

PORTESHAM PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held at Portesham Village Hall on Monday 25th October 2021

Present:

CLlr Marsha White Cllr Sue Weeden Cllr Ruth Chipp Marshall
CLlr Sharon Murdoch Cllr David Collins 8 members of the Public

1. **Housekeeping, welcome and apologies** – Marsha White opened the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Tom Bartlett.
2. **Minutes of the last meeting 21st October 2019** – were read and approved.
3. **Matters Arising** – None
4. **Council Property Reports** – Marsha read out a list of properties for which the council are responsible for around the village.
5. **Pavillion Project Update** – Marsha reported that there had been a delay in putting plans in and that fund raising will begin again next year.
6. **Traffic Concerns** – several residents have expressed concerns over speeding through the village, Sharon Murdoch reported that we should keep pressure on Dorset Council to extend the 30mph limit to beyond Goosehill Cottages, the scrapyard, and also Winters Lane
7. **Rights of Way** – Marsha reported that it would be a good idea if we could light a beacon at Hardys Monument in June next year to celebrate The Queens Platinum Jubilee, however despite giving the National Trust at least six months notice in order to achieve this they are still concerned about the fire risk involved. The countryside Rangers have offered the use of the opposite side of the road, but the beacon would not be so visible. Any members of the NT were encouraged to support having a beacon at Hardys.
8. **Flood Report** – Sharon Murdoch reported that works to alleviate flooding at Goosehill is due to begin on 1st November for seven weeks. A flood group meeting will be held after the work has been completed. Sharon also put out a call for more volunteers to help.
The ongoing issue of the cut through at Malthouse Meadow was also discussed and it was agreed to contact Dorset Council to see whether this could be resolved whilst the roadworks are being carried out.
9. **Community Speed Watch** – Sharon Murdoch reported that there are currently five volunteers who aim to carry out speed watch at least four times a year, but ideally once a month, this would require more volunteers to help make up each team of four. It was suggested that Portesham Volunteers may be able to help.
10. **Neighbourhood Plan Report** – Stuart Bayram reported that there had not been much interest in Portesham, and it is important that there is more public support because it will affect our environment.
11. **Report from Portesham Volunteers** – Stuart Bainbridge reported that the AGM will be held on 24th November. He reported that during the last eighteen months the volunteers have been helping out around the village, including delivering prescriptions, clearing rubbish and cutting back vegetation as well as collecting sandbags from Martinstown. It was agreed that lights would be put up on a tree on the village green from 1st December, it is hoped that more trees will be decorated.
12. **Your Issues** – It was proposed that points of contact for fly tipping, road verges etc to report issues online should be put in The Chesil.
Meeting closed at 7.50pm.