

# CHESIL BANK PARISH COUNCIL

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



## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on

### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 via Zoom

#### Councillors Present:

##### Portesham Cllrs

M White (MW) (*Chairman*)

S Murdoch (SM)

S Weeden (SW)

R Chipp-Marshall (RCM)

##### Abbotsbury Cllrs

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

K Donnelly (KD)

*G Roper (GR)*

##### Langton Herring Cllrs

C Killoch (CK)

R Doggett (RD)

##### Fleet Cllrs

J Coombe (JC)

I White (IW)

Mrs M Harding (Clerk)

Cllr Mark Roberts (MR) Dorset Council

1 members of the Public

#### 2020/06-1 **Welcome, Zoom meeting rules and to receive apologies for absence –**

T Bartlett (TB) H Ford (HF) D Collins (DJC)

#### 2020/06-2 **To receive any declarations of interest and grants of dispensation- none.**

#### 2020/06-3 **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

Proposed RD

Seconded KD

Resolved

#### 2020/06-4 **Matters arising from the minutes for info only**

DJC was unable to attend the meeting but asked for info on the water across the road at New Road and Back Street, both issues had been reported but no update on actions. A meeting is yet to arranged re the Portesham Flood plan.

#### 2020/06-5 **Democratic Forum-** a resident asked if the eligible criteria would be made available to the public, it was explained that once the PC procedure was agreed the s106 and supporting criteria will be published.

#### 2020/06-6 **To consider the CBPC housing list procedure-** A working group had met to draft up the housing list procedure, this was circulated to all prior to the meeting, the PC agreed to the procedure to support the s106 and additional agreement.

Proposed JC

Seconded KD

Resolved

#### 2020/06-7 **To reaffirm the Working Group members**

The list was circulated to all, some amendments were made to group members this will then be published on the PC website.

#### 2020/06-8 **To reaffirm the Parish Council is eligible to use the General Power of Competence-** The PC resolved that it is eligible to use the GPC- An eligible council is one which has resolved to adopt the GPC, with at least two thirds of its members being declared elected and the Clerk must hold an appropriate qualification (Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012).

Proposed JC

Seconded RD

Resolved

#### 2020/06-9 **To reaffirm the Policies and Procedures of the Council-** The Council considered the Policies adopted by the Council, a list of all policies was circulated. An additional column will be added to the list regarding the frequency of the review. The Council approved the Policies and will commence the review of the older policies later this year.

Proposed RD

Seconded KD

Resolved

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## 2020/06-10 Finance- To consider the finance report of receipts and payments

All payments due were authorised to be paid in line with the necessary internal controls and contracts. The report of payments, receipts and the bank reconciliation had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Bank Balances at end of **May 20 - £80,019.92**

Proposed GR

Seconded IW

Resolved

## 2020/06-11 To consider all correspondence received for decision consultation and information

**Item 3-** Following a report of the condition of the Memorial in Abbotsbury Churchyard the PC contacted historic England to aim to confirm who is responsible for the memorial, this is still not clear and the information collated was forwarded to the PCC for their information.

**Item 5-** NP report- Work on the Neighbourhood Plan was put on hold on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 owing to the Covid-19 outbreak. It is not expected that work will resume before September 2020. This will inevitably delay completion from the existing target of April 2021. A budget application for 2020/2021 to Locality is being prepared. The fallout from Covid-19 is likely to result in a change of approach for future activities in order to reduce social contact. This may increase some costs, for example greater use of Postal Services for future surveys and Newsletters. In addition, The Planning Consultant employed by the group is preparing a quotation for inclusion in the Locality submission, taking into account the likely slippage in dates.

The PC discussed the NP and the current situation and made the following comments, with Covid 19 the situation has completely changed, and the answers in the surveys already completed will be out of date, the business responses would have also been affected as some businesses may not even survive. Some felt the process needed to slow down, so this will be considered at the next SG meeting.

It was suggested that a survey is carried out to cover the questions already asked in order to get a current picture and review the situation now, then carry out one more survey to follow up the questions not yet asked, it was explained the reasoning for the 1 survey to complete the gathering of information was to save postage and survey costs. CK will attend the meetings as the LH rep for RD.

**Item 7-**Issues at Abbotsbury Beach road and Car Park- The Police had been called as cars were blocking the access to Beach road, the car park had to be opened but the toilets were not, it was reported that there was rubbish and other hazardous waste left for the Estate to clear up. MR commented that he is speaking to DC re the opening up of public toilets. IW explained that the Fleet Road has also had parking issues with people just leaving their cars all along the route. The Police had been notified via 101 but no response.

**Item-8-** An allotment holder had asked permission of the PC to install fruit cages and possibly a poly tunnel in a future year. As part of the Allotment agreements permission should be sought for any construction on site. The PC agreed to the structures assuming that the allotment holder is responsible for the structures is covered by their own insurance and are not a nuisance to other allotment holders.

Proposed GR

Seconded DS

Resolved

**Item 9-** Road closure at Burton Road Abbotsbury from 29<sup>th</sup> May for 21 days for H & S reasons

**Item 17-** RD explained the correspondence regarding the gate at the Coastguards road in LH as it is being left open. The Ranger is aware of the situation but this is not a PC matter as it is on private land.

**Item 18-** C & D road verges to commence the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> June in the County.

## 2020/06-12 Planning Consultations-

- i. **To consider all planning applications:** -none in circulation but MW asked the RD to draft a letter to the planning department regarding the recent planning committee meeting when the application for Trafalgar Farm was on the agenda.

*RCM declared a register of interest in this item and did not speak or take part in the discussions.*

RD had prepared a statement which he read out to the meeting. He spoke about the way the planning meeting was managed via Microsoft teams, the lateness of the notice of the meeting,

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especially on a Bank holiday weekend, the lack of information made available to the planning committee on this application, given the detail on the previous 2 applications considered and refused, also the disparity between the applications when considering the DDB in those areas. There were comments about the Parish Council being confused made by the applicants agent regarding the curtilage of the Listed building. RD explained given the lack of regard for the application the decision to approve is unsound and should be reconsidered. The Council agreed that a letter should go to the Head of Planning, the planning committee and our Ward Councillor. RD will draft a letter to be sent and circulate.

It was noted that there had not been an acknowledgment to the letter sent to enforcement and Head of planning regarding the current enforcement issues and the length of time they are taking to be resolved.

## 2020/06-13 Highways- Countryside & RoW- to receive any problems and reports

- i. **To receive any Highways issues-** SM commented on the amount of motor bikes speeding through the village the previous weekend, starting from very early in the morning. Trying to cross the road from Goosehill cottages became very dangerous. SM asked if something can be done to slow the traffic down, i.e. speed bumps or average speed cameras? KD commented that it is similar at the west end of Abbotsbury, also if speed bumps were installed this would create a noise issue as cars travel over them and then street lights would also have to be in place. It was suggested that the PC looks at community speed watch, this would require at least 12 volunteers to take the speed recordings. SM explained that a more permanent solution needs to be found. MW explained that in 2009/10 the PC went through the extensive process of the rural roads protocol and sign clutter audit and lots of works were carried out especially in Front Street and the entrance to the villages. Several suggestions came up but it was felt more police presence was needed. The CHO will be contacted to see what else could be put in place but Cllrs were encouraged to report the speed issues on the Dorset Road Safe website.

## 2020/06-14 Parish Reports and Issues

- i. **Abbotsbury-** KD will carry out the village property report
- ii. **Fleet-** JC reported that the Fleet gates need to be maintained, Clerk to contact contractor to cut back vegetation, JC also reported some maintenance works needed on the gates them selves and will gather quotes of this work. It was noted that although in Chickerell parish the field near the Fleet gates has a lot of new sheds installed and the passing area is being used by the owner of the field so making passing an issue. Chickerell TC will be informed.
- iii. **Langton Herring-**RD had provided a report of all PC assets and items to note are the amenity area fence needs replacement with many posts rotten, latch has been repaired on the play are gate. Access path to the VH needs some maintenance to vegetation. The Pound was inspected by a local surveyor to give his view and explained the cracks are old, condition is not considered dangerous but to be monitored. The notice board is tired and in need of rubbing down and re-coating, local contractor to be asked to carry out this maintenance. The defib is reported to SWAST monthly.
- iv. **Portesham-** MW had inspected the various areas in the village but raised concerns about the tree in the rectory garden and that it is pushing the Churchyard wall out, an inspection is needed from the Diocese in order to re visit the tree causing damage to the wall. The contractor the PC had agreed to carry out the Churchyard wall works will be asked to hold a site visit to look at what can be done. The Cemetery gates and fence require works and replacement in places. There are reserves in the PC accounts for these works and it is hoped to gather quotes for later this year.

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## **2020/06-15 Items for the meeting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020 via Zoom**

Quotes for property repairs

## **2020/06-16 Democratic Forum 15 minutes**

Cllr Mark Roberts spoke on the progress at DC and that some Dorset schools are starting to reopen again, services have been reduced on those shielding, meetings on the Covid crisis are now down to 2 per week. DC are now starting work on recovery and reset for Dorset.

JC asked about the Housing allocations policy consultation that was in the Echo, this has not been sent to Parish Council's for consultation, Clerk to enquire.

RCM spoke on the new discretionary grant available from DC and that the link did not work on the email, Clerk to look into.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm