

# CHESIL BANK PARISH COUNCIL

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



## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at Portesham**

### Councillors Present:

#### Portesham Cllrs

M White (MW) (*Chairman*)

R Chipp-Marshall (RCM)

D Collins (DJC)

S Murdoch (SM)

S Weeden (SW)

T Bartlett (TB)

#### Abbotsbury Cllrs

D Stevens (DS) (*Vice-Chairman*)

H Ford (HF)

K Donnelly (KD)

#### Fleet Cllrs

J Coombe (JC)

I White (IW)

#### Langton Herring Cllr

R Doggett (RD)

C Killoch (CK)

Mrs M Harding (Clerk)

Cllr Mark Roberts (MR) Dorset Council

39 members of the Public

**Apologies:** G Roper (GR)

**2019/09-1 Welcome, Housekeeping and to receive apologies for absence-** received and recorded.

The Clerk reminded all at the meeting that this is a Parish Council meeting and that all comments are in the democratic forum unless specifically asked to speak. The time given to each person who wishes to speak will be in line with the SO of 5 mins. Finally, Cllrs and public were reminded to direct their comments through the Chair.

**2019/09-2 To receive any declarations of interest and grants of dispensation-** DC declared and interest in a planning application in circulation.

**2019/09-3 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019**

Proposed DS

Seconded RD

**2019/09-4 Matters arising from the minutes for info only –**

Signs have now been installed at the play areas, playing field and Cemetery as per the report from the play inspector.

**2019/09-5 Presentation by Becky Brookman on the Flood event in Portesham**

Becky Brookman and her colleague Andy Proberts made a presentation to the meeting on the flood event, the weather over that period, what has been done so far and what plans are being considered, some dependant on funding. The presentation was well received and some questions followed on the issues surrounding the contentious cut through from the new development at Malthouse Meadows. A copy of the presentation will be available on the PC website in due course. Becky and Andy were thanked for their time and left the meeting at 8pm

**2019/09-6 Democratic Forum 15 minutes (agenda items only)**

A Fleet resident spoke on the issues of the lack of internet speed and access to Superfast broadband, he had carried out a survey of the village and asked the PC to assist the Parish in following this up. MR was asked to assist on this topic as the Dorset Councillor. Portesham Residents commented that there are also issues in the village as the current quota is full and there are no plans to increase this.

Rodden residents spoke on the Rodden Camp which is trading with no permission or licence, photo evidence and logged activity has been collated and sent to the enforcement officer but the current officer has been too busy on court cases so the case has been given to another enforcement officer. A response prior to the meeting noted that this officer was carrying out another site visit but confirmed

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at this time he is not carrying out any further enforcement or action. The PC and MR will be looking into this as there still has not been a planning application for the sited static caravan.

### 2019/09-7 **To consider all correspondence received for decision, consultation and information**

The list of the correspondence had previously been circulated:

- i. Item 10-The new SID for Portesham was deployed in August and will be in place until March when a new agreement will be put in place. This was funded by the PC and is being carried out by the DC transport team.
- ii. Item 12- Further emails and evidence that Rodden Farm has been used as a camp site.
- iii. Item 15- The PC had received a request from White Star Running group to use the amenity area at Langton Herring as a refreshment stop for the running route along the coast path. The Clerk had looked back at the original conveyance for the site which is to be used for amenity only when given to the then Parish and then taken on by the Group Parish Council. LH Cllrs were not in favour of this as they had concerns on the number of vehicles, litter and that the area is for the local community, some felt this was uncharitable. DJC explained that if LH Cllrs were against it then the PC shouldn't support the use of the area for that purpose. It was also suggested that the local farmer has supported such activities in the past and may be amenable.  
The PC proposed not to support the running event on the 28<sup>th</sup> September and forward details of another suitable site  
Proposed DJC    Seconded RD 7 votes for the proposal 5 votes against resolved
- iv. Item 17-An invitation has been received for the presentation evening on the 1<sup>st</sup> October to the Best Village Competition, RD and CK will attend for the 4 parishes as no one else expressed an interest.
- v. Item 21-DAPTC courses for Cllrs and Budgeting should Cllrs wish to attend.
- vi. Item 29-The new waste bin has been installed in Portesham on the green area near the Doctors surgery.

### 2019/09-8 **Finance**

- i. **To consider the quotes to the surface of the mound on the play area at the Glebe**  
The PC had received 2 quotes a 3<sup>rd</sup> had yet to respond. Portesham Cllrs expressed the need for a site meeting to look at the areas that require attention as noted in the latest report. This will be deferred to Oct meeting if deemed safe to do so.
- ii. **To consider the quotes to the repair of the tennis court fence**  
Only 1 contractor had replied in time for the meeting, Portesham Cllrs again said they needed to have a site meeting to determine the best options, in the meantime the tennis court will remain closed as it is unsafe and the gate will be locked.
- iii. **To consider the donation to the D & S AA from funds raised at the Chesil Fayre**  
RCM reported that the Chesil Fayre group had met and as the donation is based on the takings for the helicopter rides then the donation would be £800 this year, the D & SAA reps will be invited to the Dec meeting to receive the donation and to have pictures for their magazine due in the spring.  
Proposed RCM    Seconded RD
- iv. **To receive the External Annual Audit**  
The external auditor PKF Littlejohn had completed the audit with no matters arising. Completion notices will be placed on village notice boards and the PC website.
- v. **To consider receipts and payments**  
All payments due were authorised to be paid in line with the necessary internal controls and contracts. The Aug and Sept report of payments, receipts and the bank reconciliation had been circulated for July and Aug 2019.  
Bank Balances at end of **Aug 19 £71,904.07**                          Proposed RD    Seconded TB

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## 2019/09-9 Working group reports-

- i. **Recreation- Chesil Fayre report-** RCM reported on the success of this year's event, no major issues this year, it went very smoothly but unfortunately the helicopter rides had to stop after lunch time. Hence the reduced donation to the D & SAA this year. Despite this the event raised £15.98 more than last year. The Chesil fayre since it began in 2013 has raised £12,000 towards the project to build a new community hut/pavilion on the site. As mentioned before the plans are now available and the Recreation group will now be looking at a planning application and funding as the build is likely to cost in the region of £70,000. If anyone has any fund-raising idea, they would like to organise or need help to organise to raise funds they would be most welcome.  
RCM is independently organizing a blues night on the 1<sup>st</sup> Nov at PVH in aid of the Bowel cancer charity and the Community Hut/Pavilion fund so if anyone is interested tickets are £10 from RCM direct.
- ii. **NP V4C update** –Peter Begley updated on the progress so far, the second newsletter is being drafted, the first survey is hoped to be ready for circulation by the end of September. Collection points for the survey will be at Portesham Doctors, LH VH, Abbotsbury PO and a driveway in Fleet. Funding has now been received for the NP of £7485 and this is held in the PC accounts ring fenced for the NP. A further £8000 is available to be applied for later in the process.
- iii. **Emergency- Flood Update-** IW commented that the group had a very productive meeting with Becky and things can now move forward.
- iv. **Communications Group** –JC commented that he is pleased that the Fleet resident is helping with this project and the Dorset Councillor will be asked to support the Parish with this.
- v. **Finance Group-** A meeting of the 4 chairs will take place in October to consider the budget, precept and updating the financial regs.
- vi. **P & D WG-** None.

## 2019/09-10 Planning Consultations-

- i. **To consider all planning applications-**
  - a. WD/D/19/001584- 8 Goosehill, Portesham-Demolition of conservatory and erection of single storey extension - No objections raised to this revised scheme.
  - b. WD/D/18/001709- 3 Helston Close, Portesham- Erection of extension, new garage and ancillary annexe to the rear- No objections.
  - c. WD/D/19/001605- Higher Farm Cottage, Shop lane, LH- Extension and alterations to dwelling and modification to outbuildings- plans were made available at the VH for residents to view- No objections.
  - d. WD/D/19/001820- 10 Winters Lane, Portesham- Erect Carport /store- No objections.
  - e. WD/D/19/001849- North Mead Farm, Portesham- Develop land by erection of 5 No. dwellings with garages, form access road. (outline application with all matters reserved)- Portesham Cllrs had site visits, a letter was read out to the meeting from a resident objecting to the application due to the impending NP. DJC spoke on the application and explained that the owner who has already built 3 houses on the site is passionate about the design of these houses and should the site be sold there would be conditions that there would only be 5 houses and design in keeping with those already on the site. Cllrs supported the application assuming there would only be 5 houses.

Proposed TB

Seconded SW

Vote 12 For 1 abstention

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## ii. To consider any other planning or enforcement issues

- a. Fleet Castle- Fleet Cllrs asked that the PC follow up on the last email sent by enforcement stating that there were positive movements to a solution when an enforcement notice had already been given- Cllrs explained that this is not good enough and this has gone on long enough and needs action now- Clerk to respond and ask Cllr Roberts to assist.
- b. WD/D/18/002640-Siting of a Shepherds Croft on land in LH has now been refused – RD asked what the time scale would be to remove the hut- clerk to follow up.
- c. Rodden Farm- a planning application has still not been submitted for the static caravan that has already been installed, the caravan and camping that has occurred during the summer without a license or planning permission is still ongoing, Clerk to follow up and ask Cllr Roberts for his input.
- d. Brandon Mead- the site is due in September to follow up

## 2019/09-11 Highways- To receive any Highways issues

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The Clerk had contacted Rt Hon Oliver Letwin for his support with the signage, he had responded and followed this up with Mike Potter at Dorset Council- the signage was to be installed as soon as possible. Cllrs felt that the signage was too late and drivers were already committed and had nowhere to turn, no new signage has been placed on the link road through Chickerell. HF commented that drivers had a responsibility to make the right choices on the route they follow. The closure of the Weymouth Way could have had an impact on vehicles seeking alternative routes. It was also noted that instead of helping these drivers to negotiate the bend in Abbotsbury to leave them to obstruct the road to call the police to sort it out then the companies would have to do something about the routes their drivers are taking. It was also noted that the noise of the motor bikes who use the route is getting worse and can be heard for miles.

**Countryside & RoW**-none.

## 2019/09-12 Reports from the Parishes

- i. **Portesham**- Nothing further.
- ii. **Abbotsbury**- Travellers are now at the Lyme Kiln, this will be reported to RoW. HF commented on the play area inspection report, the length and detail of the content, is it really necessary and the Cllrs don't have the time to read it. The Clerk offered to meet with Abbotsbury Cllrs to look at the report to see what needed doing immediately- Abbotsbury Cllrs will consider if they require help from the Clerk. MW explained that all the plays areas receive this report and it is up to each parish to look at what are the higher risks at the time and deal with accordingly.
- iii. **Langton Herring**- The village held their summer fayre on 20<sup>th</sup> July, and more recently the Produce show on 1<sup>st</sup> September. The posts and fencing on the amenity area require repair, quotes will be gathered, when this is done a gate and lock is required to access the area in order to stop unauthorised parking.  
  
Cllrs Coombe and Bartlett left the meeting at 9pm
- iv. **Fleet**-IW reported that the broadband issue is ongoing and that the Butter Street sign has fallen off the its posts. This has already been reported to Dorset Council. Lots of rubbish has been found and collected near the bin located in near Fleet Gates this being in Chickerell TC area. Clerk to contact the town Council to ask them to follow up.

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**2019/09-13 Items for the meeting on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October – TBC.**

**2019/09-14 Democratic Forum 15 minutes:**

A resident asked whether the Council had seen a copy of the draft letter from residents with their objections to the proposals at North Mead farm, it was confirmed that this letter was circulated to the full Council on that day it was submitted to the PC and the comments of which were noted.

A resident asked for permission to have a copy of one of the letters sent regarding the planning application, due to GDPR the PC had to gather permission for this first.

A resident commented on the objections by residents on the North Mead application on the basis that the NP was not yet complete. It was explained that until a NP is adopted by the Dorset Council as a planning document then the NP did not carry any weight.

It was noted that the pavement outside Portesham House is uneven and a health and safety risk, PC to report online.

Mark Roberts supported the comments regarding the NP and its status until adopted, Also that he will be speaking to the Wessex regional flood committee regarding the Portesham issues and funding.

SM noted that the Doctors garden is over grown and leaning onto the pavement, it was suggested that the Doctor's surgery was informed and reported to RoW to enforce if not.

Meeting closed 9.15pm

(Chairman) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019