

# CHESIL BANK PARISH COUNCIL

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



## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 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

K Donnelly (KD)  
G Roper (GR)

#### Langton Herring Cllrs

C Killoch (CK)

#### Fleet Cllrs

J Coombe (JC)  
I White (IW)

Mrs M Harding (Clerk)

Cllr Mark Roberts (MR) Dorset Council

4 members of the Public

### **21/04-1 Welcome, and apologies for absence were received –**

Cllr Marsha White spoke on the passing of Cllr David Stevens who has left a large hole in the Parish Council, thoughts and support go his wife, Heather.

At a future date the Council would like to do something to commemorate his time as a Cllr possibly the planting of a tree or something similar, to be decided, this was agreed by all.

Apologies: T Bartlett (TB), H Ford (HF), R Doggett (RD)

### **21/04-2 To receive any declarations of personal or pecuniary interests and grants of dispensation-**

None.

### **21/04-3 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 as an accurate record. Proposed GR**

Seconded IW

### **21/04-4 Matters arising from the minutes for info only-**

MW reported that the drainage situation on Winters lane is now being dealt with. SW commented that water is still coming out from under the garage on Winters lane though. Clerk to follow up.

### **21/04-5 Democratic Forum**

#### **i. Hamper Draw-** this part of the meeting was recorded for the public record.

RCM thanked to everybody who has supported the draw plus £110 in donations, so a grand total of £510 has been raised for the pavilion project, thanks to Marsha and Maggie for selling tickets and Ann who drew the winning ticket on the night. Ruth showed the members in the zoom meeting the hamper the draw was carried out and the number 200 was drawn the winner being Michele Harding. A photo of the handing over of the Hamper will be sent to the National Grid project team for their newsletters.

#### **ii. Speaker- Ruth Knight from the Outland Opera-** Ruth Knight spoke on the small opera company that is working on sites in the area to hold events in 2022, one of the events will take place at St Catherine's Chapel with permission from English Heritage. The plays are written about stories collected from the community; it is hoped to hold events in July in the local village halls to gather these stories. Ruth will be distributing leaflets and surveys. Events will be organised in the village halls, Portesham VH has already been booked for July, CK suggested using Langton Herring village hall. KD suggested using Abbotsbury VH, also something in the Chesil Magazine. MR asked if she had been in contact with Dorset Council's coms department who can give support to the arts.

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## 21/04-6 To consider a Co-option policy

A draft co-option policy was circulated to all for consideration. This was agreed.

Proposed KD                      Seconded CK

## 21/04-7 To consider updating the Standing Orders to include a scheme of delegation.

Councillors had been circulated the draft scheme of delegation to be used in conjunction with the current Standing orders and Financial regulations when making decisions of the Council; this had been advised by DAPTC to have in place given the issues of not being able to hold meetings virtually or face to face until the Covid rules have been relaxed. Cllrs would be consulted on items that require a decision in between meetings, the Clerk will then have the delegated power to make the comments on behalf of the Council, any decisions made will be reported to the full Council at the next meeting.

MR commented that Dorset Council are having the same debate, many of the Councillors have written to Richard Jenrick -Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government who took the decision not to continue with virtual meetings after the 6<sup>th</sup> May. Cllrs felt this scheme was a sensible solution to this issue and ensuring the Council can still function.

Proposed SM                      Seconded GR

## 21/04-8 Planning consultations

### i. To receive any planning consultations-

Cllrs to consider the 2 consultations:

- a. P/FUL/2021/00151- Erection of a number plate recognition camera for the car park in Rodden Row Car Park (which is private)- KD explained that this will only exacerbate the issues of parking in the village, this is not going to help the situation in the village. Concerns were raised about the parking for the Church for funerals etc. Cllrs also asked how long they take to register cars for the charge, this would be run by an external company. Cllrs objected to this proposal.
- b. P/FUL/2021/00248- Change of use of land from agricultural (ClassB2) to extension of existing camping tourist accommodation business- East Shilvinghampton Farm access road. Concerns were raised at the additional traffic entering and exiting the farm track. Neighbours were concerned about the junction to the farm entrance. It was suggested that a site mirror could be installed to assist with the visibility. Cllrs supported the application with additional comments regarding visibility.

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

No response from Mike Garrity who has not responded further to the Parish Councils enforcement issues. MR will follow this up.

### iii. To receive the Neighbourhood Plan report

The Chairman of the SG had sent in a report and commented that the group are looking at ways to address surveying young people. A SG member has carried out a trial survey which was successful and will build on that looking to survey Cubs and Scouts as well as the local school children. AECOM design codes survey and report has been carried out, comments from the group have been sent back and will be updated in due course ready for public consultation.

The site assessment survey and report has also been carried out, none of the sites have been given the green light but this needs to go out to the community for consultation.

A provisional date has been arranged for 26<sup>th</sup> June initially in PVH and further events in the other villages in due course when Covid restrictions are relaxed. Sites in all 4 villages came forward. MW commented on the issues of any new sites in Portesham, there is an issue with water and flooding in the village, this needs to be taken into consideration due to its topography. DT will ensure this comment is placed within the NP. The sites will not be made public until this has all been confirmed. The landowners will also be informed prior to consultation.

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## 21/04-9 To consider all correspondence received for decision, consultation, and information.

- i. Community Governance Review- this will be on the June or July agenda to consider any changes to the administration of the Parish Council.
- ii. Parking issues in Abbotsbury- following an email from a resident concerned about the parking. The PC last summer did arrange for the bollards to be placed to stop parking, but they were removed as it affected street sellers along West Street, also following the request from the PC for yellow lines to be installed, this was refused as it did not score highly enough, and the emergency services did not make any comments to the proposal. It was suggested that restricted parking signs could be put in place, but there is no one to police this. The only good thing with parking on the road is that it stops the speeding. There is a distinct risk of driving people away from the village with issues of parking. KD suggested a formal approach to the Estate on these issues.  
Action MW
- iii. The external auditor has now sent the information for the annual audit, the internal has now commenced. The AGAR will be considered at the May PC meeting.
- iv. Great British Spring Clean- each individual parish will contact the Clerk if interested.
- v. Issues with spraying at Portesham Play area- a lot of grass has been killed off due to over spraying; the contractor has been contacted and is looking into this.
- vi. DAPTC survey to be completed, Cllrs will comment by the end of the month.
- vii. Dorset National Parks comments requested by Chris Loder MP- the Council raised their concerns with Dorset becoming a National Park also can't see why Dorset Council would want to give up their planning powers. It was noted that the people running the campaign for a Dorset National park are not elected members. RCM explained about the housing need and the current formulae used in their calculation would mean 16% more for houses for Portesham. We are struggling to accommodate the current level of new housing.  
MR echoed the view of IW regarding handing over planning to an unelected body. Cllrs to send the Clerk their views and a response will be sent to Chris Loder by the end of the Month.
- viii. Virtual meetings- response required by Chris Loder to the issues of no longer holding virtual meetings.
- ix. IW commented on the letter regarding the enforcement issues in Fleet and at this time there is nothing more that can be done until a response has been received from DC.

## 21/04-10 Finance

### i. To approve the finance report of payments and receipts

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 were circulated prior to the meeting and placed on the website. Bank balances to the end of March 21 £69,831.32

Proposed CK

Seconded GR

## 21/04-11 Recreation

- i. **Update on the pavilion project-** Permission has been given to use the plans of the pavilion at Little Bredy, a site meeting has been arranged for Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April for Cllrs to look at the location of the new pavilion. If Cllrs cannot attend on that night, the suggested sites will be marked, and pictures taken and circulated. It is hoped to put in a planning application as soon as possible prior to funding being sought.
- ii. **To consider the maintenance of the play area at Abbotsbury-** The PC only received 1 full quote following extending the time, 4 suitable contractors were asked to quote. The works are expensive, but the equipment has not been maintained since it was installed. Cllrs agreed that the equipment needs maintaining so the work should be carried out. The site is well used and must be looked after. This will be at cost of £5544 plus vat. Proposed GR Seconded KD

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## iii. To consider works to the Allotment fencing and stream

A quote had been gathered for the work to the Allotment site that the PC have reclaimed to make 3 new allotments, this will be cleared at a cost of £1000 ready to be let as we have 3 potential allotment holders on the waiting list.

The stream that runs through the playing field and allotment site needs clearing back of vegetation especially given the Portesham flood and water issues they end up in this area.

This would be a cost of £350                      Proposed KD                      Seconded SM

## 21/04-12      Highways- reports

A caravan has been parked in the layby near snipe gate, police are aware, and the layby has been closed off for Dorset Council highways use.

IW commented on the parking on Fleet road as this is getting ridiculous, we need highways to look into this as it is causing an obstruction and affects the visibility on the bends. Photos had been provided; JC will provide some more to be sent to Highways. It was noted that these areas are passing places not parking areas. Clerk to action.

Flooding on Back Street is still an issue by the pond. Highways flood officers will be contacted as this had been previously repaired. Clerk to action

## 21/04-13      Countryside & RoW reports

- i. CK- the footpath signpost down near the Hive has been reported to countryside has still not been repaired, to be followed up.

## 21/04-14      Parish Reports

- i. **Abbotsbury-** A strongly worded letter will be sent to Stonewater who are yet again late in paying the Glebe rents even though they promised this would not happen again. Clerk to action.
- ii. **Fleet-** Broadband project- IW reported that this is still ongoing, he reported that there had been no response from Openreach even with the support of connecting Dorset, MR did have a session with Chris Loder but will ask what has been done about this. Poundbury systems has been involved with the Fleet project. JC thanked IW who has worked hard on this project, but it is a disappointing that Openreach have not even replied.
- iii. **Langton Herring-** Grit bins are installed and are now waiting to be filled. It was noted that there have been 2 adder strikes this year on dogs along the foreshore of the Fleet.
- iv. **Portesham-** MW commented that a gentleman who used to live in the village has a box of archived material about the Church, Portesham House, this will be made available for the village archives. The Book exchange has been very successful especially with lockdown, at least 10 books a week go out if not more, more books are required novels and mysteries, also children's books. The tennis court fence needs to be repaired. A contractor has been to look to see what can be done. The tennis net posts are very old and no longer available, there is a company in Bridport that makes the posts, and a quote will be gathered. A new sign will be placed on the playing field gate with a contact number to gain the access code to be able to use this community facility.

**21/04-15      Items for the meeting Annual PC meeting on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 via zoom**, the date of the meeting has been changed because of the bank holiday and meeting the virtual meeting deadline. Annual return, election of Chair and Vice policies etc.

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## **21/04-16 Democratic Forum 15 minutes-**

MR commented on the issues at Weymouth harbour regarding health and safety and that railings are to be installed.

MR apologised again publicly about his comments at the last meeting.

DJC commented that once lockdown is over the railings would be removed again, it was explained the position and design may change but the H & S executive insist on railings.

There is no indication that this will happen in West Bay as well. If this is public money can this not be done now. There is an element of pedestrianisation due to covid that needs to be assessed prior to the final design.

SM commented that there will be some work on the water leak at Goosehill again and the road will be restricted when works commence on the flood project.

Meeting closed at 9.04pm