

CHESIL BANK PARISH COUNCIL

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



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on

Monday 4th April 2022, 7.30pm at Fleet Church

Councillors Present:

Portesham Cllrs

M White (MW) (Chair)

S Weeden (SW)

M Bartlett (MB)

S Murdoch (SM)

R Chipp-Marshall (RCM)

D Collins (DJC)

Abbotsbury Cllrs

Lorraine Dalley (LD)

G Roper (GR)

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) 4 members of the public

- 22/04-1 Welcome, and apologies for absence – Mark Hardway (MH) K Donnelly (KD)**
- 22/04-2 To receive declarations of personal or pecuniary interests and grants of dispensation-**
none
- 22/04-3 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th March 2022 as an accurate record.** Proposed SM Seconded CK
- 22/04-4 Matters arising from the minutes for info only-**
- i. Cllrs were reminded to comment on the Community Governance Review consultation as individuals as well as encouraging residents to comment as well, closing date is the 23rd May.
 - ii. The clothing bank is due to be delivered to Langton Herring on 31st March. We are still waiting for confirmation to place the clothing bank at the Kings Arms, SM will follow this up.
- 22/04-5 Democratic Forum –**
- i. Speaker- Chair of the IEB on the incoming changes for Portesham School- Barbara Southcott thanked the PC for the invitation and addressed the meeting on the changes for Portesham School. She explained she is the Chair of the Interim Executive Board (IEB) which took over the management of the school from the governors who had all stepped down. The IEB is made up of members who are experienced in the role and are already governors of other schools this also includes vicar of the village. The Academy that will be taking on the school is the First Academy Trust who are based in Devon. They have primary schools in their portfolio. The IEB will be assisting in the smooth transition to academy status then they will step away when this is complete. This is hoped to be at the end of the Summer Term. The trust is already working with the head and teaching staff and are receiving a lot of support following the inadequate OFSTED inspection last year. There have already been improvements put in place. There will be public meetings for parents, staff and any public after Easter to update all on the progress. A question was asked about the pre-school, it was explained that this was not part of the school but will also be taken on by the academy. Cllrs asked if there is a risk that if the school was taken over it could be shut down, it was explained that when the academy was considered their track record was taken on board and to date no schools have been closed, it is possible, but there is no suggestion that this would happen. Cllrs asked who will have overall management of the school, it was explained that there is a head of schools that oversees several schools in hubs, and they look after the curriculum and day to day

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running, the business part is done on numbers of pupils which the academy receives from the LA and then spends this across all their schools in the area.

Barbara was asked if the lease of the land with Diocese has been arranged as the PC are still waiting on the lease for the play area, she will find out and let the PC know.

Cllrs asked if the academy have plans to communicate with the local community, Barbara explained that they have had excellent communications with their other schools. Cllrs asked who the point of contact be for the school, also that the school do not wish to be involved with the village jubilee celebrations, this will be followed up, it was noted that this is a time of great change for staff, and they need to concentrate on the children at this time.

Barbara was thanked for her time and would respond to the questions in time and left the meeting at 8pm.

22/04-6 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 Mar 22

£67,746.62	Proposed CK	Seconded IW
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ii. To consider the purchase of Horse Safety Signs.

Following the request for signage at entry and exit points for horses onto the highway from bridleways in the parishes a quote was obtained for 10 signs at a cost of £110, it is agreed to purchase the signs, but we are still waiting to get approval from highways for their locations. These would be located in all 4 parishes.

Proposed SW	Seconded LD
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iii. Portesham Play area lease.

The PC still do not have an updated copy of the lease with the Diocese, this could be delayed due to the changes with the school management deferred.

22/04-7 Planning consultations

i. To receive any planning consultations-

- P/HOU/2022/01207 Proposal: Erection of new single storey tractor store/implement shed. Location: Deerbarn House, Whitmore Coppice- an extension was agreed to enable a site meeting, but this was declined, Cllrs formulated objections based on the material planning considerations.
- P/NMA/2022/01671-Proposal: Amendment to planning permission WD/D/19/001056 - Alterations to glazing and roof materials Location: 34 Front Street- application was refused
- P/HOU/2022/00917 Proposal: Erect double garage Location: Greystones, Fleet Road- no objections raised

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

- Land adjacent to Fleet Wood, Fleet Road-Unauthorized extension of an existing Barn structure- report from enforcement officer- no further action to be taken
- Enforcement report-4 Front Street Portesham, works in a conservations area- no further action
- Trafalgar House- substantial works being carried out- conservation officers aware and have been on site.

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

The Chairmans report was circulated prior to the meeting.

a. Neighbourhood Plan Document

Following the Special with the Parish Council on the 14th March, when comments and feedback from the Councillors were received on Draft Issue 10 of the NP, it has now been amended to take account of those comments and Draft Issue 11 will be the version which is taken forward into the Pre-Consultation process.

b. AECOM SEA Work

As mentioned last month, AECOM are producing an Environmental Report which at the time of writing we are expecting to receive by Friday 28th March. Our understanding is that any impact it has on the NP will be very minor. However, once the SG has reviewed the SEA Report on the 12th April it will sit alongside the NP as part of the Pre-Consultation process.

c. Preparation for Pre-Consultation Process

Work on the preparation for this important phase of work is well underway. A survey has been prepared on Survey Monkey for the community to give their feedback on the NP and the Policies contained within the document. They will also be asked whether they are likely to support the NP at the Referendum. Dates for a number of drop-in events in each village have also been established. It is intended these will take place during the second half of April and early May. The first event will be in Portesham on the 20th April and the final events will take place in Abbotsbury and Fleet on the 7th May. The 6-week Consultation Period will end around the 23rd May. An A5 leaflet summarising the NP is being prepared and will be delivered to every household in the Parish a week or so before the first event.

The Vice Chair gave a verbal report at the meeting on the proposed dates for the pre-consultations to take place in the villages, also on the timeline of events aiming for a referendum in Summer 2023. It was noted that 51% of those who vote will determine the result, even if only a few people vote. RCM commented on the inclusion of the change to the (DDB) Defined development boundary for Portesham and is this set-in stone, it was explained that this will be part of the consultation process and considered once this next stage of the process is complete. Also, it is a NP that can change a DDB in a village if no changes are proposed by the Local Plan. JC asked why there were no minutes and no updated draft as noted in the report, it was explained that the minutes will be available at the next NPSG meeting on 12th April and the current draft is in tracked changes form until the SEA report has been received. JC also noted that many are leaving the NPSG group as they unhappy with the processes. This will be brought up at the next NPSG meeting for further discussions with Cllr and village reps.

22/04-8 Highways- reports

- i. **B3157 meeting Cllr rep to attend-** A meeting and drive along the Coast Road will take place on 13th May starting at Hive Beach at 9.30am, Cllrs Sharon Murdoch and Cate Killoch will attend as will the Clerk. Cllr Mark Roberts will also be in attendance. This meeting with MP Chris Loder, police and Dorset Highways officers will be looking at speed and types of vehicles using this route.

22/04-9 Countryside & Rights of Way reports

- i. **To consider the access to Upwey on the Old Railway Line-** SM asked for this to be on the agenda as there had been interest in the village. This route if agreed would make a safe path for walkers, cyclists and horses, similar to the railway line between Portesham and Abbotsbury.

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It was noted that a few years ago landowners in Portesham and residents had expressed an interest, but this does need leading by a Cllr and the countryside projects officer to take it further. Much of the old railway line has been put back into agricultural or private use so it will take a while to contact each landowner for their comments. It was agreed to contact Tara Hansford from DC and SM offered to lead with support from MB.

22/04-10

Parish Reports

i. Abbotsbury

LD reported that the wall in the recreation ground has been repaired by the Estate. A bench has been donated in memory of Dave Stevens on the recreation ground by a resident of Abbotsbury.

ii. Fleet

Parish meeting to be held on 11th April, the laybys are still being used, the highways officer is waiting for more material to become available to make these into bunds.

iii. Langton Herring

The Clothing bank is now at the Pound, CK raised a concern with the wall and a potential crack, DJC offered to take a look. Potholes have now been filled.

iv. Portesham

a. Update on the school playing field –

The PC are still waiting on the lease to be renewed, also the lock code has still not yet been provided to enable access to the play area. A meeting of Portesham Cllrs will be held to look at the issues.

b. To consider a walking access from Portesham to the playing field and pavilion at West Elworth-

MB had commented if a more direct route could be found to the playing field to encourage children to use this facility as the school playing field is no longer available. Also, this would give more weight to any development of the pavilion. MW explained that the PC had already investigated this some years ago looking at a path on the edge of the road that would cost in the region of £30,000. MB suggested using a route across the field not by the road. He had spoken to the farmer in question, and he was happy to discuss this with Cllrs. The Estate would also need to be consulted as well as other landowners on the suggested route. MB and SW would follow this up and arrange a site meeting with the farmer. To report at the May meeting.

22/04-11

To consider all correspondence received for decision, consultation, and information.

NALC Smaller Councils committee- letter from the Chair asking for smaller parishes to respond on issues that PCs are facing, planning, climate change, transport. The PC will respond on the issues of planning applications and the planning portal by the closing date of 30th April.

The External auditor has now sent the links to the annual return documents, the Clerk will now request the internal auditor carries out their review of the finances in time for the May meeting.

The Jurassic Coast Challenge event taking place on 14th and 15th May has emailed the PC to notify them of the route, Cllrs raised concerns as not all landowners have been notified and last time this event took place there was a lot of markers and glow sticks left behind. Also, the number of participants only exacerbates the erosion of the paths, and the disturbance of the ground nesting birds and wildlife.

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i. Update on Jubilee celebrations

SM reported that Portesham Jubilee committee are looking at a street party, events in the pub garden and decorating homes. MW commented that the beacon lighting is likely to be on DC land as permission has still not been given by the National Trust. AK reported that LH are lighting a beacon at 9pm on the Thursday, decorating of houses with bunting, there will be a road closure on the Sunday for a street party then garden games on the amenity area with a village photo.

LD commented on Abbotsbury and asked about purchasing memorabilia for the children of the village. SM and AK also commented that they are looking into this for all children in the village under a certain age. The Beacon is yet to be repaired. The plans are moving forward for banners, parties in the pubs and exhibitions in the Church and Hall of photos.

No plans yet discussed in Fleet.

22/04-12 To confirm the items for the Annual Parish Council meeting 9th May at Portesham VH- TBC, refreshments to be served

22/04-13 Democratic Forum 15 minutes-

Cllr Mark Roberts reported that Spencer Flower had a productive meeting with Michael Gove regarding the housing numbers for Dorset. It is hoped there will some flexibility with the Local Plan as there is in Oxfordshire and spread the numbers over a 3-year period.

AK asked MR if the Local Plan was going to identify more social housing in Weymouth to help the low paid. JC explained that there needs to be a more robust policy for developers to ensure that the 35% for over 10 dwellings is adhered to.

JC asked MR about the decision not to proceed with the enforcement issue in Fleet and can MR attend the Fleet meeting to speak to residents on this. MR to attend the Fleet Parish meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm