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The bigger villages are now being targeted but they have less commercial viability so funders need to be found, some funding is available from central government or there could be crowd funding. DC can offer support by way of advice but do not have any budget for this funding. It was explained that there are difficulties getting points in conservation areas. There are possibilities of placing one behind village halls, assuming there is enough capacity in the electric supply to manage the points. Mr Whitehouse explained that the electric coming from SSE and Western Power for immediate needs is enough at present, but everybody is aware that more electricity needs to be provided to meet any of these demands on the future.

There are several types of charging points, a slow charge which is domestic trickle charge overnight. A fast charger that can be installed in car parks that charge within three to four hours the cost of this is around £8000.

Then there is the rapid charge which is the very expensive one taking 3/4 an hour to charge but at a cost of 55,000 per unit.

Councillors asked about the disposal of batteries and how these will be dealt with in the future, Mr Whitehouse explained that this is a problem, and it is hoped that a plan for these to be reused are being considered.

It was suggested that local businesses could possibly install a unit or potentially they could be installed at village halls in the villages or in the car parks for instance at Abbotsbury, but this would need to be installed by the landowner. Also, petrol stations are a good place for points.

In order for Dorset council to meet its targets there would need 3000 points installed in the county.

Mr Whitehouse was thanked for attending the meeting and left at 8:00 PM

Councillors will discuss this further following the budget meeting.

Mr Pyle from GP Metals attended the meeting to gather any feedback on the site since it has been 3 years since the planning application was approved.

Currently there are no plans to install the new entrance that was approved due to the change in the current business practices and costs to the business. Mr Pyle was asked about the planting of trees as per the conditions and when would this happen, it was explained that the enforcement officer had been to the site and a plan is in place to carry out further planting within the planting season. Should anyone have any further comments on the GP metal site please don't hesitate to contact Mr Pyle. Mr Pyle was thanked for this time and left the meeting.

21/10-7 To review the proposals for a Community Governance review for Chesil Bank

Following the Councillors consideration of the CGR the PC confirmed that changes for each of the parishes as follows:

Abbotsbury to incorporate the whole of Elworth and field boundaries, also from West Bexington directly up to include Gorwell and Ashley Chase but lose Rodden, Cheese Lane and properties around Wyke wood then reduce to 3 Cllrs.

Portesham to lose fields in Elworth but gain Cheese Lane and reduce to 4 Cllrs.

Fleet to move the boundary in line with the B3157 and Cllr numbers to stay at 2.

Langton Herring to gain Rodden and properties near Wyke wood and stay as 2 Cllrs.

The PC will write to the other parishes outside of Chesil Bank that may be affected, and this will be submitted to Dorset Council by 28th October. DC will then consult the general public in December 2021.

Proposed KD

Seconded SM

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21/10-8 To consider the implications of the school playing field being no longer available to the village.

The school have installed fencing on the playing field by the school and play area for reasons of security and safeguarding reasons, although this has not been confirmed yet. The fence was installed with no consultation with the village, the Parish Council or residents in the area who have had free use of the field since the school moved to this location. Also, the main gate and pedestrian gates have been locked so there are safety issues for those using the play area managed by the PC should an ambulance need to attend the site, there is no longer an access for wheelchairs or buggies outside of school hours. The gates are locked so the contractors who maintain the play area for the PC, who attend mostly outside of school hours cannot get close enough to the site with tools and equipment so this will be a nuisance to residents of Winters Close parking on the roadside.

Cllrs were very concerned that this has occurred, the chair had been in contact with the diocese who assured her that the PC should have been consulted.

It was proposed to write to the governors of Portesham School and request a meeting to consider all these implications.

Action Clerk

This has other knock-on effects for the village as there is now no other open space for the families in the village to use as a green space or to just play ball games. The only other option is to drive to the playing field at Elworth as there is no safe footpath to this area other than to walk the right of way from the Camp site in Portesham to East Elworth then along the road to West Elworth.

There is now even more of a reason to look further into accessibility to the playing field in West Elworth. Cllrs will discuss this further once a meeting has been held with school governors.

21/10-9 Planning consultations

i. To receive any planning consultations-

P/HOU/2021/02099 Proposal: Remove section of boundary wall to create 2.no parking spaces and installation of metal gates Location: Fox Barrow House- CBPC objected the proposal - The proposal is to remove approximately 5 metres of a 16 historic stone wall and create parking for two cars an install wrought iron gates.

Site in question is in the centre of the conservation area in Langton Herring and is immediately adjacent to the historic grade two listed church dating back to 1300s and to the early Victorian village hall also grade two listed. The view of this wall together with the adjacent buildings of the church and village hall is the most important heritage Street View in the village and any loss of the wall will cause a detrimental impact on this historic street scene altering the visual character of the heart a village. The road is narrow and a steep very steep gradient outside the proposed gates. Vehicular access would be extremely hazardous as vehicles would have to back out onto a busy narrow road with row restricted vision in both directions. Both the village hall and the church exit directly onto the road which has no footpath. Reversing vehicles with restricted vision would place pedestrians at risk. Fox Borrow house itself has a garage and two parking spaces directly outside its main entrance, the parking provision for the house is already more than adequate.

P/FUL/2021/02381 Proposal: Change of use of agricultural land for the siting of 40 touring caravans, erection of toilet/shower block and reception hut Location: Tatton Farm- CBPC objected to the application given the no of units being too many touring caravans in this rural area, with narrow lanes and this is clearly visible from rights of way and the country lanes, a reduced number would be considered.

P/HOU/2021/03126 Proposal: Single Storey Front & Rear Extensions, New Roof, New External Rendering to Existing & New Buildings, and New Windows & Doors Throughout. Location: Fairfield, Langton Herring- no objections

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P/VOC/2021/03466 Proposal: Make alterations to convert existing agricultural store to 1 no unit of holiday accommodation and garden store (without variation 2 of planning permission 1/w/1999/000008 - restriction to holiday use) Location: Hazel Copse, Langton Herring- No objections.

P/HOU/2021/01688 Proposal: Conversion of existing garage/store to form ancillary accommodation Location: Futtocks End, Old Coastguards, Abbotsbury- No objections

P/LBC/2021/03610- Café Shop/Abbotsbury- modification of internal openings at first floor and insertion of an internal stair- No objections

ii. **To receive an update on planning /enforcement or ongoing issues-** No further updates on current enforcement issues in the parishes at this time.

iii. **To receive the Neighbourhood Plan report**

The Chair of the NPSG reported on the recent options consultation events and supplied a report for the meeting. There was a mixed reaction in the villages with very little feedback from Abbotsbury and Portesham but a lot of lively debate from Fleet and Langton Herring. The group now need some more members as some have left and the NP is likely to continue for a further 2 years given the delays of Covid and the Dorset Local plan. The Chair of the NPSG acknowledged the Parish Clerk's outstanding effort on coordinating these events, which she did almost single handed. Without her expertise and organisation these events could not have taken place. Further funding is now being sought for further technical support from Locality.

21/10-10 To consider all correspondence received for decision, consultation, and information.

Correspondence report circulated, items to note:

- i. JC asked for more info on the Speed issues on rural roads response.
- ii. KD asked that a site visit is arranged to consider the disabled access to the Abbotsbury playing field, a meeting will be arranged with the Estate as it may affect their hedge.
Action Clerk/KD
- iii. Highways winter service grit bin and dumpy bags of salt- orders to be placed for filling at the end of October, each bin on the DC list will be filled FOC initially and any further salt is to be paid for.
- iv. Live consultation of the Dorset rights of way improvement plan deadline 31st Oct – each parish RoWLO will be asked to complete this survey as well as anyone interested in this item.
- v. HGV's in Portesham, the PCSO had respond to the request for info and how to enforce that HGV's use the A35 and not travel through Portesham unless visiting businesses in the village, this will be followed up.
Action Clerk
- vi. Hedge and vegetation work in Portesham Playing field and Cemetery- It was agreed that the flailing in the Playing field is not required this year but further cutting back of hedges in the cemetery is required, a site meeting will be arranged with the contractor.
Action Clerk/MW

21/10-11 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 Sep 21 £90,256.99 the second Precept payment has now been received hence the high balances.

Proposed GR

Seconded IW

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supported to install solar panels, but 200 acres are required to meet the electricity needs for DC to become carbon neutral.

CK asked what this would mean for the tenant farmers, it was explained they will be encouraged to support this and use parcels of land.

The Portland waste site is under consideration as there is only one way and out of Portland so this would mean a lot of heavy traffic on one route.

258 SEN children are to be cared for at the new school in Shaftesbury.

The Harbours committee have met and have a large grant to open a centre of excellence for aquaculture.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm