

CHESIL BANK PARISH COUNCIL

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

2019/11-7 Finance

i. To consider receipts and payments

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

The Nov report of payments, receipts and the bank reconciliation had been circulated for Oct 2019.

Bank Balances at end of **Oct 19 £82838.11** Proposed TB Seconded RD

ii. To consider the budget and finance documents recommended by the budget group to determine the precept 2019-20

The Clerk had circulated the notes from the budget meeting to all with supporting documents, the PC considered the following:

- a. To review the Statement of assurance, update the Terms of reference and update the Financial regulations Proposed JC Seconded RD
- b. To consider to invest the PC reserves of £20,000 into a one-year fixed term bond with the Unity Trust Bank for better return on the PC monies. Proposed GR Seconded SM
- c. To consider to add a further 2 Cllrs as online signatories to the Bank, to approve the Asset register and agree the updated fees and charges for the Cemetery and Allotments. Proposed SW Seconded KD
- d. To consider the budget and precept for 2020-21 with no increase in precept at £27500.00 Proposed RD Seconded DJC

2019/11-8 Working group reports-

- i. **Recreation-** The Tennis court fence is now replaced, the works to the Glebe Mound and mats under swings have commenced. A tree has fallen from the neighbours garden into the Glebe play area but it has not damaged the PC fence.
The PC have cleared back an area at the bottom of the Allotments and will be fencing the area whilst it decides if it feasible to set up further allotments or trees, but access will be required for vehicles as well as a pedestrian gate.
A recreation group meeting will be held before Christmas in order to consider the repairs schedules at all the play areas. Date to follow.
RCM reported on the event she organised on 1st November with the Fat Marrow Band, RCM thanked those who helped her on the day the event was organised to raise money for the bowel cancer charity and the pavilion project, 90 people supported the event and raised £936.38. RCM was thanked for organising the event for such good causes.
- ii. **NP V4C update** –Derek Troughton of the NP SG updated the meeting on the progress of the NP. The 1st Survey on Housing has been distributed to all 4 Parishes and to outlying villages within the CBPC Parish. Multi-occupancy households received 2 copies, making a total of around 1100 copies. The group are still encouraging online response. At the time of the meeting 101 people across all parishes have responded on line. The second newsletter has been distributed and the second survey is being prepared for mid-January this is available from the Vision4chesil web site and Facebook is active, information is being shared electronically, via social media and in the Chesil. There have been issues with finding some of the properties via the electoral roll and the Royal mail postcode finder also reaching 2nd home owners. There has been some confusion on the usage of Survey Monkey and the process of packing and delivering needs to be stream lined for the subsequent surveys. The weather proof Ballot box at Fleet has disappeared so another will be ordered. The group on the back of this initial survey will create a more accurate data base and will be looking to meet with businesses for the next stage.

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Some early observations from on line returns so far:

Abbotsbury x 24 (25%), Fleet x 12 (12.5%), Langton H x 29 (30%), Portesham x 31 (32.5%)

Almost a 1/3 of respondents have lived in the Parish 5 years or less. Half of respondents are retired.

Of those who work (33%), 2/3 work outside the Parish, Only 7 responses from 2nd Home Owners

Over 75% own their own home. 2/3 of respondents are not planning to move in next 10 years

42 respondents agreed there was a need for additional homes in next 10 years.

Over 80% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that the NP should influence the appearance & 85% the location of new housing.

- iii. **Emergency- Flood Update-** DJC reported on the Portesham parish meeting where the Flood issues were discussed. It was disappointing to see no riparian owners at the meeting although all had been leafleted. From the meeting a Flood Action group will be formed and more will hopefully join. As an interim measure the PC will now order the sand, bags and bins to store them in, DJC suggested shovels and loose sand in the bins so people can help them selves as and when required. The locations of the bins have already been agreed. The next step is to gather the information regarding land ownership where it is queried so that riparian ownership can be confirmed. It is hoped that Dorset Council will help us with this matter. DJC will continue to survey the stream so we have an accurate set of measurements. Since the meeting further residents have expressed interest and the Portesham Volunteers may also be able to help. The group will be holding a meeting by the end of the month to look at the next stage. Regarding the works that highways can carry out, the Flood officer is putting together a proposed scheme and this will then be costed to consider any future grants or funding that may be necessary.

2019/11-9 Planning Consultations-

i. To consider all planning applications-

- a. WD/D/19/002410 32 The Old Reading Rooms, 13 Front Street- Erect rear single storey extension, replace porch and windows. No objections
- b. WD/D/19/002455- Land north of Little Orchard, Rodden Lane- erection of agricultural building- a site visit is required this will be arranged with the applicant for comment by 25th Nov.

ii. To consider any other planning or enforcement issues

- a. Siting of a Shepherds Croft on land in LH -This is still ongoing as it has yet to be removed, PC to follow this up.
- b. Fleet Castle- Cllr Mark Roberts commented that there is an update but is not at liberty to discuss at this point.
- c. Rodden farm enforcement- The PC had been in receipt of the enforcement officers report to close the case as there had been no further incidents of camping on the site. The residents had sent a letter of complaint- The PC will follow this up as evidence had been sent to prove this but Cllr Mark Roberts explained that the enforcement officer has to witness this for himself. Clerk also to follow up on this and the static caravan still sited with no planning permission.

2019/11-10 Highways- To receive any Highways issues

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- a. The pavement in Portesham from Portesham House to Frys Close has been repaired but the manhole covers are still protruding, to be reported.
- b. The gully at the bottom of New Road is still blocked
- c. The road leading to the Gardens in Abbotsbury is in a very poor state to be reported.

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- d. The Drain at Bullers way Abbotsbury is blocked but the drain that this surface water leads to has not been dug out.
- e. Concerns were raised at the new entrance to Whitmore Coppice, that it does not match the plans submitted in the application that went to appeal, PC to contact Highways and the Planning officer.
- f. DS had received a request following a meeting with the countryside ranger and local residents for a TRO to stop parking along Beach Road Abbotsbury. **Clerk to Action**
- g. B3157 HGV issues- further issues have occurred on the bend in Abbotsbury and the local MP has been asked to step in again. HF explained that drivers need to be responsible for their journey and until there are fines for using these routes and causing these traffic issues, there is very little that can be done. DJC explained that the advice given has been that if these drivers get stuck due to their error then the residents should not assist them but leave them and call the police when the road then obstructed. Obviously if there is damage to properties these still need to be reported by residents.

Countryside & RoW-KD reported issues along Seaway Lane.

2019/11-11 Reports from the Parishes

- i. **Portesham**- A second defibrillator has now been installed at The Kings Arms. The Cherry tree on the village green has been reported as diseased or dying, the tree will be inspected, then consider any further action possibly consider purchasing a new tree as a replacement. There is now a Portesham village Facebook page specifically for Portesham events not related to the Parish Council. It is similar to the Abbotsbury village Facebook page.
- ii. **Abbotsbury**- The verges/hedges have not been cut along Rosemary Lane; DS will provide information on the properties that need to cut their hedges back. DWP have been in the village clearing the pavements of weeds.
- iii. **Langton Herring**- LH held a Parish meeting. The latch on the gate in the play area needs replacing, there are several dead trees on the amenity area.
- iv. **Fleet**-IW reported the pothole has been repaired along Fleet Road. JC commented on behalf of the resident who raised the issue with Broadband and asked Cllr Mark Roberts if there have been any updates. He explained that with the new Dorset Council the new committees are yet to all be set up and running.

2019/11-12 Items for the meeting on Monday 2nd December 2019 at Portesham (refreshments served)

– D & S AA presentation and the Vision 4 Chesil survey draw.

2019/11-13 Democratic Forum 15 minutes: none

Meeting closed 8.44pm

2019/11-14 To resolve to move to closed session to consider items of a confidential nature

The PC discussed the Glebe houses, it was noted that the S 106 agreement requires updating to reflect the changes to the Dorset Council and the Stonewater housing association. Also, to prepare a policy when considering nominations for the properties.

(Chairman)

Chairman's initials

Date: 2nd December 2019