

PORTESHAM PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held at Portesham Village Hall on Monday 21st March 2022

Present:

Cllr Marsha White (chair)

Cllr Ruth Chipp Marshall

Cllr Martin Bartlett

Cllr Sharon Murdoch

Cllr David Collins

Cllr Sue Weeden

12 members of the public

- 1. Housekeeping, welcome and apologies** – Marsha White opened the meeting
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting 21st October 2021**
- 3. Matters arising** – none
- 4. Community Governance Review** – Marsha explained that it was recommended that Portesham increase its number of councillors to 7 and that the Parish Boundary would remain the same. Members of the public were encouraged to log on to Dorset Councils website and register their comments before 23rd May 2022.
- 5. Jubilee Celebration Ideas** – Steve James informed us that nothing was planned for Thursday 2nd June, the WI are hosting a tea party on Friday 3rd, The Kings Arms will be hosting a barbecue with side stalls on Saturday 4th and a street party will be held in Malthouse Meadow on Sunday 5th. CBPC have donated £1035 towards the celebrations. Marsha commented that the NT still haven't agreed to having a beacon lit near Hardys Monument, but she hopes to agree with the rangers for it to be lit on the other side of the road.
- 6. Portesham School Field and Play Area** – There was discussion as to how the green space between the school and the back of Ducks could best be used now that a fence has been erected in the area. The Volunteers suggested that it should be made into a wildflower meadow, but it was felt that this would not work in practice as it needs to be a place where children can play and potentially hold the Church fete. A suggestion was made to perhaps have bee/butterfly friendly shrubs and plants around the outside. Further discussions are needed.
- 7. Council Property** – it was pointed out that Paul Bridle will be painting the phone box this year and doing the Bier House gates and notice boards.
- 8. Pavilion Project Update** – Marsha said that we are still awaiting the ecological report which was carried out some while ago. Martin Bartlett suggested that better use of this area could be made if a footpath was made available from the village, he is prepared to speak with the farmer in order to potentially make this possible. The public were in support of this idea.
- 9. Highways** – Sharon Murdoch wanted to know who is accountable for the error at Goose Hill flood alleviation works – Marsha said she didn't know but would try and find out.
- 10. Rights of Way** – David Collins said he had been asked why straw had been put down in the field at the back of Portesham Dairy Campsite.
- 11. Flood Report** – Sharon Murdoch said that there is to be a meeting in the Ron Doble Room on 27th April at 7.00pm. The height of the weir at Malthouse Meadow was raised and Marsha agreed to look into it.
- 12. Community Speed Watch** – Sharon Murdoch reported that there is a noticeable slowing down of traffic when checks are being done, but more volunteers are needed.

- 13. Neighbourhood Plan** – Ruth Chipp Marshall reported that a draft copy of the NP had been approved by the council and a 6-week period of consultation will begin when awaited reports are in. It was suggested that a simplified version of the plan should be distributed in order to encourage residents to comment on its content.
- 14. Portesham Volunteers** – Keith Brignell reported on behalf of the volunteers that it was proposed to repair the sundial on the village green using funds from the VIP project which had successfully been applied for. Goose Hill wall is also going to be repaired and a litter pick organised. 2023 is Portesham Millennium and it is hoped to make Dovecote Garden into a Millennium Garden.
- 15. Your Issues** – it was asked whether there is still a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in the village, a suggestion was made to put something in the Chesil Magazine to gauge interest. The issue of speeding cars through Front Street was again raised, it was agreed to continue to get a 20mph speed limit throughout the village.
- 16. Date of next meeting** – July – October 2022

The meeting closed at 9.05pm