

CHESIL BANK PARISH COUNCIL

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



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on

Monday 6th June 2022, 7.30pm at Langton Herring

Councillors Present:

Portesham Cllrs

M White (MW)
S Weeden (SW)
M Bartlett (MB)
S Murdoch (SM)
R Chipp-Marshall (RCM)
D Collins (DJC)

Abbotsbury Cllrs

Mark Hardway (MH)

Langton Herring Cllrs

C Killoch (CK) (Vice Chair)

Fleet Cllrs

I White (IW)(Chair)
J Coombe (JC)

Cllr Mark Roberts (MR) Dorset Council

Mrs M Harding (Clerk) 3 members of the public

22/06-1 Apologies for absence we received and accepted from –Anne Kerins, Graham Roper, Kevin Donnelly, Lorraine Dalley

22/06-2 To receive declarations of personal or pecuniary interests and grants of dispensation- DJC declared and interest on a planning item for Portesham parish.

22/06-3 To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 9th May 2022 as an accurate record. Proposed SW Seconded CK

22/06-4 Matters arising from the minutes for info only- none.

22/06-5 Democratic Forum – A resident commented that there had been an inflatable on the Fleet lagoon and raised concerns, IW would inform the Fleet lagoon warden.

22/06-6 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 May 2022 £ 85,496.65

Receipts		none
Payments		
Jubilee Grant	Abbotsbury	£300
Fleur Graphics	NP printing	£315
K Hussey	Play inspections	117.50
Admin costs	Salary/ PAYE/office expenses	£1018.65
DAPTC	Annual Subs	£509.93
Starboard System	Accounting software	£276.00
H Soper	Allotment paths, grass cutting contract	140.00
M Jolliffe	Grass contract	£233.33
PVH	Hall Hire	£48.00
Jubilee Grant	Fleet	£120.00
Strangways Hall	Hall Hire	£30.00
Langton Herring VH	Hall Hire	£45.00
Wessex Ground Services	Grass contract	£136.17

Proposed DJC

Seconded SW

DJC commented that there is likely to be an increase in the hall hire at PVH in the near future, but this has not been confirmed, MW as the VH rep will follow this up.

Cllrs commented it is shame that with all the financial support the CBPC has given to the VH that there is not a concession for PC meetings.

ii. To consider returning to paper copies of meeting documents. (DJC)

DJC commented that there are a lot of reports which needed printing, and it would be good if the public knew what was happening at meetings. It was noted that the meeting documents are sent to Councillors at least a week before the meeting and all of this is available on the PC website for all to view or download. The costs of the printing documents for 14 Councillors and members of public was a concern. The Clerk had set up the projector for the meeting as the PC had done prior to Covid to show all meeting documents and this could be done at most meeting venues. The Clerk explained that Fleet Church may be the only venue with an issue, but the PC could buy a screen. The projector had been gifted by Cllr Donnelly for use by the PC but costs of a new one would be looked into for the future DJC explained that if this can be done at all meetings then he is happy for this rather than the expense of paper and ink.

Cllrs were reminded that their reports on items on the agenda need to be circulated prior to the meeting as well not just verbal reports so Councillors have time to consider any decisions to be made.

22/06-7 Planning consultations

i. To receive any planning consultations-

- a. Ilchester Estates-Woodland Management Plan, (WMP) consultation- Cllrs commended the Woodland management plan on its detail and supported the plan.
- b. P/HOU/2022/03231 Proposal: Fleetway Cottage-Proposed side extension Location:8 Shop Lane- No objections
- c. P/CLE/2022/03344 Proposal: This application seeks a Certificate of Lawful Existing Use or Development (CLEUD) to confirm the part of the building that was previously a shop, has in fact been used for residential use as part of 6 Front Street in excess of 10 years and this use is therefore immune from enforcement action as per the 10-year rule. Location:6 Front Street. There was no comment to make on this proposal, but Cllrs questioned the other applications in this location, but these have currently been withdrawn.

ii. To receive an update on planning /enforcement or ongoing issues-DJC asked about the works to Trafalgar House as there had been no planning applications for works being carried out, this had already been discussed with the planning authority and the conservation officer is aware of the works at this time.

IW spoke on the recent Planning seminar with Dorset Council planning department, over 100 Cllrs including some Clerks attended a meeting and were introduced to the team, there are staff shortages and issues with the planning portal which they are hoping to deal with, but the meeting was not as well received by those attending due to the manner in which the officers spoke to the Cllrs, more meetings will follow and feedback will be given accordingly. IW also commented that DC are offering apprenticeships and it was suggested that DC should have their own planning officer apprenticeship scheme.

iii. To receive the Neighbourhood Plan report

A report had been provided by the Chair of the NPSG but he was unable to attend.

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PRE-CONSULTATION PROCESS: DROP IN EVENTS- Drop-in events have been held during the second half of May, with the final one held in Fleet on the 28th May. There were 2 sessions in each village of around 3 hours duration each time. Attendance has been variable, and numbers were lower than expected, especially in Langton Herring. However, those who did attend spent a significant amount of time looking at the display and raising questions of clarification with us. The feedback was largely positive. A total of 44 people attended the events. Although numbers were lower than expected, it could be that people feel well informed about the Draft Plan, particularly since we took the trouble to post a booklet summarising the plan through everyone's door. Members of the SG were thanked for their support at the events.

PRE-CONSULTATION PROCESS: SURVEY- At the time of writing 37 responses had been received. Of these 27 were from residents of the Parish. 25 of the 27 fully supported the plan and 5 supported with minor modifications. The remaining 4 either overlooked the question or chose not to respond. 1 had voted against the plan. Hopefully, we will see more returns over the coming weeks.

The full set of documents was emailed to 29 external bodies on the 20th April for their comments. 3 responses have been received so far, from Sport England, Highways England and Burton Bradstock PC. Closing date for the responses is the 20th June.

LOCALITY GRANT 2022/23- A Grant of £8055 was approved by Locality on the 4th May 2022 and funds have now been deposited with the CBPC Account.

22/06-8 Highways- reports

- i. **To consider the traffic issues with Portesham and Abbotsbury in conjunction with the meeting with the MP on the B3157-** CK and SM had attended the meeting with MP Chris Loder, Cllr Mark Roberts, Dorset Highways and the Police. The meeting was looking at the accident rates and speed issues from Bridport to Chickerell. CK reported that it was a very useful meeting, and the MP has requested from highways a review of all signage, cats' eyes and lines along the route also to order a new camera van that can monitor motorcycle speeds from each direction with a roof mounted camera. Most of the accidents and fatalities recorded were with Motorcycles, so this was the focus of the meeting. CK had circulated a report to Cllrs of the meeting and a report was to be sent from Chris Loder in due course, MR would follow this up. It was noted that new motorcycle awareness signs have already been placed on the accident black spots along the route. Once a report has been sent then the PC will look at what next steps need to be taken.
DJC asked if there was any discussion on HGV, it was explained that the meeting was wholly about speed and reducing deaths as the statistics are high on this route. The PC would need to take the HGV and the issues on Front Street and other rural roads in the parish back to the MP for future meetings.
- ii. DJC commented the state of the finger posts in the parishes that require repair. These are the responsibility of the parishes as highways no longer repair finger posts. There are grants available if the works are done to the AONB specification, it was suggested that all the finger posts are assessed to see which ones need to be repaired. Cllrs to locate those in their parishes that are need of repair and then costings can be gathered.

22/06-9 Countryside & Rights of Way reports

- i. To update on the access to Upwey on the Old railway line. -contact has been made with Tara Hansford but we are waiting on a reply to arrange a meeting to look at the next stage of the process.

22/06-10 Council Property- To receive council property reports from all villages-

A site meeting for any Cllrs available was arranged to visit all the assets in all four parishes, the Clerk, IW, SW, LD and CK

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attended the meeting. A full report of the assets was circulated to Cllrs, and actions were discussed as below.

Parish	Item	Comment
Fleet	Fleet Gates	Last painted 2013 at a cost of £1050 some rust, requires repair and painting in the coming year
Langton Herring	Pound-walled area at entrance to Shop Lane currently housing the grit bin and clothes bank	Signs of cracking in wall, inspected by DJC April, potential letter to adjacent landowner to discuss tree roots and costs of repairs
	Access Path-path running from VH to Amenity area	Access path locked; path has been cleared but needs regular weeding. Some fence posts rotten in need of replacement.
	Amenity Area adjacent to Chapel Close	Boundary fence to houses in Shop Lane requires repair as some has been removed, trees to be inspected and some lower branches to be after 1 st Aug. Small tree in top right area to be removed as dead, boundary fence to be checked at top field gate for actual boundary line and then maintained.
	Play area and open space with mature trees, newly installed equipment, fenced off	Covid signs now removed, grass seed required where works carried out in the play area on bare soil, springer to be cleaned up of mould, fencing could do with a clean but in good order. Plaque on order, official opening to be arranged. Trees to be inspected and consider lifting of lower limbs of Scots pine after 1 st Aug.
Portesham	Dovecot-Area of land below Dovecot properties	This area is being managed by the Portesham Volunteers, there is a bench and a small notice board and many shrubs. It was noted that if a new bench was to be placed here by the PV, then the existing bench could be relocated in the Cemetery as there isn't enough room for 2 benches.
	Churchyard-Being a closed churchyard, this area is in the management of the PC	The ivy needs removing again from the external walls including the rectory wall. It was noted the Churchyard wall will need re inspecting once ivy is removed. The area looked very tidy. The tree issue in the rectory growing into the Churchyard wall needs revisiting again. The large Yew Tree is also of concern so tree inspections need to be carried out
	Cemetery	To be inspected
	Village Green- located on Front Street	The Chesil Rocks sign has been drilled into the road name plate; Action to have sign removed asap The Cherry tree needs regular inspecting for health issues.
	Book Exchange- on the Village Green	The Book Exchange needs dusting to remove cobwebs and painting, contractor to be contacted. It was noted that more books are required.
	Bus Shelter- on Bramdon Lane	The bus shelter is looked after by the volunteers but could do with sweeping inside the roof.

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	Portesham Play area- The Glebe, adjacent to the school	Bin requires emptying, Bench has sunk and needs a new topper. The gates need servicing to shut properly. Inspector to be contacted
		The mound surface is not in good condition and costs to install rubber mulch should be considered, 2 of the wooden steps on the mound have rotted and need replacement. Quotes to be gathered
		The mats have compacted under the nest swing so works required. Costs to be gathered
		There are many cracks in the rubber surfacing under the monkey climber, the removal of the kerbing has still not been carried out at the bottom of the slide. Inspector to be contacted and costs to be gathered
	Portesham Playing field/Allotments and Tennis Court	Tennis Court needs a new surface and new nets and posts set up. Costs to be gathered
	Allotments	Allotment paths need attention along the stream path and on the outside for the new permissive path- strimmed by the date of the PC meeting
		The new Allotment area needs further works to get this into cultivation and then fenced off. Deadline Oct 22, Contractor to be contacted
	Pavilion (Old)	Derelict building gated off, further discussion on agenda by recreation group
	Waterless Toilet	Needs emptying and cleaning and supplies purchased. New management needs to be put in place for this facility.
Abbotsbury	Village Green- Located opposite Hannahs Lane	Owned by Ilchester Estates but cut by PC- Request has been made to install a new bench and plaque in memory of Henry Ford, also to rename the green in his name- this was agreed by the Estate, Action Abbotsbury Cllrs to order bench.
	Abbotsbury Recreation Ground- Located at the end of Hannahs lane and Seaway Lane	The main field had been cut, boundary vegetation needs cutting back and the area around the benches kept tidier- contractor to be contacted
	Abbotsbury Play area	The equipment was treated last year and looks in good shape, some strimming is required on the mounds and around the edges of the play area, contractor to be notified
		The money pot needs emptying
		The Goose needs attention as wobbles. The far gate needs a sign to satisfy the inspector of the 3rd entrance/exit. Also, this needs some wire to stop dogs getting in.
		The zip wire is low, to ask the inspector to look into this Zip wire service due Oct 22.
		Conservation area around the play area will need further attention in the coming year to cut back

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22/06-11 Parish Reports

- i. **Abbotsbury-** MH reported on requests from parishioners in Abbotsbury for the extension of the 30mph limit from the entrance of the bridleway off the B3157 near Linton Cottage as this is a dangerous exit onto the busy B3157 for walkers and horses, it was agreed to request an extension of the 30mph limit from the Traffic safety team. Further discussions are being held with the Estate on other access points.

Proposed MH Seconded MB

At this point it was suggested the PC re look at yellow lines along West Street again with the Traffic Safety team. Portesham Cllrs suggested that a request is also made for the B3157 in Portesham to the entrance to the playing field down to 30mph as well.

The Clerk will put individual requests to the Dorset Council traffic safety team.

Proposed SM Seconded DJC

- ii. **Fleet-** Fleet still has parking issues on the road, a successful Jubilee event was held

iii. **Langton Herring**

CK reported that the Play area has now been finished and a plaque has been ordered, this will be officially opened in memory of Ray Doggett by the family when a date can be organised.

iv. **Portesham**

- a. **To consider continuing to lease the Portesham Play area site from the Diocese for community use.**

The agents have not yet drafted a lease, this will be followed up

- b. **To update on a walking access to the playing field and pavilion at West Elworth**

MB reported that some progress has been made, he had met with the farmer to discuss a route across the field from Portesham and the Estate had also given their support for this preferred route, this would be via the current footpath from the village via Portesham Dairy Farm caravan site using the footpath across the top then taking a path down the hedge across the river and directly to the playing field entrance, all of which would need to be fenced and maintained by the PC. MB had gathered a rough cost of fencing the path which is approx. 2/3 of a mile this is still shorter than the current route from the village via East Elworth. The cost would be in the region of £10,000 plus gates to ensure cattle and walkers are safe. Grants could be looked into to assist with the costs.

Cllrs commented that residents need to have a reason to go the site for sports or activities and need a safe way to get there. This will be put to the residents at the Parish parish meeting and come back to the PC meeting in July.

- c. **Report and update on the pavilion project following the site visit and advice**

RCM reported that following the last meeting when further ecology reports were required in order to put in planning permission for outline planning for a new pavilion. RCM suggested putting the pavilion in front of the current derelict building near the water and sewerage services now installed. Not to include a new entrance, take out the old goal post to create a road from the current entrance. This means that no surveys would be required other than those already carried out.

CK commented that the current building has an asbestos roof, and the PC has a duty of care to ensure the area is safe for public. RCM explained that it is fenced off and would remain so until it fell down, due to the costs of surveys in order to remove the asbestos. MH asked what sports are the PC expecting on the site and is there a need?

