

# CHESIL BANK PARISH COUNCIL

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



## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at Strangways Hall Abbotsbury**

### Councillors Present:

#### Portesham Cllrs

M White (MW) (Chair)

S Weeden (SW)

D Collins (DJC)

S Murdoch (SM)

R Chipp-Marshall (RCM)

#### Abbotsbury Cllrs

K Donnelly (KD)

Lorraine Dalley (LD)

Mark Hardway (MH)

#### Langton Herring Cllrs

C Killoch (CK)

A Kerins (AK)

#### Fleet Cllrs

J Coombe (JC)

I White (IW)

Cllr Mark Roberts (MR) Dorset Council

Mrs M Harding (Clerk) 11 members of the public

**22/02-1 Welcome, and apologies for absence – G Roper (GR) M Bartlett (MB)**  
Representatives of the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance attended to receive the cheque of £420 collected from the Hamper Draw. A photo was taken for publication.

**22/02-2 To receive declarations of personal or pecuniary interests and grants of dispensation-**  
None

**22/02-3 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021 as an accurate record.**

Cllr Roberts asked for some amendments to the minutes regarding the Dorset Council budget figures.

Proposed DJC

Seconded KD

**22/02-4 Matters arising from the minutes for info only-**

MW reported on the Children's ambulance clothing bank, Portesham VH committee were not keen to have this in the Car park. The PC will write a letter to make an official request to the PVH committee. Portesham Cllrs will also look at other locations within the village if this is not successful.

The Estate will be asked if they can accommodate a clothing bank in Abbotsbury. Also, a request to cut back the overgrown vegetation above the Dovecote land and around the pond.

CK asked that a clothing bank is supplied for Langton Herring, this will be located in the Pound.

**22/02-5 Democratic Forum –**

A member of the "Friends of St Nicholas" spoke on the plans for Abbotsbury including various community groups to hold a Fete on the Saturday and a village lunch on the Sunday. The group will be looking at bunting and Banners similar to the Olympic torch celebrations. Abbotsbury Cllrs were invited to attend the first meeting to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> March, LD will represent Abbotsbury Parish.

**22/02-6 Planning consultations**

**i. To receive any planning consultations-**

P/OUT/2021/05427 Proposal: Erection of 3no. dwellings with car port parking (outline - all matters reserved) Location: Land East of Fallow Hide- following a site visit this was approved but this has now been withdrawn.

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- P/HOU/2021/05501 Proposal: Rebuild upper 2 metre section of north gable end. Rebuild and increase height of north chimney stack. Location: Chipps Barton- No objections
- P/RES/2021/05327 Proposal: Application for approval of reserved matters for access, appearance, landscaping, layout & scale in relation to outline permission WD/D/19/001849 Location: North Mead Farm- comments submitted
- P/HOU/2021/03811 Proposal: Erect single storey side extension using a restored Victorian railway cart, Alterations to roof including relocation of solar panels and rebuilding of chimney, replacement windows, Pitched roof over garage and construction of a decked terrace with awning and pergola. Location:1 Winters Lane- no objections
- P/HOU/2021/05747 Proposal: Convert garage/store to form ancillary accommodation Location: Futtocks End Coast guards- Objections and comments
- P/HOU/2021/05769 Proposal: Erection of single storey front extension and conversion of basement area. Location: Futtocks End- no objections
- P/HOU/2022/00220 Proposal: Conversion of existing garage into a self-contained annexe, ancillary to the main house. Location: Snipegate Farm- no objections
- P/HOU/2021/04336 Proposal: Erect single storey rear extension Location: Fallow Hide-no objections
- P/HOU/2022/00325 Proposal: Replacement ground floor window with french doors. Create first floor balcony Location: Swallow Cottage- no objections
- P/HOU/2021/05405 Proposal: Conversion of existing garage into annexe and erect photovoltaic panels to roof, demolition of existing single storey extension and the erection of new garage and single storey rear extension Location: 6 Back Street, Abbotsbury- No objections

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

No further updates from Cllr Walsh regarding the outstanding enforcement issues. Cllr Roberts also had no further updates at this time.

Cllrs reported that the 2 of the Rodden farm applications have been approved, this had been reported in the press, the PC are no longer notified of planning decisions. Cllr Roberts was unaware of this and will follow up, Clerk to ask Dorset Planning department why this is no longer happening.

**Action Clerk**

The PC had received an email from a resident regarding the Rodden Farm applications given the number that are still outstanding, the questions asked in the email will be sent to Cllr Walsh and cc'd to Cllr Roberts for comment.

## iii. To receive the Neighbourhood Plan report from the Chair of the NPSG

### 1. Neighbourhood Plan Document

Significant progress has been made since December and the document is thought to be 98% complete. It has yet to be formally reviewed by the NPSG since the latest version was only made available on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February. The aim is to complete the review by SG Members on the 21<sup>st</sup> February at which point it can be distributed more widely for review by CBPC members. This is a significant step and moves us closer to the formal Regulation 14 Pre-Consultation process.

### 2. Review of potential Sites

At the NPSG Meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> January the results of the Options Consultation Meetings and Surveys were discussed and it was decided to include 4 of the 11 sites put forward in the Call for Sites process in the Neighbourhood Plan. This is a preliminary step since once we have more detail from the landowners about their intentions, it could be that things might change during the Pre-Consultation process.

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## 3. Re-run of Portesham Options Consultation Survey

The Options Consultation Survey was re-run in Portesham as planned and the number of responses did increase to 21, but it is still a small percentage of the total households in Portesham. A little disappointing since everyone received a flyer through their letterbox encouraging them to complete the survey.

## 4. AECOM SEA Work

Another meeting was held with AECOM on the 25<sup>th</sup> January to discuss the next phase of work and bring them up to date with our progress on the site evaluation. They have committed to providing an update before the next NPSG Meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. This will have an impact on the NP Document.

### iv. **To agree a closed meeting date with Cllrs to review the Draft Neighbourhood Plan**

The NPSG will circulate the draft plan to the PC following their meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> February, so Cllrs have 2 weeks to review this document and make comments at a meeting of Cllrs Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 7pm at Langton Herring. All Councillors were requested to attend.

### v. **To consider the open letter to be sent to the Leader of Dorset Council regarding the Dorset Local Plan (Dorset Deserves Better)**

Cllrs CK and AK had written a report supporting the open letter from “Dorset Deserves Better”. The Council debated this at length. There was not clear support for the letter as it was felt that the Neighbourhood Plan covers most of the content, specifically the issues of second homes. Some Cllrs were concerned about supporting a pressure group.

Although the letter was proposed and seconded the vote was against the letter being sent by the PC to Dorset Council.

**22/02-7**

## **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 Jan 22

£82,822.95	Proposed KD	Seconded IW
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### ii. **To consider the grass cutting specifications to go out to tender for consideration at the March meeting.**

The following specifications were considered:

a. **Cemetery and Churchyard contract-** agreed

b. **Portesham & Abbotsbury village greens, Portesham play area (The Glebe) and Fleet gates-** The PC will contact Ilchester Estate regarding the cutting of the village green as this is not owned by the PC. Also, if a local contractor can be found then a separate contractor will be used for the cutting of Fleet gates.

c. **Portesham Playing field and Allotments-** it was agreed to take the allotment paths out of the contract, this will be done by the allotment holders when required.

d. **Langton Herring Amenity Area and Play area-** agreed

e. **Abbotsbury Recreation Ground, and boundary-**agreed

f. **Abbotsbury Play area-** this is a new contract as the volunteer is unable to carry this out anymore the PC would consider other volunteers as there is equipment for this purpose, but a spec will be advertised as well.

g. **Bench maintenance-** It was noted by the current contractor that some benches need to more maintenance or possible replacement. It was agreed to go back to this contractor to

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ask for an annual contract with reports on those benches that require work and consider each bench individually to see what works are required.

## 22/02-8 Highways- reports

### i. To consider a new SID for Portesham and any additional sites

The PC had gathered a quote from Dorset Council for a new SID, for an additional site in Portesham and potentially a site in Abbotsbury. The current SID is still working but it is loaned from Dorset Council and the PC pays DC to deploy the SID on a 6-week rota, as we no longer have volunteers.

**Portesham** -the additional site by the Doctors surgery could be included but the charges for deployment would need to be considered by DC.

**Abbotsbury**-The SID officers did some covert monitoring in Abbotsbury but didn't get anywhere near the required speeds at the West End of the village. The East end by Glebe Close could be considered for a speed check, but the location for the SID would need some work if it met the criteria for safety if deploying the SID.

**Fleet** – a speed check can be carried out, but the location needs to be confirmed by Cllrs.

**Langton Herring**- a speed check can be carried out, but a location needs to be confirmed by Cllrs.

The PC agreed not to purchase a new SID whilst the current one is still working. Speed checks to be carried out in Fleet and Langton Herring and only the one site in Abbotsbury.

SM explained that if other villages wanted to, they could use the CSW equipment from Portesham, if they had the official training and sites are agreed by the speed watch team. SM will follow this up.

**Action SM**

### ii. To consider the draft letter to MP Chris Loder ref rural roads and speeding concerns

JC had drafted a letter highlighting the concerns with the National speed limit on rural roads, the PC agreed to the letter being sent. MR asked for a copy of the letter.

MH asked that the handwritten letter from a resident in Abbotsbury regarding the damage caused by large HGV's is also sent to highlight the HGV issues.

**Action Clerk**

### iii. To receive any other highways reports.

There is to be a road closure in Fleet on 6<sup>th</sup> March clerk to enquire about the resident's access and why traffic lights are required.

Portesham flood project – it was reported the work has taken longer than originally programmed, the surfacing already carried out at the junction of Goose Hill/Malthouse Meadow has not achieved the desired fall of the carriageway so this will need to be resurfaced on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March from 8pm to 6am. This work requires Goose Hill and the junction of Malthouse Meadow to be closed to traffic.

## 22/02-9 Countryside & RoW reports

A new style has been installed along Rocky Lane/Rocket in Portesham but there is no access for dogs, this was reported to the rangers.

## 22/02-10 Parish Reports

- i. **Abbotsbury** -Parish meeting booked for 21<sup>st</sup> March, a memorial bench or plaque is to be agreed in memory of Henry Ford. The Oak tree has been transferred to the Abbotsbury Recreation Ground in memory of Dave Stevens and the plaque will now be ordered in time for the 1<sup>st</sup> March when a photo will be taken.

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- ii. **Fleet-** The laybys have still not been completed. The Annual Parish Meeting is yet to be booked and will be held in the Church.
- iii. **Langton Herring-** The 2 new grit bins have now been filled, thank you to David Collins for his help in obtaining salt until DC filled them, the areas of road surface damaged by the hot weather and lorries breaking up the surface have just been repaired. The LHVH committee are starting to look at Jubilee celebrations and the first meeting is to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> Feb. There will be a beacon lit at Higher farm. The Annual Parish meeting will be held on Weds 6<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm in the VH.
- iv. **Portesham-** The Annual Parish meeting is to be arranged. The Portesham Volunteers are planning a variety of events for the Jubilee and some projects for the Village Green, the sun dial to be replaced and the area at Dovecote land to install a new bench, these areas of land belong to the PC. The PC agreed in principle to the projects but would like to be consulted prior to the projects commencing. Portesham Cllrs were also asked to look at the Portesham village website and to raise the profile that Portesham will be 1000 years old in 2023 and has plans to celebrate this next year.

## **22/02-11 To consider all correspondence received for decision, consultation, and information.**

Correspondence report circulated, items to note:

### **i. To consider the Queens Jubilee celebrations 2022.**

The Council discussed the various celebrations being planned in the parishes. Several residents had come forward with ideas of a whole Chesil Bank Parish event at West Elworth. Following discussions, it was felt that each village would organise their own events and the PC would look at the budget to see what kind of contribution the PC could offer towards these celebrations to each parish. This will be further discussed at the March meeting.

- ii. The Countryside rangers have offered fruit trees to Parish Councils, it was felt that the Allotments would be suitable place to plant them. More info to be gathered.

## **22/02-12 To confirm the date and items for the next Parish Council meeting 7<sup>th</sup> March at Langton Herring.** Jubilee and Grass cutting tenders.

## **22/02-13 Democratic Forum 15 minutes-**

A resident suggested the PC waits to see what ideas come forward from the villages then allocate funding on that basis.

Cllr Mark Roberts reported on the budget and the current shortfall. He commented on the costs of adult services. The budget is due to be agreed on the 15<sup>th</sup> February at the full council meeting.

MR commented on the new management of Portesham School following the OFSTED report last year, Dorset Council have put in an executive board with immediate effect and will then prepare the school to become an academy. MW commented on the entry gates being locked so emergency services cannot access the area easily, also that the PC contractors cannot access when maintaining the area. There has been a lack of consultation prior to the new fencing being installed with the residents and the Parish Council. MR explained he would speak to the cabinet member for education on this matter.

Meeting closed at 9.35pm