

CHESIL BANK PARISH COUNCIL

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



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on

Monday 2nd November 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)
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

20/11-1 Welcome, zoom meeting rules and to receive apologies for absence –T Bartlett (TB)
G Roper (GR)

20/11-2 To receive any declarations of interest and grants of dispensation- A dispensation form had previously been received from Cllr Tom Bartlett as unable to attend using zoom.

20/11-3 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th October 2020 as an accurate record

Proposed SW

Seconded SM

Resolved

20/11-4 Matters arising from the minutes for info only

The Dorset Council meeting to consider the yellow lines has been moved to 6th November

20/11-5 Democratic Forum- none

20/11-6 Planning consultations

i. To receive any planning consultations-

WD/D/20/002450 2 EAST ELWORTH COTTAGES, EAST ELWORTH, ABBOTSBURY, WEYMOUTH– Make alterations to convert barn and byre to 2. No units of holiday accommodation (Removal of condition 2 of planning appeal APP/F1230/A/01/1073819 (application 1/E/00/000540) to use as an unrestricted dwelling). The Council raise no objections to the application.

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

Nothing further on any of the current enforcement issues, MR commented that he has not been able to gather any further information at this time.

iii. Neighbourhood Plan report: supplied by the Chair of the NP group

Surveys-We have had approximately 170 returns (114 online) and the paper returns are being uploaded to SurveyMonkey for analysis. This is a significant reduction compared with the first survey when we had 302 returns. The responses from the Young Person's Survey were a little disappointing since we only received 9 returns. However, there was some interesting feedback which we will incorporate into the Plan. In addition, we are looking at alternative ways of reaching the younger members of the community, since we believe it is important to seek their views.

The Business Survey has been finalised and preparations are underway to release this in the middle of November.

Early Feedback from Survey 3- 85% not planning to move home in the next 10 years. 62% of respondents are retired. Approximately 75% stated that new buildings should be eco-friendly, have off road parking and in keeping with the surrounding areas. Concerning the impact of COVID-19, 81% stated they would avoid crowded areas and 56% would do more online shopping in the future.

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Concerning the impact of COVID-19 on those in employment, 15% felt their job was less secure, 37% no change and 47% an opportunity to work more from home. Low crime rate (79%), Village Character. (65%) and Community Feel (60%) were among the reasons people liked where they live. Unsurprisingly traffic and lack of public transport were among the top things people disliked about where they lived. The most frequently stated iconic views were St Catherine's Chapel, the view from Hardy's Monument and the view of the Fleet from Abbotsbury Hill. On the environment Open Countryside (88%) and Preservation of Wildlife (83%) were top of the list.

Questions on Renewable Energy schemes needs further analysis.

Other Activities- Mapping of the sites submitted in the "Call for Sites" exercise is underway using the purchased software package. Mapping of the Green Spaces which people identified in the first survey is also underway. Photos of the various Green Spaces have been taken and collated.

A review of the historical descriptions of each village has started. We are using the original text from the Parish Plan as a basis for review and updating if necessary.

20/11-7 To consider all correspondence received for decision consultation and information

Item 2- DAPTC AGM- MW to attend.

Item 3- P & D group submitted a response to the white paper and are aiming to send a supporting letter to the MP and Dorset Council

Item 4- Standards Committee consultation- RD to prepare with comments from Cllrs to submit by 4th Dec.

Item 6- Portesham play area cross bar on one piece of equipment requires repair as unsafe- cost is £288 Proposed RCM Seconded IW

Item 8- Community Speed watch- there has been interest in both Portesham and Abbotsbury, SM will follow this up with the PCSO and Speed watch team

Item 15- there have been issues with cyclists on the old railway track, it was noted that there have also been issues at Hardyes Monument. The PCSO and rangers to be contacted on this issue.

Item 16- The Council considered the cost of using dedicated software for the management of the cemetery, at a cost of £24 per month, this was not approved as it was not deemed cost effective given the number of burials.

Item 26- Sand bags had been delivered to Abbotsbury, thanks to the business who took delivery, many have claimed them already, a new permanent location is being sought.

Item 28- Speed survey for the West End of Abbotsbury has been postponed during lockdown.

Item 31- Climate change strategy paper- CK, RD and JC will look at a response this this paper.

20/11-8 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 **Oct 20 £87,615.27**

Proposed DS

Seconded RD

Resolved

ii. To consider quote for the zip wire repairs

This being very specialized, there are only a limited number of zip wire companies who can carry out this repair, a quote of £ 1845 plus VAT had been gathered, the cross beam is being supplied by the play company under warranty. A date has been provisionally booked for 14th 15th Dec to carry out the repair. Proposed KD Seconded HF Resolved

DS noted that the hedge cutting will be carried out prior to the works being carried out.

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20/11-9 Highways- Countryside & RoW- to receive any problems and reports

- i. **To receive any Highways issues-** DS noted that the sweeper had missed several areas in the village, this will be reported again.

RCM noted debris following recent rain storms left near Waddon House on the road also that there had been an accident in this location where an ambulance was needed to attend. This will be reported to highways online.

It was also noted due to the road closures that the road to Long Bredy is in a very poor state, the passing spaces and road edges are very broken up. This has been due to the traffic diversions whilst the Nation Grid project had closed the Coombe Road. This will be reported online.

MW commented on Back Street wall in Portesham which is need of maintenance, she is hoping to have a meeting with the ranger to see what can be done to repair/ rebuild this wall.

IW commented that Chickerell TC have replaced the footpath bridge by Fleet Gates, the Parish were not notified and the road was obstructed for some time.

20/11-10 Parish Reports and Issues

- i. **Abbotsbury-** DS commented on the issue of Dogs in the Churchyard, the PCC should be contacted to place signs in the area.
- ii. **Fleet-** IW commented that the broadband survey has been done and this has been forwarded to the MP.
- iii. **Langton Herring-**RD reported that the tree works have been completed thanks for CK and the Clerk for organising. The fencing work is still in progress but looks very good, RD would like a second rail on the fencing. Not all Cllrs supported this proposal. It was agreed to gather a quote for this work and consider this at the Dec meeting. There are now 2 new gates to the play area but due to the strong winds further support work may be required.
- iv. **Portesham- To consider Churchyard wall repairs and vegetation clearance-** MW asked that the PC employ a contractor this year to maintain the vegetation along the Churchyard wall in Front Street as riparian owners which has historically been carried out by volunteers. This was agreed.

The tree in the rectory has worsened and the wall is in need of repair but the tree roots are growing into the wall, previous contact with the Diocese has not be productive. MW, JC and the contractor will meet on site to look at the options, the PCC will also be contacted. The Clerk will contact the Diocese again to follow up on their responsibilities in the rectory garden.

20/11-11 Items for the meeting on Monday 7th December 2020 via Zoom – NP report and draw, Budget & Precept.

20/11-12 Democratic Forum 15 minutes

MR reported on the Dorset Council budget meeting and the overspend without cutting services. Unfortunately, this will be much higher next year. The DC are also looking at climate change neutral expenses. The Car park charges are not confirmed yet. The Fleet broadband list has been submitted to the MP via MR. Finally, the local school bus issue was resolved successfully.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm