerable as houses are not being built quickly enough to meet demand. If we do move forward with a NP then this will take priority over the Local a plan assuming it meets all the criteria of the NPPF

2018/3-10 Highways- To receive any Highways issues

- i. The Gates at the cattle grids have now been replaced with self-closing gates but the cattle have been venturing out into private property.
- ii. The drains outside the butchers in Abbotsbury have not been cleared yet.
- iii. Potholes along Beach Road have been repaired.
- iv. Most of the potholes along Fleet road have been repaired.
- v. The entrance the Manor Farm along Front Street has yet to be repaired.

2018/3-11 Countryside and RoW- none

2018/3-12 Reports from the Parishes

- i. **Abbotsbury-** the request for yellow lines is ongoing and being scored by Highways, there will be further consultation with residents at the Parish meeting when arranged.
- ii. **Portesham-** There is still a lack of infinity broadband and is being looked into, there is an increase in dog mess in the village again specifically in the community areas, playing field etc, Cllrs are looking into the possibility of naming and shaming, using a website link as in other parishes. This will be dependent on how the data is handled.
- iii. **Langton Herring-** It is hoped to have the new signage in place for Easter, Parish meeting is 18th April and the community clean-up day is on 28th April.
- iv. **Fleet-**none

2018/3-13 Working group reports- None

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2018/3-14 Items for the meeting on Monday 9th April 2018 at Fleet- SID, Annual Parish Assembly dates, Protocol for closed meetings.

2018/3-15 Democratic Forum 15 minutes: none

Meeting closed 9.34pm

CLlr Marsha White (*Chairman*) _____

Date: 9th April 2018