

CHESIL BANK PARISH COUNCIL

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



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on

Monday 5th October 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)
H Ford (HF)

Langton Herring Cllrs

C Killoch (CK)

Fleet Cllrs

J Coombe (JC)
I White (IW)

Mrs M Harding (Clerk)

Cllr Mark Roberts (MR) Dorset Council

2 members of the Public

20/10-1 Welcome, zoom meeting rules and to receive apologies for absence – R Doggett (RD)T Bartlett (TB) G Roper (GR)

20/10-2 To receive any declarations of interest and grants of dispensation- A dispensation form had previously been received from Cllr Tom Bartlett.

20/10-3 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th September 2020 as a true and accurate record of the meeting

Proposed DS

Seconded KD

Resolved

20/10-4 Matters arising from the minutes for info only

SID- following the PC's request for costings by another company to deploy the SID it was noted that the current SID belongs to DC as our own SID went out of commission and no longer able to repair, so the PC are paying for the deployment and hire of the SID. No volunteers had come forward to assist with this. KD asked if one could also be placed in Abbotsbury. It was noted that in order to have a SID back in Abbotsbury, traffic surveys would be required at a cost of £250 per site, if the sites met the criteria then posts would need to be installed at a cost to the PC and we would then need to purchase a new SID in the region of £3000.00, the Council felt that with no volunteers coming forward the Council will not be looking into a SID for Abbotsbury at this time.

Rocky lane traffic issues, no response regarding traffic trying to get to Hardyes monument, it was noted that there is a T (no through road) sign at the bottom of the lane.

20/10-5 Democratic Forum- none

20/10-6 Planning consultations

i. To receive any planning consultations-

WD/D/20/001714 - SNIPEGATE BOARDING KENNELS, BRAMDON LANE, PORTESHAM, WEYMOUTH, DT3 4HH – Some Councillors had attended a site meeting with the agent and applicant. The Parish Council OBJECT to the application due the dangerous access in and out of the site, highways have commented on this as well with the requirement for a much wider splay, also concerns were raised that the site is within the AONB, on the Dorset Heritage coast and not within a DDB. Other comments made on the capabilities for the current utilities to manage with the increase of people on site at any one time also that the garage is to be converted into holiday accommodation and this should be linked to the main dwelling. A formal response to be drafted and submitted.

Proposed KD

Seconded DS

1 abstention

ii. To receive and update on planning/enforcement or ongoing issues

The PC had received a response to the planning enforcement issues from the senior enforcement officer, he updated the PC on each item but asked that in future all enforcement issues are kept separate, it was explained that the enforcement issues were lumped together as they had been

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brought the attention of the head of planning as one of them is over 15 years old and should have been sorted a long time ago.

iii. Neighbourhood Plan report

Surveys

a. The 3rd Survey has been distributed and responses are in progress. At the time of writing 42 responses have been made online, the vast majority of which are from Portesham and LH.

b. The Young Person's Survey is also available online for completion but there has been a disappointing response so far. Only 4 responses.

Call for Sites

11 responses have been received, 6 from LH/Rodden, 4 from Fleet and 1 from Portesham. We have informed AECOM and await their signal to proceed. We are aware that there is a significant backlog and the whole process of site assessment could take 2-3 months. Mapping of these sites is underway.

Public Consultation Events

As reported last month an event had been scheduled for Saturday 14th November but the AECOM delay mentioned above will force us to postpone it until early in 2021. In any case the recent government statements on COVID-19 makes a public meeting unlikely. Instead we are looking at other options including the use of Webinars.

Business Survey

A revised Business Survey has been prepared which will ask local businesses to assess the impact of COVID-19 on their business. A handful of these businesses will be interviewed by phone. It is intended to release this survey for online completion only in mid-November.

Preparation of Neighbourhood Plan Report

Work has started on mapping out a skeletal report. This includes sections on the history of each village, the demographics, housing stock etc.

iv. Response to the Government white paper

JC had provided a response to the government white paper for the meeting for the NALC response which was agreed but further discussion is required in order to respond fully, so a zoom meeting will be arranged to consider the response by the 29th October with the Planning group, SW, CK, JC, KD and RD if available.

Proposed IW

Seconded DS

7 For, 1 Against and 1 abstention

20/10-7 To consider all correspondence received for decision consultation and information

Item 7- Sandbag store for Abbotsbury- Following property flood issues in the village, DS had contacted a business in the village who are willing to receive a pallet of sand bags. KD will ask a resident if he is willing to be the flood warden for Abbotsbury.

Item 10- Abbotsbury yellow line request will be considered at the DC meeting during October. Cllrs noted that problem has now moved further down the village to the far end of West Street. Also, that many walkers park along this end and leave their cars for most of the day.

Item 20- Front Street will be closed for 8th & 9th October for Wessex water works.

20/10-8 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 **Sep 20 £92,492.64**

Proposed JC

Seconded DS

Resolved

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ii. To consider quotes for play area works at Abbotsbury

Rinske Wassenaar from the Children's Playground Company attended the meeting to talk to the PC on the works that are required at the Abbotsbury Playground and advice on the future maintenance of the wood. Rinske explained that all the wood requires sanding down to remove the soft wood as there is hard wood underneath and then treating with Biofa herbal varnish/ stain, this then needs to be done every 3 years. Rinske agreed to supply the new cross bar for the zip wire and the PC will need to find a contractor to carry out this work this can then be tensioned.

This would all be confirmed by email with the play company and a program of works will be put in place asap.

Quotes had been gathered to repair some fence panels, replace gate posts, treat and paint the rocker, place sand under the goose and place benches onto paving slabs.

The PC agreed to these works at a cost of £1113.00

Proposed KD Seconded HF Resolved

iii. To consider the quote to replace the Allotment fencing

The quote for £550.00 to replace some of the fencing at the allotments was agreed

Proposed DS Seconded SW

iv. To consider the quotes for the new fencing at Langton Herring amenity area

Two quotes had been gathered to replace the fencing around the amenity area and install 2 new gates into the play area section. 2 quotes had been gathered it was agreed to amend the spec and ask contractors to requote, the Council agreed that a decision could be made by email on this matter given the current quotes and report to the next meeting.

v. To consider the quotes for the tree works at LH amenity area

Two quotes had been received for the tree works. The Council agreed to the works at a cost of £540.00 including VAT which can be reclaimed.

Proposed CK Seconded KD Resolved

vi. To agree a date for the finance working group to consider the budget 2021-2022

A date will be agreed during October for CK, RD, DS, JC and MW

20/10-9 Highways- Countryside & RoW- to receive any problems and reports

- i. **To receive any Highways issues-** The Clerk had circulated a report from the most recent Portesham Flood group meetings, the latest meeting with Flood officers and highways via zoom was to consider the actions in the Portesham Flood event report and if any were outstanding. The items not done were to be followed up and the meeting discussed the Goosehill flood prevention scheme. A further site meeting was arranged in the village to look at the water course and drains at Goosehill to then proceed with the scheme.

SM asked the Council to consider a speed survey at Goosehill as there had been some near misses and traffic is much faster. The Council will ask for this survey to be carried out. Abbotsbury Cllrs also asked if a speed survey can be carried out at West Street, as traffic travelling far too fast, this will be at a cost of £250 for each site. A request will be made to the Highways speed survey team for these requests.

Back Street Wall- Portesham, the PC had received a complaint about the wall in Back street adjacent to the right of way as it is in a poor state of repair, in 2013 the wall was partially removed and then works were halted, the material for the wall was relocated back to the village but quotes at the time for the work were not agreed due to cost. MW suggested a site meeting with DC and RoW to try to resolve this issue.

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20/10-10 Parish Reports and Issues

- i. **Abbotsbury-** Back Street ditch/culvert, Cllrs requested a site meeting with highways to look at what can be done to improve the culvert along Back Street. KD also asked if the culvert along West Street could be looked into as well.
- ii. **Fleet-** IW reported there are approx. 25 properties in Fleet. IW to supply these details for submission to Chris Loder MP who has been supporting parishes in West Dorset.
- iii. **Langton Herring-**CK reported on an issue with a very large lorry after delivering to the pub that then got stuck in the village between 2 stone walls, this had to then be pulled out. CK asked if there could be signs installed to notify drivers, it was agreed that this will be monitored and if this happens again then ask highways for advice. It was suggested that the pub could ensure that all their delivery drivers are aware of the narrow lanes. MR explained he would speak to DWP waste to advise them of this issue.
- iv. **Portesham- To consider future uses for the Portesham Playing field-** RCM suggested that the Council now need to consider getting some income from the playing field, possibly using it for car boot sales in the summer months, advice had been taken from other car boot organisers, the PC would not want to be in competition so could hold there events in the afternoons. Also, Pop up fairs could be considered. RCM explained that the Council now need to look further into the pavilion project, to be added to the Nov agenda. RCM reported that a cheque for £65 had been received from Waitrose for the Chesil Fayre fund and RCM had sold some items and the sums collected from those sales was donated to the Chesil Fayre fund of £140.00, thanks given to the couple who carried out the sales on behalf of RCM.
MW thanked the contractor who carried out the excellent and swift repair to the Churchyard wall in Portesham.

20/10-11 Items for the meeting on Monday 2nd November 2020 via Zoom – Pavilion Project

20/10-12 Democratic Forum 15 minutes

MR explained that he will go back to the senior enforcement officer with the views of the Parish Council. He also reported on the National Grid project and all the archaeological works being done alongside the project to remove the pylons. He reported on an issue with a child in the parish not being able to get free school transport due to the school boundary, it is hoped that at the tribunal common sense will prevail.

MR explained that the figure he reported for the Flood scheme at Goosehill was incorrect.

RCM reported dog mess being left at the entrance to the railway line track, this will be reported to the dog warden. There has also been a complaint about using the cemetery to exercise dogs, the Council were not in favour of banning dogs from the cemetery but residents will be reminded to keep dogs on the lead at all times in respect of the those who visit the Cemetery.

The Notice Board at the top of Portesham is still in need of repair, the door will be collected and a repair carried out asap

Meeting closed at 9.23pm g