

CHESIL BANK PARISH COUNCIL

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

Chairman Ian White

Clerk M Harding



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on

Monday 3rd October 2022, 7.30pm at Langton Herring village hall

Councillors Present:

Abbotsbury Cllrs

K Donnelly (KD) (Parish Chair)
Mark Hardway (MH)
Lorraine Dalley (LD)

Langton Herring Cllrs

Cate Killoch (CK)
Anne Kerins (AK)

Fleet Cllrs

Ian White (IW) (Chair of the Group Council)
John Coombe (JC)

Portesham Cllrs

D Collins (DJC) - (Parish Chair)
R Chipp-Marshall (RCM)
S Murdoch (SM)
Marsha White (MW)
Sue Weeden (SW)
Martin Bartlett (MB)

In attendance:

Mrs M Harding (Clerk) & Cllr Mark Roberts (MR) Dorset Council

4 members of the public

22/10-1 Welcome, Chairs opening remarks

IW welcomed all to the meeting noting housekeeping and reminded Cllrs to address the Chair when wishing to speak, and not talk over one another during the meeting.

22/10-2 Apologies for absence we received and accepted from – Cllr Graham Roper

22/10-3 To receive declarations of personal or pecuniary interests and grants of dispensation-none

22/10-4 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th September 2022 as an accurate record. Proposed SM Seconded MH

22/10-5 Matters arising from the minutes for info only-

The new picnic bench and dog poo bins have been ordered for LH, the fixed term deposit account has been opened, LH defib software update is complete, Portesham and Abbotsbury defibs yet to be done, Car Boot sales have begun, more support required, nothing further yet on the Cemetery extension, the Weir height at Malthouse Meadows has been reported to Dorset Council enforcement as it is still not at the agreed height from the planning approval.

22/10-6 Democratic Forum –

Residents from Fleet asked if all children could have a coin from the jubilee celebrations, it was noted that there are some left and will be given to the resident, but it was the parishes choice how to spend their grant fund allocation. There has also been a request for a defib in Fleet. Fleet Cllrs will look into this as it is such a spread-out village siting it may be difficult and get back to the resident.

Cllr Roberts gave his report- Dorset Council have secured funding for EV charging points, 2.7M this will be an extra 150 for Dorset, some of these will be the rapid charging points near main roads. Dorset Council are looking at a green approach to road maintenance using a retexturing method which is skid resistant and eliminates having to resurface. This also reduces CO2 saving 6700T of surfacing at saving of 1.2M.

The budget is running at a deficit of 29 to 35M at present the Council but does not want to cut services.

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Dorset Council are aiming to improve biodiversity on verges by only cutting once a year but still cutting the junctions where it is an issue with visibility.

CK raised the issue of storm drains not being cleared as part of ongoing maintenance now. MR commented that these need to be reported online.

A resident commented that the 2.7M that could be saved regarding EV charging points as there usually standing empty.

22/10-7 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 PC website.

Receipts		
Stonewater	Glebe rents	£1189.36
Lloyd's bank	Interest	£1.24
Commonwealth war graves	Donation	£20.00
Car Boot	funds	£33.00
Container deposit		£250.00
Dorset Council	Precept	£14500.00
Payments		
Wreaths		£140.00
Candles on the Hill	Donation	£120.00
Marmax	Bench	£718.80
H Soper	Allotment/Tennis court works	£955.00
Advanced Scape	Poo bins	£398.00
Dorset Council	Planning fee	£263.20
Staff office Costs		£1027.65
Wessex Ground Services	Grass contract	£136.17
H Soper	Grass contract	£185.00
M Jolliffe	Grass contract	£233.33
Dorset Planning Co	NP consultant	£662.70
Wel Medical	Defib battery	£192.00
Online playgrounds	Swing seat	£106.62
PVH	Hall Hire (NP)	£13.00
Mr Zip wire	Zip wire service	£200.00
Parish Online software	NP	£194.40

Bank balances to the end of Sep 2022 £ 91,373.73

Proposed KD

Seconded AK

ii. To receive any budget proposals for the Parish Chairs to discuss on 17th Oct budget meeting to prepare a recommendation for the precept 2023-24

Fleet Gates maintenance and painting to be included-

22/10-8 Planning consultations

i. To receive any planning consultations-

- i. P/CLE/2022/05348 Proposal: Conversion of barns to residential use Location: Lower Farm- CK commented that after speaking to the applicant this was submitted to ensure that the planning permission did not run out of time given changes costs and supply of materials. - No comments

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- ii. P/HOU/2022/03611 Proposal: Remove exiting wall and erect detached Garden Room. Location: 1 Coastguard Cottages- The PC were pleased that some of the concerns raised have been addressed. The PC still have concerns at the amount of rubbish this site produces given all rubbish has to be stored off the site for collection, also the waste system to support this site is a Klargestor so is being put under further pressure. Finally that if this is approved there is a constraint that the building is ancillary to the main dwelling and not used for holiday accommodation.
- iii. P/PABA/2022/05833 Proposal: Erect agricultural storage building Location: West Shilvinghampton Farm- no comments required at this stage
- iv. Planning appeal P/FUL/2021/01005- planning appeal in respect of Erection of extension and alteration to form a semi-detached house at 12 West Street- Abbotsbury Cllrs to prepare a comment by 1st November- Action KD

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

The PC had received an email from a resident of Rodden with concerns about the planning permission at Rodden Farm for the Use of land for camping and the provision on the land of any moveable structure for the purposes of the permitted use for 28 days per year. It was noted that these are informatives on this permission, but they are not being met, further advice to be requested from DC planning department. This development drains into the Fleet so should be reported to the EA and EH departments. It was noted that this information could also be given to the Fleet Warden, IW to action.

MR reported that some enforcement issues are not investigated due to the cost to the Council versus public harm.

Trafalgar Farm- one storey dwelling- this has still not been taken on by a case officer. Cllrs expressed their concerns with the planning department specifically the enforcement section, there is a lack of confidence, the fees for the planning should cover the costs of officers to visit sites especially when the site has been reported to enforcement. As a body we represent the community and each time we have to go back to residents to explain there is still no action. DJC commented that building control need to be visiting the sites as well. MR explained that there is real manpower problem and DC are trying to recruit.

iii. **To receive feedback from the Planning seminar from IW and KD**

IW commented that the meeting was set up in small groups with planning departments, enforcement, trees, validation, portal, building control etc. The groups moved around the tables and talked to the groups of 6 or so to answer queries on each section. They seemed to listen to our concerns. They also spoke on how things are to be improved. It is hoped that the presentation documents will be supplied to share with Cllrs.

iv. **To receive the Neighbourhood Plan report provided by the NPSG Chair**

PRE-CONSULTATION PROCESS: REVISED NP- A revised NP has been produced following comments from the Pre-Consultation process. This revised document was reviewed by the NPSG on the 27th September and a number of minor comments have been raised by the SG Members, which will require some further work. Consequently, a revised plan has been prepared and a further revision is planned for the 17th October, at which point it will be made available to CBPC members for their review. Given that this is a very significant milestone since the next stage is to release the NP to Dorset Council then we have allowed a period of 4 weeks for CBPC members to make their comments. It is assumed that an extraordinary CBPC meeting will be held around the middle of November to decide if the NP can be forwarded to Dorset Council.

PORTESHAM AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT- Unfortunately, the actions place on Magna Housing at the meeting held in June had not been carried out due to conflicting priorities. However, having

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made contact with them on the 27th September, they have at least completed 2 of the actions, but the project is still on hold as far as the involvement of the NPSG is concerned. We are awaiting the outcome of a bilateral meeting to discuss the commercial terms between the landowners and Magna Housing. They have indicated that they will put together an offer to the Landowners and that they are still very much committed to the project.

FUTURE WORK- Once the NP has been forwarded to Dorset Council, hopefully in November then they will have a period of 6 weeks to make their comments, which will take us into January 2023. Following any rework as a result of their comments then an External Examiner will be appointed and a further 6-8 weeks will elapse whilst the Examiner reviews the NP. Once the Examiner is happy for us to proceed then we will be able to move to the Referendum, probably no earlier than May 2023.

AK asked if the planned development in Weymouth will have an impact on the NP, it was explained that the Local plan has now been delayed until 2026 so the NP will continue under the current local plan.

MR commented that given the delays most NP groups need to be considering an update on their plans almost as soon as they are made. The Chair of the NPSG commented that this has already been added to the timeline, given all the effort that has been made to get the plan this far.

It was agreed to hold the Extraordinary PC meeting on Monday 14th November to consider the NP for submission to Dorset Council.

22/10-9 Highways- reports

i. To receive any highways issues -

It was reported that the 20mph policy is being considered by Dorset Council's Scrutiny overview committee on 6th Oct, this has not been discussed with parish councils at this stage, but comments can be made prior to this going to cabinet in November. The Council supported the policy for the villages but not a blanket speed across all rural roads. Other Ward Cllrs Tony Alford and R Tarr will be supporting the CBPC on this item as they are both on this committee.

ii. To receive a Community Speed Watch report (Portesham)-

SM reported on the data that can be shared-

Over the 9 sessions carried out by the group there have been the following:

2779 vehicles

58 above the 36mph

39 received the 1st letter

1 received the second letter

0 received the third letter

The CSW officer does attend some of these visits and when she does, she can make activations.

The officer has carried out 265 hours in the village, 54 activations and 6 tickets have been given.

SM noted that just wearing the fluorescent jackets slows traffic down, the group are mostly met with smiles, but more volunteers are badly needed so more sessions can be booked.

Cllrs asked if they could have a SID which states "Thankyou". The Clerk reminded Cllrs that they voted against the purchase last year for a new SID for the village. The one in operation is owned and managed by Dorset Council and the PC pays for it to be deployed. It would really help if we had volunteers. SM commented that the cost of a new SID would be £2595.

22/10-10 Countryside & Rights of Way reports

i. To receive any Rights of way issues

The gate from the camp site from Portesham towards Elworth needs repairing, this will be passed onto the Farmer for action.

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22/10-11 Recreation and Council Property-

- i. To receive the results of the survey**
The Clerk reported that there had been 95 responses to the survey. The survey has now been closed and the summary of the data has been sent to Cllrs, the recreation group will be looking into the details of the survey to make recommendations to the full Council.
- ii. To consider an update on the Portesham Play Area lease-** deferred as this has still not been sent to the PC for consideration.
- iii. To receive an update on the planning application for the pavilion**
With the help and support of the architect the application has been submitted to Dorset Council Planning on 30th Sep and the planning fee was accepted on 3rd October.
- iv. To consider Allotment agreement for 2022-23**
The current agreement was circulated, and comments made, the use of compost bins and heaps must be on the allotment holders own plots and not next to the watercourse. The permission to keep chickens will be removed, also the planting of fruit trees needs to be monitored so they are only dwarf varieties. This was agreed by all. Allotment invoices and agreements will now be sent.
- v. To consider the costs of the tree works at Langton Herring amenity area**
There are a few trees that require branches lifting and the boundary hedge needs clearing back as the boundary fence will require repair in the future. A site visit with a tree surgeon was arranged and quote supplied. The cost of these works is £660 inc. vat. This was agreed.
Proposed SM Secoded KD
- vi. To consider the additional clearing on the Abbotsbury Recreation ground boundary**
Following a request to the contractor to cut back the boundary of the recreation ground it was noted that this would come at an additional cost.
Other quotes were gathered, the PC agreed to the quote for £120 to clear the whole boundary. This will include strimming around the trees at the top of the field.
Proposed SM Secoded MB
One of the residents who was part of the original group who planted the trees asked that they were better maintained, once the strimming has been carried out the PC will look to see what else is required and what further cost this will be. A donation was offered for this work.
- vii. To consider the future use of the ride on mower and strimmer previously used by Abbotsbury Recreation Ground Group-**
When the PC took over the management of the Abbotsbury Recreation Ground Play area it also gained a mower and strimmer, these are now surplus to requirements as the PC uses contractors. It was agreed to sell the items, they will be collected from Abbotsbury and the Clerk will advertise them locally to start with. Proposed RCM Secoded SW

22/10-12 Parish Reports

- i. Abbotsbury-** none- no date for a Parish meeting yet.
- ii. Fleet-** JC noted that the Openreach pole adjacent to Fleet gates has been replaced but too close and damage to the stay, he explained that the last time this was installed it was promised that the PC would be consulted. JC to provide the pole number and info, Clerk to report pole. The layby is still incomplete, and it was noted that the salt bins are full.

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iii. Langton Herring

CK reported that the Parish meeting is to be held on the 12th October, the bench is waiting to be installed and poo bins are also to be sited and will be emptied by volunteers. The small wooden bench in the play area is to be re-sited. The drains need clearing and will be reported. The clothing bank is very successful and is being emptied every 2 weeks.

iv. Portesham

DJC reported no items for the parish

- The metal sluice gate is missing from the village SM to arrange a Flood meeting and discuss this further.
- DJC commented that the Car Boot sign is not good enough and needs to be much better, this was noted, the organiser has already been told it is not suitable.
- The horse signs are still with DJC awaiting siting in the village- The Clerk will speak to the Estate about suitable siting near the entrance to the old Railway line.
- Traffic Calming- the buff-coloured strips put in place when the Front Street project was installed have worn away and have not been replaced.
- The white line on Front Street needs reinstating
- DJC and most Cllrs are in favour of the 20mph schemes
- SM explained that the First buses are meeting at Goosehill and having to mount the pavement to pass, the company needs to be contacted to see if the timings can be changed.
- DJC commented that the glass had been smashed on the notice board on the village green, this may have been by the contractor, but DJC will repair this.
- The Parish meeting will be 21st November at the Methodist Hall.

22/10-13 To consider all correspondence received for decision, consultation, and information

Report circulated: the sandbag stores have been checked and bags ordered accordingly.
AK had attended the libraries seminar, there will now be another round of consultation.

22/10-14 To confirm the items for the next Parish Council meeting 7th November at Abbotsbury

Budget, no NP report at this meeting given the extraordinary PC meeting arranged for the 14th Nov.

22/10-15 Democratic Forum 15 minutes- none

Meeting closed at 21:14