

CHESIL BANK PARISH COUNCIL

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



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on

Monday 6th July 2020 via Zoom

Councillors Present:

Portesham Cllrs

M White (MW) (*Chairman*)
S Murdoch (SM)
S Weeden (SW)
R Chipp-Marshall (RCM)
D Collins (DJC)

Abbotsbury Cllrs

D Stevens (DS) (*Vice-Chairman*)
K Donnelly (KD)

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

2 members of the Public

2020/07-1 Welcome, zoom meeting rules and to receive apologies for absence –

T Bartlett (TB) H Ford (HF) G Roper (GR)

2020/07-2 To receive any declarations of interest and grants of dispensation- none.

2020/07-3 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1st June 2020

Proposed SM

Seconded SW

Resolved

2020/07-4 Matters arising from the minutes for info only

No response had been received from the planning office regarding the 2 letters sent regarding enforcement issues and the planning committee meeting. Cllrs expressed their disdain and Cllr Roberts will be asked to comment when he arrived at the meeting at 8pm

2020/07-5 Democratic Forum- a Fleet resident spoke raising their concerns about the ridiculous situation on enforcement issues in Fleet, the resident had contacted the enforcement officer following a report online and was appalled at the flagrant disregard for the planning system. The resident was asked to wait for Cllr Roberts to arrive in the meeting and discuss this with him.

2020/07-6 To consider the opening of the Play areas in the 3 parishes given the new government guidelines- The Clerk had circulated the templates produced from other Town and Parish Council's and prepared a Covid- risk assessment. It was agreed to re-open the play areas having all been recently inspected and place signage at each site giving users the advice to follow and to take responsibility for their use. The play areas will open within the next 2 days when signs are prepared.

2020/07-7 To consider the report from the Neighbourhood Plan steering group

Project Plan- The original target for completion of the plan was April 2021. This was based on the Locality Guidelines for planning. Since then, firstly there has been a period of inactivity due to Covid-19 of almost 3 months and secondly following advice from the planning consultant's experience. The group examined each planned activity in detail and we arrived at a new target date of May 2022 for the completion of the Plan. The Steering Group has now accepted this as the plan of record and we are seeking concurrence from the Parish Council for this revised timescale. The PC agreed to this new timescale.

Additional Surveys- The group has looked at these additional surveys on housing, employment and the environment. This was required as people's opinions may have changed as a result of their lockdown experience. This additional survey will also include aspects that have not been included in any of the previous surveys so far, such as on the environment and renewable energy. The intention is to release the survey in September. In addition to this survey the group are developing a Young Person's survey. Initial thoughts are that views are sought from young people aged 9-18. A draft survey is being piloted

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with some young volunteers of varying ages, in order to establish if it's fit for purpose. This will also be released this in September.

The Business Survey will also be re-issued following the impact of Covid-19 on many local businesses is significant and the future is uncertain for many of these businesses. It is reasoned that many of these businesses need time to re-assess and there would be not much point re-issuing the survey at this time. The group will look at releasing the survey at the beginning of October.

Call for Sites – The group have now been looking to establish which if any potential sites in each of the villages might be possible for development. This will be presented to the Parish Council before letters are sent to the relevant landowners. This information will be not be made public until landowners have been consulted for confidentially reasons.

Public Consultation Events- The first public event is scheduled for November when we will invite all villagers to a workshop event to discuss the various options identified so far for the overall Plan. The initial thoughts are that this would be held in each village community in order to ensure that we reach as many people as possible. This is assuming that social distancing measures can be adhered to at this time. The group are also looking for additional expertise and resources on the Steering Group to help to arranging these events.

2020/07-8 Planning Consultations-

- i. **To consider all planning applications:** -WD/D/20/001020- Rocket, Winters Lane, Portesham- Erection of garage with workshop with staircase to storage loft- Cllrs to carry out a site visit prior to comment.
- ii. **Planning & enforcement issues-** Cllrs commented on the caravan and camping application in Rodden, the PC have not been consulted on the 28-day application. The PC are concerned about how this would be policed. There are a few applications on the planning portal for new barns but the PC are not being consulted.
- iii. **Fleet Enforcement issues-** Cllr Mark Roberts was asked to comment on the issues raised by the Fleet resident who expressed their frustration again, following the report that they made to enforcement on the 8th May a reference number was provided to follow up this issue. They explained that the officer was dismissive and rude, and therefore why should anyone pay their Council tax if a service is not being provided. MR explained that he was not familiar with the details of the case but would look into it and explained that there are issues in the enforcement department and the requirement for more staff. Also, that given the current time of lockdown meetings have been postponed. The resident explained that it is just not good enough and we are in 2020 and there are many ways to communicate without having to have face to face meetings, in this case the customer service has not been good enough and it is Fleet village that has been let down by this and needs dealing with now. MR apologised on behalf of the Council and will do all he can to investigate. JC did explain that since MR was elected these Fleet enforcement issues have been brought up at every PC meeting and been reported in the minutes.

2020/07-9 To consider all correspondence received for decision consultation and information

Item 3- Portesham Stream- A site meeting has now been held with a contractor to gather a quote for the stream clearance. The Portesham Flood group now need to contact the riparian owners to inform them of the costs. The highways department have been contacted to clear their sections of the stream so all works can be done simultaneously and then a plan can be created for ongoing maintenance.

Item 4- DAPTC are consulting on their constitution and NALC are consulting on the code of conduct.

Item 5- Dorset Food and Drink pop up venues- The Portesham playing field was thought to be a suitable location and will be suggested.

Item-6- Members of Portesham village have set up a new Portesham Website for the benefit of the village, this will host most of the information from the previous site including the Village hall calendar, local businesses and services using a paid website provider and designed by volunteers. The PC have been asked to contribute £5 towards the annual fees for the site in exchange for a link and information

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on the site regarding the PC. The PC discussed what is done in other villages, Abbotsbury have a link to the CBPC site at no charge, LH do not have a website but an email circulation list and Fleet have a Facebook page, the Council considered the request

Proposed DJC Seconded SM votes 4 For and 9 against motion not carried

Item 7- New strimmer quote for Abbotsbury play area use- The PC considered the quote of £449.00 inc VAT to replace the strimmer that is in need of repair and now no longer fit for purpose. This was approved Proposed SM Seconded KD

2020/07-10 Finance-

i. 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 **June 20 £78,205.92**

Proposed RD Seconded DW Resolved

ii. To consider any quotes received for Parish Council repairs following the June reports

MW had collected a verbal quote from the local contractor for works to areas on the Cemetery wall at a cost of just under £500.00 for areas on Front Street and Church lane. The other area of concern is the tree in the rectory. A site meeting should be arranged with the Diocese to look at this issue being in the rectory garden. DJC will take a look at the notice board at Dove Cote as the door has fallen off.

2020/07-11 Highways- Countryside & RoW- to receive any problems and reports

- i. **To receive any Highways issues-** Following the complaints about speed in the village information was gathered regarding the Community Speed watch scheme. The PC had considered this a few years ago but no volunteers came forward, the PC will add this to the Chesil, Facebook etc to gather any feedback and support for the scheme. SM noted the amount of litter on the verges specifically from Portesham towards the Allotments. DS noted that the road towards the gardens has still not been repaired following the report by KD. Concerns have been raised about the number of lorries using Front Street, it is thought they are connected with the National Grid project, this will be reported to highways team to see if there is a way of diverting them away from the village.

2020/07-12 Parish Reports and Issues

- i. **Abbotsbury-** The signs on the footpath on Blind lane have been replaced, the hedge growing into the road on Rosemary Lane has been cut back, road name plates on Bishops Close and Hampton both belonging to Magna have still not been replaced.
- ii. **Fleet-** There are still cars parking on the edges of the road and creating unofficial laybys, bollards are needed in order to stop the parking as it creates a hazard.
- iii. **Langton Herring-**A specification is yet to be prepared for the replacement fencing around the amenity area. The defib requires new pads within 3 months, spares to be provided, Portesham and Abbotsbury defib to be checked as replaced at the same time.
- iv. **Portesham-** The Allotment inspection will be carried out later this year MW will organise the judges to be carried out whilst social distancing.

2020/07-13 Items for the meeting on Monday 2nd September 2020 via Zoom

(as there is no meeting in August if any decisions are required an extraordinary meeting will be held)

2020/07-14 Democratic Forum 15 minutes

Cllr Mark Roberts spoke on adult and children's services being relocated and accommodation is being provided for children in Weymouth. He also reported on the business grants provided in Dorset.

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Meeting closed at 9.10pm