

CHESIL BANK PARISH COUNCIL

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

iii. To receive the Neighbourhood Plan report

MH Abbotsbury Cllr/Rep reported on the upcoming Options Consultation events commencing in Abbotsbury on 10th Sep. Help was needed at the Fleet events as many of the group are away, RCM suggested that the event could extend its times during the day on the Sat if there were issues with help. All Cllrs were encouraged to attend the sessions.

21/09-8 To consider all correspondence received for decision, consultation, and information.

The Clerk, SW and CK will be attending the Dorset VIP site visit on 23rd Sep.

The Clerk reported on the issues with Stonewater yet again in the lack of urgency when carrying out emergency maintenance to the PC Glebe houses. This is an ongoing issue with the Company who need constant chasing for the rents and following up on tenants' issues.

21/09-9 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 Aug 21 £78,220.84.

Proposed KD

Seconded GR

The Clerk reported the completion of the External Annual audit with no matters arising.

The Council require new bank signatories, SW offered to be a signatory, the bank mandate will be arranged. All agreed

ii. To consider the future maintenance of the benches in the parishes

The Clerk reported that the contractor who maintains the benches explained that many were in need of more than just a paint on an annual basis and suggested the PC has each bench completely stripped and then stained, this would cost initially £120 per bench then just the stain on an annual basis. The Council agreed to try one of the benches in this way initially to see how this looks and consider whether this is cost effective or replacing them one by one with recycled benches. The Clerk will ask the contractor to consider one bench initially, Cllrs to inspect their benches. All agreed
The bench at Langton Herring will be considered at the Oct meeting. **Action Clerk/Cllrs**

21/09-10 Highways- reports

i. To consider supporting a reduction in the National Speed Limit on rural roads.

JC reported on the Draft Guidance issued by the Department of Transport which recommends to local councils a welcome reduction from the present 60mph to 40mph.

New draft guidance recommends local councils impose the new speed limits of 40mph on rural roads with "many bends or junctions".

However, much as any speed reduction is welcome, 40mph is still far too fast on many of our minor roads.

JC suggested we ask our MP to lobby the D.O.T. to ask them to consider giving local councils the flexibility to impose a 30mph limits on minor roads with no footways, and being frequently used by pedestrians, horse riders, and by farm machinery (very often taking up the full width of the road) Almost 55% of all road accidents happen on rural roads.

Cllrs also commented on the B3157 coming out of Portesham to the Playing field where it was suggested that the speed limit should be reduced.

The Council agreed to write initially to Dorset Council on the policies of the Council and when they will be reviewed. The PC will then write to the MP to support this reduction in speeds on these rural roads. **Action Clerk**

